

**CITY OF NEW FRANKLIN PARK BOARD**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**July 18, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Jody Holloway, Larry Rea, Steve Yacono, Dusty Smith, Mark Norris, Secretary Dana Ash

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Mayor Paul Adamson, Robert Keith, Steve Godar, Chris Meyers, Meyers Design of Akron

Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Holloway at 6:37 p.m.

The minutes of June 20, 2023 were reviewed and approved with a motion from Mr. Norris and seconded by Mr. Yacono

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**TUDOR HOUSE:**

- The 4<sup>th</sup> of July event was a success with over 1,000 people attending.
- Movie on the lake tonight will be the new “Top Gun, Maverick”
- We have been looking at purchasing a 6-passenger golf -type cart for around \$15,000 to assist guests if needed when parking at State Park. We have found a company called Fairway Rentals that will rent one us a cart at the cost/event of \$200 including delivery and we plan to use this option at least for the rest of this year.
- Our annual fundraiser BBQ will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup> at a cost \$60/person or and \$600/sponsor table. If you would like to purchase a ticket or donate an item for the raffle event, please contact Katie Smith.

**SISLER:** The Manchester High School girls team has been using our new tennis courts and we have received calls from 16 other schools asking that their games with Manchester be held here because our courts are much nicer than the ones they have been using.

**GRILL:** The Ga Ga pit has been installed by a Manchester Eagle scout at no cost the Parks.

**LAKESIDE:** No report.

**LOCKHART:** No report.

**NEW BUISNESS:**

- Mr. Yacono suggested we consider planting some trees for shade near the courts at Sisler. Mayor Adamson will follow-up.
- Robert Keith and Mr. Godar from the Professional Pickleball Registry Thanked the Mayor and members of the Parks Commission for supporting the building our outstanding pickleball courts. His association has 70,000 members and they have now gone from only 4 to 50 places to play pickleball. Mr. Keith noted that Barberton is planning to open 12 new courts with lights soon. Mr. Keith asked if the city could provide a trash container & recycling container with lids. Mayor Adamson will follow-up. Mr. Keith also would also like to install a wind sock near the courts and some shade sails for people waiting to play. These items would be provided at no cost the city and maintained by Mr. Keith's group. There were no objections from commission members. Lastly Mr. Keith noted that they are looking for inside places such gyms in churches to play pickleball. It was suggested that the elementary school might also be a good option.
- **INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND PRESENTATION:** Mr. Meyers from Meyers Design presented some pictures and surfaces for the commission to review. He noted that poured rubber surface was initially more expensive (\$24/sq. ft.) than shredded fiber but more cost effective over the long term with repair and maintenance. Also, half the cost of a playground would be the surfacing and they would be open to the city doing some work to help reduce our costs. Lastly, they can design equipment for all age groups and for later additions.

There being no further business, a meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** August 15, 2023 at 6:30 in the Administration building

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Ash, Secretary