

**Huron Joint Recreation District
Regular Board Meeting – Minutes
Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 6:30 PM
City Municipal Building, Huron, OH**

Members Present: Tom Solberg, Roger Blevins, Elizabeth Laffay, Missie Lowrey Huntley, Matt Greives, Jonathan Merckens

Present from HPRD: Doug Steinwart, Brian Croucher

Present from City of Huron: None

Members Absent: Ed Wimmer, Julie Spitzley

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve Feb. 4, 2025, minutes as presented; by Matt Grieves and seconded by Jonathan Merckens. Approved unanimously.

Audience Comments: Mr. Bill Scott (email) pertaining to the City's interest in the old Cantilli block building as a potential site for a Rec Center. Mr. Steinwart offered to take this thought to the City Manager. The building is not in the City, it is in Huron Township. The property is large and could have multiple offerings.

1. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Huron Waterfront Parks Plan – presented by Doug Steinwart:** Presentation Online [City Of Huron](#) Mr. Steinwart updated the board on the presentation made during the last council meeting. The renderings were shared with the board and acknowledged this plan is a starting point for future projects as they come up in those areas.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Faben Park Case Study 2011-2025 – presented by Doug Steinwart:** Presentation Online [City Of Huron](#) Mr. Steinwart updated the board on the Fabens Park Master Plan formed in 2010, finished in 2011. A master plan was created to pick off smaller projects within the park. This park had several issues and constraints that needed to be addressed. For details, click on the link to review the Case Study.

- b. **Misc. Parks & Recreation –** Mr. Croucher – Indoor Soccer is finished thanks to the Huron High School Soccer Coach and girls & boys soccer teams. The Summer programs will be rolling out the first week of April. Save the Date – See attachments. Mr. Steinwart announced the Ohio Clean Marina Conference at Sawmill Creek coming up. The department now has fiber at: NPB, Boat Ramp, admin office and the HBB. New cameras are being quoted for NPB, Boat Ramp and HBB. A grant opportunity through Wightman-Wieber for the Youth Fishing Day on Aug. 12. Erie MetroParks grant – local capital improvement opportunity, applying for additional ADA blue mat at NPB. ODNR Nature Works grant – for possible playground upgrades or the walking path at Lake Front Park. Part-time employees are being sought for the upcoming 2025 season. The boat basin restrooms are being renovated, new partitions, painting and signage. Ice Skating rink will be coming down soon after over 3 weeks of skate-able ice.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Solberg announced the next meeting to be Tuesday, April 1, 2025, and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

OTHER MATTERS – ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Matt Grieves; second by Jonathan Merckens

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kilbury