

**CITY OF NEW FRANKLIN PARK BOARD**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**October 17, 2023**

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Mayor Paul Adamson, Bryan Kepler, Sharon Goodwin

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

The minutes of September 19, 2023 were reviewed and approved with a motion from Mr. Yacono and seconded by Mr. Smith.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**SISLER:** Board members and guests reviewed two arial views of the park and middle school properties. Discussion ensued regarding placement of future restrooms, playground equipment, volleyball court, safety lighting, and walking path. Members agreed that restrooms should be located between the tennis courts and ball field. Playground equipment could be located behind the pavilion but the volleyball courts would need to be relocated. A walking trail consisting of wood chips or asphalt around the perimeter of both properties would be ideal but will need discussion with the school and Gas company since they control parts of this proposed trail. Mayor Adamson will follow up with the other parties involved.

**TUDOR HOUSE:** The Octoberfest was a success despite the not so perfect weather. We will end this year with the annual Christmas Open House on Sunday December 10. Not including Octoberfest, our net profit from the previous events was around \$13,000. Our goal has been to generate enough revenue to at least break even on events for our community. Since we have been able to generate this extra money, we will be looking at ways to provide more fun days and activities for next year. One idea has been to expand our two monthly Tuesday night events to possibly every Tuesday night through the summer months.

Plans are still being considered by our management company to replace the current lakeside tent with a permanent conservatory type structure to better control noise for certain events. There will still be a "4-seasons event center" added where the garage currently sits, but due to complex discussions for building this structure it will not be able to be done as soon as originally planned.

**FINANCE UPDATE:** Mayor Adamson presented a proposed budget for the parks for 2024. It is estimated that we will have \$100,000 of discretionary funds for park projects next year and still be able to meet our goal of at least \$100,000 carry-over into 2025. With this amount of money, we should be able to do many of the projects we have discussed this year such as some playground equipment for both Sisler and Grill, a pavilion for Grill, and a walking path at Sisler. Permanent restrooms at Sisler may be too expensive to consider for 2024. However, Mr. Yacono stated there may a new more cost-effective way this could be done. He agreed to follow up and possibly provide more information.

**GRILL:** No report.

**LAKESIDE:** No report.

**LOCKHART:** No report.

**NEW BUISNESS:** Mrs. Holloway and Mayor Adamson noted that there were past plans developed to extend the Ohio Erie Canal trail from current location on Vanderhoof road to State Park for purposes of making a bike trail. These plans were tabled but may be coming up again as grant money becomes available.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Ms. Goodwin discussed a concern with adding a walking trail at Sisler if it meant cutting down more trees. Since trees are so important to our environment, she also suggested we look at possibility of adding new trees where possible at Sisler and maybe even Grill parks. Mayor Adamson assured her we would consider this as we continue to develop plans.

There being no further business, Mr. Yacono moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mrs. Ash. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** November 21, 2023 at 6:30 in the Administration building.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Ash, Secretary