

PARK BOARD

March 10, 2025

The March 10, 2025 Park Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kate Niederkohr, Chairperson. Park Board members present were Jennifer Banta, Jon Blackburn, Dean Leonard, Kate Niederkohr, Erin Smith, and Bill Sturgeon.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Keith Niederkohr, Parks Manager; Stephanie Hessey, Human Resource Officer; Laura Wines; Janeen Heilman; John Walker; William Franciscus, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$101,166.73 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Leonard, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$101,166.73. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the February 10, 2025 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each Park Board member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the March 4, 2025 special Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each Park Board member, were approved as received.

A motion was made by Mr. Sturgeon, seconded by Mr. Blackburn, to enter into an executive session to discuss personnel. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried. Upon completion of the executive session, the Park Board reconvened into regular session.

It was noted that the 3-D video of the new proposed pool facility prepared by Peterman Associates will soon be posted on the City's Facebook page.

Mrs. Niederkohr reported that there will be a tour of the swimming pool in Harrison Smith Park on Wednesday, March 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. to show the need for the passage of the ½% income tax increase to be voted on by Upper Sandusky residents at the May 6, 2025 primary election. Mrs. Niederkohr stated that there will be upcoming public meetings with the Police Chief and Fire Chief to explain the needs of those departments that would also benefit from the ½% income tax increase.

Park Board members reviewed information from Mrs. Jill Eyestone to hold regular swim lessons from June 30 to July 11, 2025 starting at 8:00 a.m. through 11:00 a.m. with no lessons to be held on Friday, July 4, 2025. Students who have finished Kindergarten and are going into 1st grade will have one week of Level 1 from July 7 – July 11, 2025 with two classes offered, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Infant and Toddler lessons will not be offered again this year.

A motion was made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the request for swim lessons as provided by Mrs. Jill Eyestone. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Park Board members reviewed the Pool Rules and Regulations for 2025 and indicated no changes are needed. The information regarding swim team meets will be updated when those dates are made available.

The opening and closing dates for the swimming pool for 2025 were discussed. Park Board members agreed that the pool will open Memorial Day weekend and close Labor Day weekend.

The hours for the swimming pool for 2025 were discussed and Park Board members agreed no changes were necessary. The swimming pool will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday thru Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The admission prices for the swimming pool for 2025 were discussed and Park Board members agreed that no changes were needed. Admission prices to the pool for 2025 will be as follows:

	<u>City Residents</u>	<u>Non-City Residents</u>
Single	\$50.00	\$60.00
Senior Citizen (over 60)	\$40.00	\$50.00
Family (limit 4 – maximum 2 adults)	\$120.00	\$150.00
for City Residents and Non-City Residents +\$20.00 each (2 additional children maximum)		
Daily Pass	\$5.00	\$5.00
Twilight (admission during the last 3 hours)	\$3.00	\$3.00

The salary for the co-pool managers for 2025 was again discussed. The Park Board approved a salary of \$5,500.00 each for the co-managers for the 2025 swimming pool season at the special Park Board meeting held March 4, 2025.

A motion was made by Mrs. Banta, seconded by Mr. Sturgeon, to amend the motion made at the March 4, 2025 special Park Board meeting regarding the salary for the co-pool managers for the 2025 swimming pool season and instead pay each of them \$6,000.00 for the season plus a \$500.00 conditional bonus at the end of the season. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Chlorine for the swimming pool for the 2025 season was discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Sturgeon, to authorize a request for quotes for chlorine be sent to interested suppliers for the 2025 swimming pool season. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that Parks Department employees put up the nets for the pickleball courts in Bicentennial Park today, and the nets for the pickleball courts in Harrison Smith Park will be put up tomorrow.

Mr. Niederkohr also reported that Parks Department employees will soon begin working on the ball fields in Harrison Smith Park as practices will begin soon.

Mr. Niederkohr further reported that the Girls’ Fast Pitch Softball League will be upgrading the concession stand at the Lions Field in Harrison Smith Park.

Mayor McColly reported that notice was received that the City of Upper Sandusky has been again been recognized as a Tree City USA for the 37th year.

A motion was made by Mr. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Sturgeon, to enter into an executive session to review employment applications. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried. Upon completion of the executive session, the Park Board reconvened into regular session.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, Chairperson