

**MINUTES**  
**Park Board Meeting**  
**March 31, 2021**

The Park Board meeting was held at the EMS Building Conference Room, 320 Baker Road. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

Those individuals in attendance were Park Board members Marilyn Griesdorn, Ted Baltes, Connie Apple, Chairman Cory Griesdorn, and Village Administrator Michael Busse. Allison Gonya representing the Modern Mothers group was also in attendance.

A motion was made by Ted Baltes, seconded by Marilyn Griesdorn to approve the agenda. Vote: all yeas.

The Board reviewed the January 20, 2021 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Marilyn Griesdorn to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Ted Baltes. Vote: all yeas.

There was no scheduled public discussion or old business.

A discussion was held about Darke County Park District grant opportunities. Mr. Busse reviewed a proposal to apply for a grant in the amount of \$7,261.55 to fund the purchase of a 24 X 14 foot sunshade for the pool. Connie Apple suggested that we might be able to get a local trucking company to pick up the sunshade at the vender and save some shipping cost. Mr. Busse will explore that option.

After some discussion, Connie Apple made a motion to approve the grant application and to recommend approval to Council. Marilyn Griesdorn seconded the motion. A vote followed with all members voting to approve the recommendation.

Mr. Busse then informed the Board of a group that is working to raise money for the pool. Mr. Busse stated that the focus on the group is currently to raise money for a splash pad with other pool improvement projects to follow. Mr. Busse stated that he would keep the Board informed of the progress.

Mr. Busse updated the Board on the progress of hiring lifeguards. He stated that they have raised the pay from minimum wage to \$9.50 per hour for 1<sup>st</sup> year lifeguards. He stated that they are in the process of contacting local schools and local YMCA's to be sure that the work gets out to anyone that is interested in working as a pool lifeguard.

Allison Gonya was in attendance representing the Modern Mothers. Mrs. Gonya voiced concern about the condition of the Ward Park restrooms. She stated that the restrooms are dark and in need of lighting upgrades. She indicated that the restrooms need painted, mirrors installed, and that the restrooms need power washing. She said that her group has between \$500 and \$1,000 to spend on restroom upgrades. Mr. Busse stated he would inspect the condition of the restrooms and report back to the Park Board.

Mr. Griesdorn made a request that we hold future meetings at 7:30 AM instead of mid-day. He stated that noon meetings do not work well for him due to his work hours. The consensus is that this change would be OK with the Board.

Ted Baltes stated that the flag at Indian Creek needs to be replaced. He also said that a Tree City flag at Ward Park has a loose string on it needs to be serviced.

With no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Connie Apple, seconded by Ted Baltes. Vote: all yeas.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM

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Chairman

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Village Administrator