

**Huron Joint Recreation District
Regular Board Meeting – Minutes
Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 6:30 PM
City Municipal Building, Huron, OH**

Members Present: Tom Solberg, Elizabeth Laffay, Matt Grieves, Eddie Wimmer, Julie Spitzley

Present from HPRD: Doug Steinwart, Brian Croucher, Rick Reinbolt

Present from City of Huron: None

Members Absent:

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve Feb. 6, 2024, minutes as presented; by Eddie Wimmer and seconded by Julie Spitzley. Approved unanimously.

Audience Comments: Mrs. Spitzley expressed concern for the OSU Band not getting on the HBB Event Schedule following a conversation with Mr. Ben Lindsley. Mr. Steinwart explained the situation and noted a large sponsorship from Civista Bank was obtained for sections of the Firelands Orchestra to play on Sunday afternoons/early evenings. Mr. Steinwart will follow up with Mr. Lindsley to work something out.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Old Business

1. **Boat Basin Dredging Update – presented by Doug Steinwart:** Huffman Equipment Rental mobilized on Monday, February 26 and began work on Tuesday, February 27. It is speculated the dredging will take approximately 2.5 weeks. The project has been a long time in the works, and we are happy it is underway. Dredging the HBB usually occurs every 10 years, however with the higher waters lately we have been able to make it to 14 this time. There has been a lot of community interest, people driving by on the regular, parking and watching the work be done.
2. **Huron Solar Eclipse – presented by Doug Steinwart:** The City is partnering with the Huron Library and the Huron Chamber for a family-friendly Eclipse event on April 8th at the Boat Basin Amphitheater. The event will kick off at 12:30 with a magician on stage, followed by the band, Attraxxion's. There will be children's activities, face painting, food trucks, a photo booth and much more. Solar eclipse glasses will be available at Shores & Islands, the Library and on-site during the event, while supplies last. City staff have been meeting twice a month for some time to discuss all of the potential unknowns.

B. New Business

1. **Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast & Egg Hunt – presented by Brian Croucher:** Again, this year, Park & Recreation will be partnering with the Lion's Club for the Annual Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt event. The breakfast will take place at the First Presbyterian Church on Williams Street, with the Egg Hunt at the Boat Basin. The Lion's Club accepts cash donations which in return are donated to the Food Pantry. Breakfast runs from 8 AM to 12 PM with a magic show by The Michael Mage Magic Experience at 10 AM during breakfast. Following breakfast at 1 PM is the Egg Hunt at the Boat Basin. Parks & Recreation will be collecting canned foods for the Huron Food Pantry at this event. Both Blinky and the Easter Bunny will be present at breakfast and the egg hunt. A special thank you to the Huron Lion's Club, Horvath Roofing, AkzoNobel, and Abundant Life Counseling.
2. **Misc. Parks & Recreation – presented by Doug Steinwart:**

- a. Nickel Plate Beach Parking is on the second reading. The department proposed a \$1 increase to the daily fee, to leave the resident season pass at \$25 and increase the non-resident season pass to \$40 from \$35.
- b. Hiring Part-time, Seasonal Help – the department is looking to hire for parks maintenance, Nickel Plate Beach gate attendants, and the boat basin. Social media posts are out, please pass along to anyone who may be interested.
- c. Huron Chamber – is partnering with the Greater Sandusky Partnership. A group of staff will be meeting with them in the upcoming weeks to see how that relationship will continue and flourish beyond the transition.
- d. The Parks Maintenance team is currently down a man. Rick had ankle surgery and is going to be out for some time. We wish him a successful and speedy recovery.
- e. Reminders of Public Events:
 - i. The Courts at Fabens Park Dedication & Ribbon Cutting will take place on Wed., May 8 at 3 PM at Fabens Park.
 - ii. The Anchor Memorial Unveiling will take place on Friday, May 31 at 1 PM at the Boat Basin Amp.

CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

Mr. Solberg thanked the board for attending. No other comments were made.

Mr. Solberg announced the next meeting to be Tuesday, May 7, 2024, and that the April Meeting is canceled.

OTHER MATTERS – ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Grieves; second by Mr. Wimmer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kilbury
Huron Parks & Recreation