

**PIQUA PARK BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025**

Call to Order

The Piqua Park Board met at 5:32 p.m. in the Municipal Government Complex Commission Chambers located at 201 W. Water Street, Piqua, Ohio.

Roll Call

The following board members were present: Alex Karabinis, Cathy Oda, Alan Subler, and Natalie Young. Staff members Amy Welker and Bob Graeser were also present. Board members Zach Gordon, Bonnie Davis, and Cindy Pearson were absent, resulting in a lack of quorum.

Approval of Minutes

There was no vote due to the lack of quorum.

- 1) Approval of the Minutes from the July 9, 2025, Regular Park Board Meeting
- 2) Approval of the Minutes from the September 10, 2025, Regular Park Board Meeting

PRESENTATION

- 1) Shawnee Neighborhood Association

Jerry Thomas, President of the Shawnee Neighborhood Association, and Chet Osborn, Vice President of the same organization, spoke about Shawnee Park, its location, the amenities there, and its usage.

- 2) Recreation Programming

Tyler Barlage, the city's Recreation Manager, gave a slide presentation and report on the recreation programs provided in 2025. He shared data and information from the first successful season of the Lock 9 Concert Series, talked about some of the Community Events that happened in 2025, and also spoke about many of the Recreation Programs offered this year in the parks.

Mr. Karabinis asked where the visitor data was obtained from, and Mr. Barlage responded that it came from the Miami County Visitors Bureau. Mr. Karabinis also recommended the addition of more programs and activities geared towards children, and Ms. Young suggested reaching out to local daycare centers.

Kim Heisler wanted to know how the city knew which visitors to Lock 9 Park were residents versus non-residents; Mr. Barlage explained that comes from smartphone data.

Old Business

1) Chapter 94 Fees & Rules

Ms. Welker reviewed the proposed revisions to Chapter 94 of the Piqua Code with the Park Board.

Mr. Karabinis commented that he was unhappy about the Piqua High School golf program having to pay to use the Echo Hills Golf Course and that there were not enough golf balls due to the cost.

New Business

1) Annual Report

The group then discussed elements of the 2025 Annual Report to the City Commission. In addition, a "Park Observations" template was discussed for use in 2026. Other items discussed included the addition of fishing, boat docks, canoe/kayak access, ADA accessible, and bike repair stations to the city grid; attachment of age inventory for the parks' playground equipment; the addition of QR codes to report issues in the parks; and obtaining crime statistics of each park from the police department.

Staff Report

Mr. Graeser made the group aware that letters would be sent out soon from the city to property owners who have trees hanging in right-of-ways. Property owners will be responsible for removal of the limbs and/or trees for the safety of all pedestrians and drivers.

Ms. Welker talked about the Meeting Roadmap and her suggestions for changes. There was also a group discussion about the annual report template.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Oda to adjourn at 7:46 p.m., and Ms. Young seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

Minutes Approved on 3/25/26 (DATE)

Signed by Chairperson Natalie Young