

HOWLAND TOWNSHIP PARK MINUTES

The Howland Township Park Commissioners held a Special Meeting on June 24 ,2022 at 9:00 A.M. at the Rosegarden Park, Warren, Ohio.

Roll Call: Jessica Gault, present
Shawn Pompelia, present
Allen Seman, present

A motion was made by Jessica Gault and seconded by Allen Seman to suspend the reading of the minutes from the June 10, 2022 meeting and the June 20, 2022 special meeting and accept as written.

Roll Call: Jessica Gault – yea
Shawn Pompelia – yea
Allen Seman - yea

A motion was made by Jessica Gault and seconded by Allen Seman to authorize the Deputy Clerk Vivian McDowell to pay all outstanding invoices incurred, and approve all warrants issued as per attached pending warrant listing.

Roll Call: Jessica Gault - yea
Shawn Pompelia - yea
Allen Seman - yea

A motion was made by Jessica Gault and seconded by Allen Seman to adjourn the 9:00 meeting at 9:50 A.M. and begin the 10:00 meeting, which adjourned at 11:00.

Roll Call: Jessica Gault - yea
Shawn Pompelia - yea
Allen Seman - yea

Attested by:


Vivian McDowell, Deputy Clerk

Approved by


Shawn Pompelia, Chairperson

SUMMARY OF 9:00 MEETING

In attendance: Allie Vugrincic – Warren Tribune Chronicle
Kevin Spicher – Superintendent, Howland Local Schools
Jamie Wheale – WFMJ videographer

Commissioners welcomed Mr. Spicher and explained the purpose of the meeting: to continue ongoing discussions about working together (park and schools) to better the park and to explore options for working together in the future. Commissioners questioned Mr. Spicher about Howland Schools' intent for moving forward. Mr. Spicher noted that while he cannot speak on behalf of the Board of Education, his intent in meeting with the park board and in a prior meeting with Commissioner Gault and Judge Fredericka was to seek opportunities for helping with any struggles the park may have and to seek ways to collaborate. It was noted that prior attempts to gain funding for projects often failed because the park does not own the land, but rather it is owned by the school. Commissioners agreed that it is difficult to seek outside funding (i.e., donations) and raise money from community members while this is true. Mr. Spicher will have conversations with the Howland Board of Education and legal counsel to ascertain ideas for moving forward, for example- sharing services such as security, maintenance of existing facilities.

Commissioners and Mr. Spicher agreed on an action plan for the future:

1. Continue discussions
2. Get the community involved
3. Seek legal counsel to ensure we are proceeding legally
4. Continue to keep Howland Schools and Howland Board of Education engaged
5. Maintain transparency

After the meeting, Commissioner Gault and Mr. Spicher were both interviewed by the Warren Tribune as well as WFMJ.

SUMMARY OF 10:00 MEETING

In attendance: Allie Vugrincic – Warren Tribune Chronicle
Bill Walsh – Representative ALC Technologies

Commissioners welcomed Mr. Walsh and explained that they are seeking to expand security. Commissioners wish to discuss ways to create a bigger barrier due to an increase in vandalism at

the park. Mr. Walsh discussed that 3 of the park's existing 8 cameras have been damaged and need cables replaced. Discussion was had re: hard wire (i.e., cable) vs. wireless capabilities. It was determined that the park is not "capped" on how many cameras to install.

Commissioners requested security be expanded to :

- Tiger Town 2 (playground area)
- Tennis courts
- Bathrooms
- Pavilions (especially the Lake Pavilion)
- Basketball court area

Commissioners discussed with Mr. Walsh a payment plan over a 2-3 year period (in phases), while the cameras are installed all at once, which was agreed to be necessary. Mr. Walsh was in agreement. Commissioner Pompelia requested that Mr. Walsh put together a plan that includes

- License plate camera at entrance
- Above-mentioned areas covered
- Cameras that police can utilize

Mr. Walsh will update quote; do another walk-through with Commissioner Seman; and, discuss new technology available (for example, motion cameras).