

**REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 7, 2025 @ 5:30 pm
MGC ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD ROOM
201 WEST WATER STREET, PIQUA, OHIO 45356**

The City of Piqua Park Board met at 5:30PM, in the Municipal Government Complex Administrative Board Room located at 201 W. Water Street.

Roll Call as follows: Board Members Present: Natalie Young, Cathy Oda, Bonnie Davis, Cindy Pearson

Staff Present: Amy Welker, Bob Graeser, Tyler Barlage, Chris Boeke

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Natalie Young called the meeting to order at 5:33PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cindy Pearson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the January 8, 2025, Park Board Meeting; motion was seconded by Cathy Oda. Motion carried unanimously; Meeting Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Boeke, Parks Manager, Presentation – Mr. Boeke presented a slide presentation and presented a draft of proposed pickleball court restoration at Pitsenbarger Park, which will include 8 new courts, all fenced in. Bonnie Davis made a motion to approve the draft plan, Cathy Oda seconded the motion, all in favor. Mr. Boeke also touched on the following projects currently underway or in the planning phases: Irrigation project at Pitsenbarger, renovation of an additional field at Pitsenbarger, Pollinator Program along the bike path by the Sunset Drive tunnel, a sunflower field at Mote Park, Christmas decorations for the coming year.

Tyler Barlage, Parks Recreation Manager – Mr. Barlage presented a Recreation Division Overview. He provided information as follows: new software “My Rec” will be used to sign up for various free community events, to make reservations for shelter rentals, and to collect community volunteer applications, the event line up for 2025 Lock 9 Events was provided and he discussed various other events that will be held at Lock 9 by other community groups in 2025. He stated that a new LED screen was being installed so that the Movie in the Parks series could start before nightfall. He stated that Community Shredding Day was successful with 51 cars participating. Other events and programming planned (on in progress) for 2025 include: 4th of July fireworks, New Year's Eve fireworks, Shakespear in the Park, a health fair, touch-a-truck, OSU/Penn State Watch Party, Goat Yoga, Senior Lunch & Learn, YMCA Flag Football, Paddleboard Lessons, YMCA Summer Fitness Series, Disc Golf Instruction, Walking Club, Cornhole Tournament, YWCA Partnership, and Pickleball leagues. He stated the following volunteer opportunities were available to sign-up online: Community Event Support, Activity/Class Instructors, Parks Maintenance, Golf Course Starters/Rangers, and Community Cleanup.

Bob Graeser, Tree Committee Update – Mr. Graeser stated that the City of Piqua earned the Tree City USA designation for the 30th year. A brief discussion regarding Arbor Day at the Schools occurred with a backup date of May 20th planned due to weather.

Park Observations - Multiple comments were made regarding Fountain Park – noted broken glass out of one or more light posts, slide broken, graffiti on dining hall

Other Items – A discussion about the Boards' intentions for 2025 were discussed, and the sentiment was that continuing to observe parks should continue. It was determined that for the next park board meeting, committee members should provide park observations and recommendations for bench & picnic table placement for the 2025 approved budgeted amounts for additional benches/tables, as provided by Mr. Boeke as follows:

1. Pitsenbarger (near playground) - 4 6' benches
2. French - 1 6' bench, 1 8' picnic table
3. Shawnee - 1 8' picnic table
4. Das - 2 6' benches
5. Goodrick Giles - 1 8' picnic table
6. Kiwanis - 1 8' picnic table, 1 6' bench

ADJOURNMENT

Cathy Oda moved for adjournment of the meeting; the motion was seconded by Natalie Young. The motion carried unanimously. The Park Board Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.