

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes  
August 6, 2024

**Attendance:** Annetta Macedonia, Chair, Sue Smith, Mary Schumacher, Samantha Torres, Parks Aide

**Absent:** Jeff Hamilton

**Call to Order:** 6:30pm by Chair Annetta Macedonia

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve meeting minutes from July 2, 2024 by Mary Schumacher, seconded by Sue Smith. All in favor; minutes approved.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Call to Public:** Mitzie Chrisman attended. She submitted an email to the mayor to be on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Waiting to hear about that.

**Unfinished Business** –

**Licking County Foundation:** Mayor met with them and what she is seeking is from a different area of the foundation. Mayor said she would sign the agreement and once that agreement is received, can speak with Leslie from the foundation on the next steps in working with them.

**Budget Expenditures:** Annetta introduced idea that she ran by the mayor. Rather than hold the money or put it toward the pickleball project to instead spend that money now to show council that we are using that money to better the parks. Look to outside resources to fund the pickleball courts. The one piece of equipment that definitely needs to be replaced is the swing set. Idea from Toby and idea from Annetta submitted. 4 swings with two toddler swings on the end and possibly adaptive seats. \$7,000 versus \$25,000. Should not spend any more money on equipment besides the equipment that needs replaced for safety reasons. Instead use the money to hire a parks person and start out seasonally and start with programming. You can put pretty equipment in the park, but need to get people here to use it. Need the outreach. Sue Smith suggested some other pieces of equipment besides the swings.

**Pickleball:** \$68,000 proposal does not include rust inhibitor. Includes pressure washing (need to provide water). Crack repair, manufactured repair, resurfacer coat, 2 coats of paint, textured color, line painting, permanent nets and posts, ground sleeves, nets, fencing. Licking County Foundation could create a brochure and formal proposal in order to set up a meeting with the FOE of Buckeye Lake to present the proposal for additional funding. Mary will reach out to Total Tennis with any questions from the commission about the proposal, including an extension on the timing for honoring the pricing.

**New Business** –

**Pickleball Clinic for Kids:** A clinic suggested to be offered.

**Communication and Outreach:** Need more ideas for getting the word out, especially to those without the internet.

**Comments** – Mitzie Chrisman – Asked if the basketball court was being removed? No, relocated. She agrees with Toby to maybe plan for roofing over the swings in the future. At least 4 swings needed. Likes the adaptive seats. Preparing a space to make it wheelchair adaptive in the future. Also have to make them accessible via blacktop and adult supervision and ADA requirements. Make the plan for the space to grow and expand as more subdivisions and changes occur.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Sue Smith, seconded by Mary Schumacher, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** September 3, 2024 at 6:30pm.



Samantha Torres, Parks Aide



Annetta Macedonia, Commission Chair