

HOWLAND TOWNSHIP PARK MINUTES

The Howland Township Park Commissioners held a Special Meeting on April 24, 2024 at 11:30 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 April 12, 2024 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 pass Resolution 2024-14

Approve to contract MLW Landscaping to do lawn maintenance at Morgandale and Bolindale Park for \$140 per mow which includes trimming, beginning week of April 22, 2024.

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

A motion was made by Jessica Gault and seconded by Allen Seman to pass Resolution 2024-15

Authorize TCTA to install a backboard in the tennis court located at main park for the purpose of practicing hitting balls, and TCTA will be responsible for upkeep.

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

A motion was made by Jessica Gault and seconded by Allen Seman to pass Resolution 2024-16

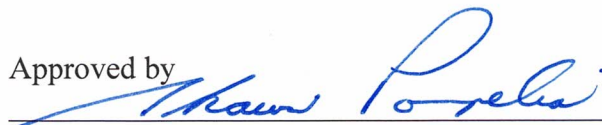
Approve to remove pickleball sign that had language referencing the schedule of players by skill level (copy attached) and adjust Rules & Regulations of previous pickleball rules (as attached).

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 12:45 PM

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

Attested by: 
Vivian McDowell, Deputy Clerk

Approved by 
Shawn Pompelia, Chairperson

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Jack Hineman from Cortland proposed that a new sign be placed at the Pickleball Courts due to issues when the Courts are full. Commissioner Pompelia explained that the rules that were posted on April 15 were intended to create an atmosphere where everyone felt welcome and safe. However, Commissioners removed the sign on April 16 after receiving several phone calls and emails. Commissioners decided to change the Pickleball rules for when the Courts are full to 4 on, 4 off open play to everyone. Signs will be posted after they are completed.

Jack Hineman reported that the community gardens are being worked on. He asked for a picnic table, a no smoking sign, a portable John with a urinal and that the water be turned on. Commissioners authorized him to move a picnic table from the pavilion to the gardens, explained that Terry is in the process of getting the water turned on, and agreed to order No Smoking signs for all of the parks.

Commissioner Pompelia stated that landscaping at the entrance of the park was completed on April 22.

Commissioner Gault stated that Chik Fil A requested to have a food truck at the park one day per week. The Commissioners decided to table the discussion of food trucks at the park until the next meeting as they will need to create a policy for food trucks in general if they are going to allow Chik Fil A to be at the park.

Commissioner Gault stated that the High School will be doing their service project at the main park on May 23. Commissioner Pompelia suggested they pick up sticks and spread stone. Commissioner Seman will coordinate the project.

Commissioner Pompelia stated that TCTA is requesting to install and maintain a backboard at the tennis courts to hit the balls off of. Commissioners were in agreement as long as TCTA made it blend in with the current courts and agrees to maintain it.

Commissioner Pompelia stated that the camera tower has been manufactured and is ready to be installed.

Commissioner Gault requested NO SMOKING OR VAPING signs be ordered for all of the parks.

PICKLEBALL
RULES & REGULATIONS

M-W-F - 7 AM TO 12 PM: INTERMEDIATE PLAYERS (rotation to be determined by Group).

T-T-S – 7 AM to 12 PM: ADVANCED PLAYERS & ABOVE (rotation is 2 on and 2 off – play 2 games. One (1) challenge court available).

SUNDAYS: ALL PLAYERS (rotation determined by group).

If courts are open due to low numbers, players are welcome to play on that open court.

PLEASE – Use paddle racks when appropriate (high number of players).

PICKLE BALL COURT RULES

1. Court usage shall be on a first come basis. Play is open to all at all times.
2. Court will only be used for pickle ball.
3. Courts will not be reserved unless there is a tournament and notification has been given to the Park Commissioners of the date and time of the tournament.
4. Games will be played to 11 points even when others are waiting for a court. When courts are full, games will be played to 11 points with no win by 2. After reaching 11 points, the court will be turned over to the next group of players unless playing singles.
5. **PLAYERS WILL CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A FRIENDLY AND COURTEOUS MANNER AT ALL TIMES.**
6. Foul language, arguments over points & scores, un-sportsman like conduct or any other disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with these rules could result in suspension of playing privileges.
7. Garbage is to be put into receptacles available.
8. NO – Skateboards, rollerblades, etc. will be allowed on the court.

THIS IS A PUBLIC FACILITY PAID WITH TAXPAYER DOLLARS AND WE EXPECT ALL PLAYERS TO RESPECT THE RULES & REGULATIONS AND TAKE PRIDE IN CARING FOR THE COURTS.

Howland Community Park Commissioners