

MASSILLON RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 15, 2023

The Massillon Recreation Board met in regular session on February 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order:

23-16 Roll call; Harding – **Present**, Rickett – **Present**, Wood – **Present**, Schartiger – **Present**, Hickey - **Present**

Acceptance of Jan 11, 2023 Meeting Agenda:

23-17 Mr. Hickey moved; seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the February 15, 2023 meeting agenda. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

January 11, 2023 Re-Organizational Meeting Minutes:

23-18 Mr. Hickey moved; seconded by Mr. Schartiger to approve the January 11, 2023 Re-Organizational meeting minutes. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

January 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes:

23-19 Mr. Hickey moved; seconded by Mr. Schartiger to approve the January 11, 2023 Regular meeting minutes. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

<u>Public Comments:</u> Eric Vought of 2025 Augusta Circle SE, Massillon, Rickey Geib of 1960 Cyprus Drive SE, Massillon, and Brent Henderhan of 1835 Cyprus Drive SE, Massillon is requesting a revote and approval from the Board to continue to use their personal golf carts at The Legends Golf Course

Expense Reports:

23-20 Mr. Hickey moved; seconded by Mr. Schartiger to approve the January 2023 Parks and Recreation Expense report totaling \$238,344.23. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

23-21 Mr. Schartiger moved; seconded by Mr. Hickey to approve the January 2023 Legends Golf Course Expense report totaling \$85,626.01. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Hickey: I do have one question. What is this Citizens Committee that I am not aware of?

Steve Pedro: What Citizens Committee?

Mr. Hickey: The Citizens Committee that is meeting regarding the Master Plan.

Steve Pedro: They had the introduction of the Master Plan last month. We brought it up to the Board. Dave Harding is on that.

Mr. Hickey: Dave Harding is on that?

Steve Pedro: Yes

Mr. Hickey: Dave Harding is the Chairman.

Steve Pedro: Yes

Mr. Hickey: If Dave Harding will read his rule book, Dave Harding is supposed to appoint Board members to the Committees.

Steve Pedro: Okay. When we talked about this last year, Dave was the one who said he wanted to be on it and that was months ago. Then we finally met. They scheduled the meeting the week of our last meeting the following Thursday and announced that meeting and Dave was on that call. If we need to put somebody, anybody can come.

Mr. Hickey: I'll make a suggestion. I mean, this is up to Mr. Harding. I would put our most experienced guy. Moe Rickett and give the new guy some experience.

Steve Pedro: Moe just said no (laughter)

Mr. Hickey: But I'm second most experienced

Steve Pedro: Anybody can come to those, Mr. Hickey. We approved this in May.

Mr. Hickey: I don't want to get the Sunshine Laws involved here

Steve Pedro: No, okay.

Mr. Hickey: I mean, I'm not trying to make a big fuss here

Steve Pedro: Hmm, hmm

Mr. Hickey: As a Chairman, you are supposed to delegate those committees out. I mean, as far as that goes, that's up to Dave, but I would put one new guy and one old guy. The thing, when I left the Board, there was nobody with any experience on the Board

Steve Pedro: Hmm, hmm

Mr. Hickey: None! Until we got brand new experience, with guys coming back in with one year of experience and it was a total disaster. As far as that goes, so that is up to you Dave.

Mr. Harding: If there were no collusion or anything, Steve approached me and I said yeah, I will be on it. With my limitations, I had to do it by phone while the rest of the people were here in person. And like Steve, said, my understanding is, if you want to come, please come on down.

Mr. Hickey: I don't have a problem with that but I reminded Steve Pedro of this. You do not report to the Board president, you report to the Board. I got no call that there was a Committee meeting. I got nothing.

Steve Pedro: At our last Board meeting, it was announced.

Mr. Hickey: Did these people get emailed or anything, that were on the Board? Did you guys get emails, an agenda, or anything?

Steve Pedro: After the fact.

Mr. Hickey: Okay

Steve Pedro: They announced the meeting

Mr. Hickey: After the fact

Steve Pedro: They announced the meeting was Thursday, let me get the date right. I think it was the 19th.

