
**PIQUA PARK BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**

A. Call to Order

The Piqua Park Board met at 5:35 p.m. in the Municipal Government Complex Commission Chambers located at 201 W. Water Street, Piqua, Ohio.

B. Roll Call

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

C. 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

D. New Business

1) Hance Pavilion Subcommittee

Andy Hite presented a brief history on Hance Pavilion, as he is part of a group of citizens in Piqua dedicated to the restoration of this amenity. Hance Pavilion was completed as a public and private partnership in 1921 as a venue to host Ohio's annual Chautauqua celebration. Mr. Hite said that this group of citizens has been meeting monthly for the past year and a half, collecting donations of approximately \$30,000 from private citizens. Now the group is asking for the city's support of Hance Pavilion, along with grant writing assistance as well.

Commissioner Vetter then proposed that a subcommittee be formed directly responsible to the City Commission; this group would work towards a common goal of reviving Hance Pavilion. He recommended a committee of 9 members consisting of city employees, members of the Park Board, members of the Friends of Piqua Parks, a City Commissioner, and also citizens. Regarding the hydraulic canal issue, the Hance Pavilion group believes that certain legislation in the Ohio Revised Code would protect the pavilion as a historical structure.

2) Park Observations / Recommendations

Chairperson Ms. Young then asked for board members to comment on the template she created for Park Observations and Recommendations. She asked for their input and what to add and what to remove, as this was a tool to revise over time. The group agreed that the template was very

thorough and provided a good roadmap for the observer to capture his/her recommendations and summaries.

3) Annual Report

Ms. Young then began a discussion around how the Park Board will prepare its annual year-end report to the City Commission. She noted the importance of having local data, observations by the board, and recommendations by the board in this report.

4) Chapter 94 Fees & Rules

Ms. Welker asked that the board members review Chapter 94 and its updates for the next meeting since there cannot be voting this evening. She said most of the revisions are language updates and minor changes by the Golf Manager. She explained that the revisions to the language regarding park hours will be helpful to the Piqua Police Department when establishing a timeframe for vandalism cases in the parks.

5) Yearly Schedule

With regard to the yearly schedule, Ms. Young presented a standard meeting topics outline.

E. Staff Report

Ms. Welker handed out a flyer for a Community Health Fair taking place next week, along with a list of remaining recreational events scheduled for 2025 by the city. She also announced that the city will be hosting an opening event for the new pickleball courts soon, most likely the first week of October, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and an activity.

F. Board Member Comments

G. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Oda to adjourn at 7:01 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 