



Park Commission

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MINUTES OF THE PARK COMMISSION

HEMAN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER (HPCC), 975 PENNSYLVANIA
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.

Present:

Clarence Olsen

Kathy Standley

Jason Sparks

Steve Goldstein, Park Commission Vice President

Ed Mass, Park Commission President

Chris Kalter, Project Manager

Paulette Carr, Council Liaison

1. Minutes from May 16, 2017 meeting were approved. Steve Goldstein votes to approve, Clarence Olsen seconds. Vote taken. All approve.
2. Citizens' comments:
 - Alex Limam. Reported that in Ruth Park Woods there is an invasive ground cover species of ivy named Winter Creeper that is threatening any new tree saplings from developing. This is an evergreen plant. One way to remove is by spraying herbicide in the winter months when other plants are dormant. Process would need to be repeated annually until the plant is completely removed.
 - Park Commissioners recommend that Alex continue his research into the plant removal, speak with the Forestry Department, as well as Ewald who was not present, and to stay involved in organizing the removal effort. Grants may be available to provide funding.
 - Alex will return for next month's Park Commission meeting to give an update.
3. Department Reports:
 - Fogerty Park final walkthrough has taken place. Few items left to correct.
 - Looking at adding a concrete path connecting the new Fogerty park playground directly to the restroom facility.
 - Official opening for Fogerty Park is Friday June 23rd.
 - We were turned down for the Fogerty Park trail grant. More information is needed. Will reapply next year.
 - Millar Park playground work underway for swing set.
4. Council Liaison Report:
 - Paulette Carr updated us on council items.
5. Individual Park Reports: No major items.
6. Unfinished Business:
 - Parkview Gardens Master Plan. Clarence Olsen spoke with Cheryl Adelstein of Wash U. and she is interested in working together on the Parkview Gardens park projects. Would like consensus from the Park Commission on which project to take up first before she is brought in to discuss. Recommends starting with the smallest and simplest of the projects first.
 - The park Commission would like to select the Ackert Park as the first project to develop a comprehensive master plan. This park is one of the most needed playgrounds for replacement, and the park overall needs improvements. Clarence Olsen will contact Cheryl and ask her to join the next Park Commission meeting to discuss.
 - History of Lewis Park sign was presented without adding a new image. Ed Mass moves to approve sign and Steve Goldstein seconds. Vote taken. All approve.

- Design will begin on other smaller sign, and potentially also a historical sign for the Golf Course and Flynn Park.
 - Storyboard Walk has been installed.
 - We need to add latches to the base of each sign to keep the unit closed. Also, staining of the wood is needed for the frame. Lastly, we need to make sure that the images included are laminated.
7. New Business:
- NRPA/Disney Grand Opportunity. Chris initially decided to scrap the grant submission because of the time constraint and increased cost to properly install the garden. Ed Mass recommends that we install the education garden in the location as shown in the Fogerty Park Master Plan instead of at the existing tennis court. Chris will consider moving forward with the grant per Ed's recommendation.
 - Majerus Park grant application. The Park Commission agrees that including concrete in the grant application makes the most sense now. We can always go back and use asphalt at a later date which will be more affordable substitution.
8. Other Business:
- If we can improve our athletic fields it could be a larger revenue stream for the city.
9. Citizens' comments:
- None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.