Mr. Hickey: No, that's fine

Steve Pedro: They told me that the day before our last Board meeting. At the Board meeting, on my report, I talked about the Master Plan. Okay. And announced that meeting. I apologize.

Mr. Hickey: That's alright, it happens

Steve Pedro: It was an introduction meeting. The next one is not scheduled yet. They sent me an email. They want to do a survey of the Community and once they figure out what that survey is, we'll send that all out

Mr. Hickey: You know, I do have a job. So sometimes I get...you might have to call me sometimes or send me an email

Steve Pedro: I will do that. I believe when we started doing this in May, you were the President

Mr. Hickey: Yes, I was

Steve Pedro: I don't remember the exact conversation but that is when Dave said he would do it. Okay. But it wasn't to leave anybody out. Everybody can come but I don't know if we can have five there. But it's not a meeting, so to speak.

Mr. Hickey: If I'm the President, I did not appoint Mr. Harding

Steve Pedro: I understand that

Mr. Harding: I would have appointed myself

Mr. Hickey: If he wanted to do it, I would have been more than happy

Steve Pedro: As soon as I get that next email, I will forward it to all of you and that's fine, like I do for the agenda so you know, there's nothing to hide

Mr. Hickey: Okay

Steve Pedro: They are going to do a survey. Once they do that, we are going to meet again.

Mr. Hickey: Well, I'd like everybody to show up. I think everybody's got some input

Steve Pedro: I don't have a problem with that. Are we allowed to do that?

Mr. Hickey: If you call a work session, we probably could

Steve Pedro: That's fine. Moe, what are you thinking?

Mr. Rickett: I don't know if that is legal or not.

Steve Pedro: When I talked to OHM, we talked and I asked Moe about this. They did one years ago and they recommended one Board member. Okay. They recommended that, then people from the community. Okay, we got, and I apologize I don't have it in front of me. Fred Horner is a business owner. Anthony Repp works for Massillon Cable TV

Mr. Rickett: Is that the

Steve Pedro: I'm sorry

Mr. Rickett: Is that the old Board you're talking about

Steve Pedro: No, no, this is the Steering Committee, we'll call it. Anthony Repp is a community member but he also works for Massillon Cable TV. The school teach is Mrs. Wuske. Okay. Um, Joe Pape, obviously for Parks, the Master Plan for the parks. As soon as we are done, I will send you that list. I'm sorry, Julie is on that as well as our Committee Chair.

Julie Hartwig-Smith: Jeremy Hinte is from OHM

Steve Pedro: Oh, thank you! Jeremy Hinte is from OHM

Julie Hartwig-Smith: Rick from Stark Parks

Steve Pedro: Yes, Stark Parks is there as well

Mr. Hickey: Now, how are these people picked?

Steve Pedro: I got with OHM and I started talking about our community. We involve Stark Parks, our City Council, the schools so we got a school teacher. And then Anthony Repp works at Massillon Cable TV. He's an asset, he's been doing some things in the Community. Mr. Hickey: Right. I'm not trying to throw gas on the fire but next to Moe Rickett, Tiana Spencer has had 17 years down here. Why wouldn't she be on the committee?

Steve Pedro: She is Recreation, this is for Parks. It's the only reason, only reason. She can come if she wants. Do you want me to put her on there? I'll put her on it. They said 7-8 people. One Board member was recommended, community leaders, and City Council, our Chairperson.

Mr. Hickey: Well, I think she has a lot to offer. That's up to her. If she doesn't want to come, she doesn't have to.

Steve Pedro: I don't have a problem with that. I would think that as Director, I mean I didn't want her to have to do something extra to be honest with you.

Mr. Hickey: That's fine, that's fine

Steve Pedro: But if she wants to come or if you would like her to come, I would be glad to do

Mr. Hickey: Uh, no, I think, she has 17 years of experience down here. I think she got a lot of good input.

