

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A special hearing of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, July 14, 2016 at the Troy Community Center, room 302.

Steve Toth called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Steve Toth, Laurie Huber, Tim McGee, Janice Zikakis, Gary Hauff, Rusty Kaltsounis, Elaine Bo, Brian Goul, and Kurt Bovensiep.

Absent: Jeff Stewart, Judy Baker

Visitors: Lori Bluhm, Ashley Levin, Cindy Kmett, Paul Gorsheck, Linda Winter

- Approval of Minutes
 - On the agenda is the approval of minutes but due to it being a special hearing the approval of April 28, 2016 meeting will be done at the next scheduled meeting

Resolution #2016-07-001

Moved by Laurie Huber

Seconded by Gary Hauff

Resolved, that the rules for Public Hearing allowing a 5 minute time limit for each person to speak at the public hearing as recommended by City Administration.

Yes: 6

No: 0

- Kurt Bovensiep -
 - Amended naming policy went to council in March of 2016
 - Barbara Knight made a private contribution of \$100,000 toward the development of the amenity of the Dog Park within the park
 - Parks Department opened up the naming opportunity to the public and received approximately 60 recommendations
 - Troy Parks and Recreation Board to recommend a name to go to council August 22, 2016
 - Today's Public hearing is for the naming of the entire park, and at a later date amenities can be named such as play structures
 - Troy Parks and Recreation Board and City Staff can approve the naming of amenities.
 - There was a discussion on sponsorship opportunities to place banners within the park
 - The development of the Dog Park section was funded 90% donations from citizens and corporations, 10% residents
 - Discussion of on procedures to name the park

Hearing open to the public –

- Linda Winter did not have any comment on the naming
- Cindy Kmett spoke for the Troy Kiwanis Club and their desire to donate in Terry Knight's name toward the purchase of a bench

Hearing closed –

MOTION to name the park Daisy Knight Park

Moved by Rusty Kaltsounis

MOTION to amend the name of the park to Terry and Barbara Knight Park

Moved by Tim McGee

Seconded by Janice Zikakis

Yes: 6

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

- Lori Bluhm recommended the Troy Parks and Recreation Board to give reasons to their proposed naming of the park to council
 - Due to the long standing contributions to Troy in addition to the \$100,000 donation
 - Terry Knight was a past Distinguished Citizen, member of Chamber of Commerce, baseball coach, member of Kiwanis Club of Troy
 - A biography to be given to council in addition to a recommendation

Private Contribution for synthetic turf at Firefighters Park

- Paul Gorsheck approached Kurt Bovensiep offering a private contribution of \$20,000 towards the development and design of 8-9 synthetic turf soccer fields
- Entire project would cost 3-5 million
- Paul Gorsheck gave reasons to why he was interested in this project
 - Paul lived in Troy since 1985
 - Has been involved in soccer for 30 years
 - Visited a field in Pontiac with synthetic field and realized Troy doesn't have as good a field
 - Troy fields at Firefighters Park are deteriorating
 - Troy fields begin being used in April and end in November, therefore fields are not getting rested sufficiently
 - Synthetic fields will give residents more opportunity to use fields year round and after storms
 - City of Troy can rent out fields
 - Project would start 2019
 - Paul has approached John Witz regarding getting sponsors
- Steve Toth recommended the discussion as an awareness of the project and would like a study session on entertaining the idea in the future
- Steve requested Paul to come back with a business plan and further information

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Tim McGee

Seconded by Gary Hauff

Yes: 6

No: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8th, 2016 at 6:30 pm.



Steve Toth, Chairperson



Shannon Louwaert, Recording Secretary