

## Parks and Recreation

### Board Minutes

October 11, 2021

On October 11, 2021 the meeting of the Ashland Park Board was called to order by Chairperson Banning at 6:00 p.m. via zoom.

Board Members present were Melissa Old Alderwoman Liaison, Amy Banning, Brian Sapp, Marcy Wood, Marsha Lessley, Anthony Vaughn, Jamie Davis, Elisabeth Sobczak

Board Members Absent: David Mars

City Staff present: Administrative Assistant Leslie Martin, Assistant City Administrator Lelande Rehard, Public Works Supervisor James Creel

Guests:

Chairperson Banning called for a motion to approve the agenda for October 11, 2021. Motion was made by Board Member Wood and seconded by Board Member Sapp to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Chairperson Banning called for a motion to approve the minutes from September 13, 2021. Motion was made by Board Member Sapp and seconded by Board Member Wood to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Guest Comments:

New Business:

1. Christmas Parade- Chairperson Banning stated the parade usually is scheduled on the first Friday in December which makes this year's date December 3rd. Chairperson Banning stated that there is a separate group that is wanting to head the parade this year. Chairperson Banning stated it is USA Mortgage that would like to head the parade. Board Member Sapp suggested for the Board to go ahead and fill out a parade application for the Park Board to be able to be the point of contact for the parade and events. The Board then had a discussion on the type of route to take. Chairperson Banning stated the tree that the Park Board purchased is the one that she would like to see being used for the tree lighting this year at the park. Chairperson Banning stated she will get the application filled out and turned in.

Old Business

1. Recap on Fall Festival/Car Show Surveys- Chairperson Banning stated overall with all the responses it was a great turn out and there was great feedback on things to improve on.

Discussion:

1. Storage area at the park- Chairperson Banning suggested to the Board to move Park Event items to the City bathroom garage. James Creel, Public Works Supervisor, suggested to start storing all

the holiday items in the North Tower. James mentioned the garage storage at the park does stay wet a lot and from the installation of the heater for the bathrooms it is also stored in there and it also makes that area very warm. Melissa Old, Alderwoman Liaison, asked with the new bathroom being built with the grant could a more climate control storage area be added to that. James stated that with this grant they usually look at what the original proposal was for and like to stick with what was submitted. The Board had discussion on if it would be possible to move the storage shed that is currently at the ball field more into the park area. The Board then had a discussion as to where the storage shed could go and will decide when it comes closer to time.

2. Selection of a Board Member to serve as the Park Board's Ex-Officio member for the Ashland Betterment Coalition- Board Member Sapp nominated Board Member Lessley to represent the Park Board. Board Member Sobczak nominated herself. Chairperson Banning asked if there were any more nominations. Chairperson Banning did a roll call vote: Board Member Sapp-Board Member Lessley, Board Member Davis- Board Member Lessley, Board Member Vaughn-Board Member Lessley, Board Member Banning- Board Member Lessley, Board Member Wood-Board Member Lessley. Chairperson Banning stated Board Member Lessley will represent the Park Board on the Ashland Betterment Coalition Board.

PW Report: See Attached Report. The Board set a time and date for the Veteran's Memorial ribbon cutting. The event will take place on Veteran's Day November 11th at 8:30 in the park. James Creel, Public Works Supervisor, asked the Board for guidance on the types of benches to order for the tennis court area. James stated two benches will be needed at this time. The Board agreed to go with the benches that James presented. James stated he would get them ordered. Board Member Sobczak asked about the status on the neighborhood watch. James stated he had talked with Chief Edwards some, but they never came to a solution. James stated he would invite Chief Edwards to the next meeting for the Board to be able to talk with him and discuss it more.

Mayors Report: None

City Administrator's Report: None

Individual Reports:

Chairperson Banning- wanted to remind everyone about the donkey races that are this weekend that the Chamber is putting on.

Board Member Sapp- wanted to mention the need to decide on doing something with the ice cream at the Legion Hall. Board Member Sapp stated he will call and let Central Dairy know what the plan is moving forward would be used for.

Board Member Mars- Absent

Board Member Lessley- None

Board Member Banning- None

Board Member Vaughn- mentioned his wife works at VU and they have a few grants that are still available.

Board Member Sobczak- asked what the status is with the master plan and the Park and Recs Board portion. Lelande Rehard, Assistant City Administrator, stated that those discussions are about to kick off and put into place. Board Member Sobczak stated she thinks the plan is going to be important for the parks.

Board Member Davis- asked when will the mural at the park be done? Lelande Rehard, Assistant City Administrator, stated he talked with Madeleine and she stated it would be finished within the next week or two weather permitting.

Board Member Wood- asked a question about funds under the flag fund. James Creel, Public Works Supervisor, stated he will talk with Jon Sanders, City Treasure, about that line items. Board Member Wood also asked about storm water fund line.

Alderwoman Liaison Melissa Old- None

Motion was made by Board Member Sapp and seconded by Board Member Lessley to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by Leslie Martin, Administrative Assistant