Steve Pedro: There was no reason why anybody was omitted

Mr. Hickey: That's fine, that's fine. Don't get defensive

Steve Pedro: No, no. I'm sorry, I just want to make sure I didn't offend you

Mr. Hickey: You didn't offend me

Steve Pedro: Okay

Mr. Harding: Alright. Anything else? Let's move on then.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Hires (attachment)

23-22 Mr. Schartiger moved; seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the new hires. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

Mr. Harding: Discussion, Steve

Steve Pedro: As you can see, we have been pretty successful this month. Most of our people are from Massillon. We have two from Navarre and one from Canton. We are gearing up for the golf season, as you can see there, for the most part and a custodian as well

2. Field Requests (attachments)

23-23 Mr. Wood moved; seconded by Mr. Hickey to allow The Boys & Girls Club to reserve field as per dates on letter sent in. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

Mr. Harding: Steve

Steve Pedro: Does anyone have any questions about these?

Mr. Harding: A lot of them are repeats

Steve Pedro: Yes. Tiana can attest to this. A lot of these people are coming back. They've been with us for a while. They like our fields.

3. Pro Football HOF request to land hot air balloons on park land (attachment)

23-24 Mr. Hickey moved; seconded by Mr. Rickett to allow Pro Football HOF to land hot air balloons on park land. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

Mr. Harding: Steve

Steve Pedro: This is something they've asked for years, we have granted that. Carrie, I don't know was it one year that they landed a balloon down there on the golf course somewhere?

Carrie Lowry: Yes

Steve Pedro: Yeah. It hasn't been every year, but every now and then they will drop one then they pick it up. They haven't disturbed any of the golf course. We didn't have any problems with them, correct?

Carrie Lowry: Correct

Steve Pedro: Okay.

Mr. Hickey: Are you considering the park land...is the golf course part of the park land?

Steve Pedro: It's part of Parks and Rec

Mr. Hickey: So that's included in this?

Steve Pedro: Yes

Mr. Hickey: Okay

Steve Pedro: I would say yes. I don't know if there is any park big enough, to be honest with you, without trees. That's why I put that there. If you want me to, I can change that.

Mr. Hickey: No, no, that's fine. I just want to make sure I understand it.

Steve Pedro: Yeah, all parks and rec land

Mr. Hickey: So, you really want one of these balloons landing on a green?

Steve Pedro: They're not going to land on a green...no, no, they're not going to land on a green. Carrie, was it by the road near Nave?

Carrie: Yes. It was actually like in the open area and not even on a green, in the fairway. I mean, I've been here for eight years and it's only happened once.

Mr. Harding: We had this happen in our neighborhood twice. They land, they cleaned up, they left and it was done

Steve Pedro: They are not going to land on a green

Mr. Hickey: Okay

Steve Pedro: I think Greg will shoot them down before that happens (laughter)

Mr. Harding: Any further discussion?

Mr. Rickett: Yeah, I have a question, in years past they landed a few at Community Park in the soccer field which was an ideal place. They could fit 2-3 balloons back there. In the past, that is where they landed. They haven't come in the past few years.

Steve Pedro: Yeah. When I send that back, I will recommend and give them kind of a location for that so they are aware of that in case there are any questions.

Mr. Wood: I do have a question. If they would happen to have landed on that partial land. would there be some kind of communication that they have, like in 20 minutes you are going to get a balloon there? Is there some kind of communication going on that we would be prepared or directed to where they are landing?

Steve Pedro: Carrie, did they call ahead of time?

Carrie: No, we see it

Steve Pedro: Like I said, it was the one time and we didn't have an issue

Mr. Harding: When we were at our neighbors, you can see them coming down. Then the car came around, they loaded up and they took off

Carrie: Right

Mr. Harding: Any other comments or discussions?

4. Faith in Action Health and Wellness Fair on September 21, 2023 for a fee of \$100.00

23-25 Mr. Hickey moved: seconded by Mr. Schartiger to allow the Faith in Action Health and Wellness Fair to be held on September 21, 2023 for a fee of \$100.00. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

Mr. Harding: Discussion Steve

Steve Pedro: We haven't had it for a couple of years because of Covid so they've asked to have it this year.

Mr. Harding: And they get pretty big crowd

Steve Pedro: Yes, it's been a successful health fair event

Mr. Harding: Any other discussion?

