

Brookville Board of Park Trustees
Regular Meeting
May 9, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville Board of Park Trustees was called to order by President Blevins at 7:30 p.m. on May 9, 2023 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Trustees Cordes, Haney and Wilson; Council Liaison Fowler, Manager Keaton and Clerk Duncan were present.

Roll call by President Blevins.

Motion by Haney, second by Wilson to approve the Agenda as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Cordes, second by Haney to approve the April 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Gary Horstman, of 11465 Upper Lewisburg Road, stated he lives just outside the city in Clay Township, and has many saplings and small trees of many varieties that he would like to offer the City of Brookville. Mr. Horstman stated the trees need to be transplanted elsewhere or he will have to tear them out as they are making it difficult for him to mow his property.

Manager Keaton replied she is interested, however, she would like to bring a few members of the Service Department to Mr. Horstman's property to assess whether the trees can be safely transplanted.

President Blevins thanked Mr. Horstman for his offer.

Manager Keaton reported Park Permits are up \$2,388 compared to the same time last year. Donations are down \$3,833 compared to April of 2022.

Manager Keaton reported the City received an anonymous donation totaling \$14,220. The donation was designated to rehab the basketball court at Golden Gate Park. The court has been resurfaced and striped. The City purchased new basketball goals and nets. The Service Department painted the existing posts and installed the goals last week. Manager Keaton advised the Service Department will fill in the edges along the basketball court in GG Park and at Ward Park.

Manager Keaton reported she signed a proposal to install new LED lighting at the tennis court and basketball court at Golden Gate Park.

Manager Keaton reported the Service Department installed the fountain at the Golden Gate pond today.

Manager Keaton reported the Service Department fertilized the grass in the parks and will begin spraying the weeds soon if the wet weather holds off.

Manager Keaton reported she has received the Spring and Fall 2023 Agreements between the Miami Valley Youth Soccer Association and the City.

Manager Keaton reported KOA donated a gently used playset to the City. Manager Keaton advised she has not determined which park it will be placed in. The playset is geared toward younger children and requires a minimum area of 40' x 40'.

Manager Keaton advised the "Serve Brookville" event will take place on Friday, May 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with a rain date of May 22. Brookville alumni will be working alongside the Brookville High School graduating class of 2023 to help beautify Brookville. Manager Keaton reported the goal is to stain the interior of the Castle Playground and place some of the playground mulch.

Manager Keaton reminded everyone that the Huffman Spring Classic is returning to Golden Gate Park on May 21. There will be a lot of bike riders in the park and on our roads and bikeway. Registration for the event will begin at 7:00 a.m. in the Christena Leiber Center. Participants will ride on the Wolf Creek bike trail toward Verona and back. The riders will be served a box lunch when they return to the building.

Manager Keaton reported the Golden Gate Park shelters are booked solid beginning this coming weekend through the month of June. There is a BBC Boys Tournament at Golden Gate Park on May 20-21 and June 24-25. Manager Keaton reminded Park Board they should direct any questions regarding shelter rentals to the City Office. Staff can then make them aware of the various activities and other rentals going on in the park on the date of their rental.

Trustee Cordes reported Jack McMaken would like to add another grove at Golden Gate Park in honor of his wife and his parents. Trustee Cordes advised she has had a discussion with landscape designer Aaron Osswald regarding designing the grove.

Motion by Haney, second by Wilson to allow ARO Landscaping to design a grove in honor of the McMaken family, to be funded by a donation from Jack McMaken. All yeas, motion carried.

Trustee Haney had no report.

Trustee Wilson reported that Michelle Landis, of 100 Arlington Road, states her property butts up to Westbrook Road and there are some trees that need to be trimmed and/or removed at the property line.

Manager Keaton stated trimming those trees is on the work list for the Service Department when their schedule permits.

President Blevins asked if Park Board would like to reschedule the date to clean out the Christmas storage shed to May 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Several Trustees indicated they may have previous plans. The consensus was to leave it on May 20 for now and see who is available to attend.

Motion by Haney, second by Wilson to adjourn. All yeas, motion carried.



Kimberly Duncan, Clerk

Adam Blevins, President