5. Appropriate \$100,000.00 from the Legends 1234 fund to the Legends Capital Improvement Line 1234-920-5-2510 for: Parking lot resurfacing (\$25,000), Cart path repair (\$25,000), 2 Tee mowers (\$40,000), and Bunker renovations (\$10,000)

23-26 Mr. Hickey moved; seconded by Mr. Schartiger to approve to Appropriate \$100,000.00 from the Legends 1234 fund to the Legends Capital Improvement Line 1234-920-5-2510 for: Parking lot resurfacing \$(25,000), Cart path repair (\$25,000), 2 Tee mowers (\$40,000) and Bunker renovations (\$10,000). Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

Mr. Harding: Discussion Steve

Steve Pedro: This is coming out of their carryover. Carrie, would you like to add anything?

Carrie: Uh, no. If you have any questions, ask Greg here (laughter)

Mr. Hickey: Greg, is there anything in the Capital Improvement funds currently?

Greg Myers: Yes, there is.

Mr. Hickey: Can you give me an amount?

Greg Myers: Uh, Carrie will give you that (laughter)

Carrie: There is \$423,000.00

Mr. Hickey: Okay, so you need this money plus the \$423,000.00?

Carrie: No

Mr. Hickey: Okay

Carrie: This is coming out of the Capital Improvement so that will take it down to \$323,000.00

Mr. Hickey: Okay

Mr. Harding: Any other discussion?

6. Duncan Plaza Agreement (attachment)

23-27 Mr. Hickey moved; seconded by Mr. Schartiger to approve the Duncan Plaza agreement. Discussion. Tabled for further discussion.

Mr. Harding: Discussion, Steve

Steve Pedro: I received this on Monday. I sent it out to you. I will defer to Mr. Hickey. When I talked to Edmond, he did say he did speak to you regarding your concerns

Mr. Hickey: Yeah

Steve Pedro: and everything is on here.

Mr. Hickey: Tell me on Paragraph four where it says R.C. § 735.02 and 735.04, what is that?

Steve Pedro: That's where it says the director...what it says next to it

Mr. Hickey: Okay.

Steve Pedro: I did look that up

Mr. Hickey: I do have a problem with that, somewhat. Maybe I'm wrong, but how, if this is a park, who is she going to direct and how can a Safety Service Director be responsible for oversight when the Rec Board is responsible for oversight according to Ohio Revised Code? That's the problem I have.

Steve Pedro: This is what refers to the Revised Code...coming out of the Revised Code § 735.02 and 735.04

Mr. Hickey: It should say...

Steve Pedro: But it doesn't

Mr. Hickey: It should say Recreation Board is responsible for the oversight and operations of the City, public grounds and directs the maintenance. I don't know...who is she going to direct around? That's my question.

Steve Pedro: I don't know the answer to that. I thought when we got this Monday, I thought all the questions were answered. If not, I'll have to...

Mr. Hickey: Yeah, I mean. I think it should say, instead of Director of Public Safety, and you can check with this. It should say Recreation Board is responsible for the oversight and the operation of the City's public grounds and directs the maintenance of such grounds. And it stops there. I would insert Recreation Board instead of Safety Service Director. I just don't know if the Safety Service Director can be responsible for Parks.

Steve Pedro: Can I ask, if there any other changes. I'm going to have to go back to them again. We are going to have to table this again

Mr. Hickey: You don't have to table this, you can vote on it but I mean, that's up to the Board if they want to vote on it but I'm not going to vote yes. I mean with everything else...Do you have any questions, Moe?

Moe Rickett: Yeah, I have one on something else. In Article 2. Maintenance

Mr. Hickey: Okay

Moe Rickett: The last line in that paragraph...Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board shall remain responsible for routine sanitation, snow removal services, and shall assist the City in its performance of its obligations under this Agreement as needed. In other words, they call us and tell us to go do it?

Steve Pedro: No. Not from what we've talked about. The snow removal is what we have been doing as we've stated.

Moe Rickett: I understand that

Steve Pedro: Put an X through it. Sanitation is, if they've got to pick up trash, if there is anything on the ground, they might pick up trash. Now the other thing, assist the City in its performance. They borrow our table and chairs. Our guys will drop them off, set them up, and leave.

Mr. Hickey: I agree with you. I'm good with the snow removal but I kind of agree with you on the Agreement. Why don't we state what we are going to do instead of being at their mercy?

Mr. Harding: But if you start doing that, you're going to knit pick, you'll have to keep adding...

Mr. Hickey: Personally, I don't think we should be doing anything but, I mean, I'll compromise. If they're going to take it over, they should take it over, period. Let me ask you this, I mean there's a lawsuit going on for the Getz building. You know, according to this, are we going to be responsible for the Getz building or is it going to be ADA compliant or will we have to make it ADA compliant? Where is the money coming from? I mean, I don't mind doing this but, my job is to look after the Rec Board, not the City. That's my job here and if I am going to be doing that, you should throw me off the Board.

Joe Pape: Wasn't the whole agreement on this thing to give it to them so we were out of it? Isn't that what this is all about?

Mr. Hickey: Yeah, but we're not out of it, are we?

Joe Pape: Why aren't we?

Mr. Hickey: I think right here, the Safety Service Director can direct you guys what to do

Joe Pape: I mean, if it's theirs, you're giving it to them. Isn't this what this all about, to get out

from underneath it, to say it's theirs instead of ours?

Mr. Hickey: It doesn't say that

Joe Pape: Isn't that how all this came up, though?

Mr. Hickey: That was my intention. If you look at line two, Director of Public Service and Safety. The Safety Service Director, in my opinion, cannot be responsible for a park

Joe Pape: It's not going to be a park if you're going to give it to them

Mr. Hickey: It's still a park. Is that correct?

Steve Pedro: Yes, it will still be a park. The only suggestion I can make after this is I think we need to table it. I think we need to get together with either the City and the Law Department or just the Law Department; whichever way you want to do it and I think we need to iron this out. It was my understanding, everything that was discussed was changed and that we were good. If not, that's fine. The only thing I will tell you and I discussed this with every Board member about the plowing. It's just that we do something for them and they do plenty for us.

Mr. Hickey: I don't think anybody has any problems with the plowing

Steve Pedro: Okay

Mr. Hickey: I think it's what Mr. Rickett says, obligations. What are our obligations? I mean, I've got to tell you, I wouldn't sign this if this was my contract. If somebody came to me, not telling me what my obligations are

Steve Pedro: So, do we table it and set up a meeting to discuss this and...

Mr. Rickett: Why don't we have a work session?

Steve Pedro: That's fine

Mr. Rickett: That way the Board can

Steve Pedro: You tell me who to invite

Mr. Rickett: I was just making a suggestion

Mr. Hickey: I would invite Edmond Mack

Mr. Schartiger: When Steve takes changes to them and they agree to them and he brings it back to us and something's not right, we might as well all get together and hammer it out

Mr. Hickey: Ted, this hasn't changed...this part here about the Safety Service Director. And now if they can tell me there is no conflict here, I'm fine with it but as this reads right now...maybe it's me. You see what I'm saying Moe?

Mr. Rickett: Yes sir

Steve Pedro: You're talking about Paragraph 4, right Mark?

Mr. Hickey: Yes

Steve Pedro: Okay

Mr. Hickey: How can a Safety Service Director oversight...now, I do agree with Joe, I'd just give it to them. We can't do that because it's considered a park, correct?

Steve Pedro: Yes

Mr. Harding: Uh, alright. Mr. Hickey would you then consider tabling your motion to a later date?

Mr. Hickey: Sure

Mr. Harding: Alright. So then, this is tabled now and then Steve, you will set up a work session?

Steve Pedro: I'll explain to them that we want a work session and I will invite them. I will send you an email tomorrow on when...is Wednesday the day?

Mr. Hickey: Wednesday is fine. I mean I can even sit down with Edmond Mack if you want.

Steve Pedro: I'll tell you, after our conversation last week, I thought it was done, Mark, unless I misunderstood something.

Mr. Hickey: Well, I didn't get a chance to look at it until today

Steve Pedro: Okay

Mr. Hickey: If he can explain to me how the Safety Service Director can be over a park, I'll be fine

Steve Pedro: Okay. So, do we all want to get together with Mr. Mack?

Mr. Hickey: I think we all should

Steve Pedro: Okay, that's fine. I will request the meeting with Edmond Mack, Assistant Law Director and we'll schedule that probably within the next week, I would hope

Mr. Hickey: Is City Council involved with that?

Steve Pedro: Yes, would you like to come to that?

Julie Hartwig-Smith: Yeah

Mr. Wood: I have a question. I agree with the Board, but was there not some pre-arrangement in collaboration with the Public Safety Director on how this is going to be handled so there are no issues going forward?

Steve Pedro: Well, there was nothing in writing previous until us requesting this and they have seen this as well. They got everything that you got

Mr. Wood: So, for our work session, will there be just an addendum to this?

Steve Pedro: Yes, to change that. Is this the only Paragraph we are talking about? I mean, I'm just going to let him know. We can tell him to look at the whole thing

Mr. Rickett: Clarification on the Maintenance under Article 2

Mr. Hickey: What is our obligations is what he is asking

Mr. Rickett: Probably all it needs is clarification but the way it reads, they can still call us up and tell us to do whatever

Steve Pedro: It is my understanding that we were going to plow, empty trash if need be, and give them our tables and chairs. That's really the only thing...

Mr. Hickey: Plowing is spelled out, trash is spelled out. The last part about tables and chairs is not spelled out

Steve Pedro: Performance of its obligations, okay

Mr. Rickett: I have a question that is not addressed in here. If there is something that needs replaced, like concrete or whatever, who does that?

Mr. Hickey: No, that's them

Steve Pedro: That's in here

Mr. Hickey: That's spelled out

Steve Pedro: That is in here

Mr. Rickett: That's why I have a problem with the last sentence in Article 2 because of what is said at the top and what is said at the bottom. It kind of conflicts with each other. Just need an interpretation for them

Mr. Hickey: Yeah, it might be nothing, but once you vote on it, it's done

Steve Pedro: Just to get back to that Moe, in Article 2, the first sentence...The City shall maintain the structures...

Mr. Hickey: Yeah, that's good

Mr. Harding: Well then at this point, this motion will stand as tabled

Mr. Hickey: Don't we have to...

Mr. Harding: I'm sorry

Mr. Hickey: Don't we have to vote on that?

Mr. Harding: Mark, so you will accept to table it?

Mr. Hickey: Yes

Mr. Harding: Can I get a second then?

Mr. Schartiger: I second it

Mr. Harding: Any further discussion?

Tabled until the next further notice

7. Clear the Trees, Brush, and Stumps on Hess and Lincoln Way E, not to exceed \$20,000

23-28 Mr. Hickey moved; seconded by Mr. Schartiger to clear the trees, brush, and stumps from Hess and Lincoln Way East and the cost not to exceed \$20,000. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote

Mr. Harding: Discussion Steve

Steve Pedro: If you go south on Hess off of Lincoln Way you can see the hillside there. We're trying to clean that up. Joe and his workers have done about everything they could with what we have. We got a couple estimates. One started out pretty high. We got one down right now to about \$17,000. It's going to clear all those trees and then we'll go back in, clean it up, plant some grass so we can mow it. It will look better. If you drive up there now, there are a lot of old, uh saplings and trees that we want to clear out of there just to make it look nicer. As well on Lincoln way, but we have to be careful because we only own...the property only goes to the right away so the home owners own that hill on Lincoln Way on the north side. Those home owners from 16th Street down to approximately ¾ of the way down to the park, those home owners actually own those hillsides so we have to be careful with what we take down there. We want to clean it up and push it back a little bit.

Mr. Harding: Any other discussion?

BOARD REPORTS:

Board Reports were submitted by:

- 1. Parks: Joe Pape
- 2. The Legends Carrie Lowry
- 3. Senior Center Caroline Ferrell
- 4. Recreation Tiana Spencer
- 5. Director's Report: Steve Pedro

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm. The next scheduled regular meeting will be on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 5:00 pm at the Massillon Recreation Center.

Transcribed By: Carol Leonard, Office Manager