

The President called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. after the Invocation, given by Dick Brady, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners responded: Nikki Lloyd, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Wes Poole and Dave Waddington.

City staff present: Aaron Klein – Director of Public Works, John Orzech – Police Chief, Jim Green - Fire Captain, Matt Lasko – Chief Development Officer, Angela Byington – Director of Planning, Don Rumbutis – IT, Stuart Hamilton – IT Manager, Hank Solowiej – Finance Director, Trevor Hayberger – Law Director, Eric Wobser – City Manager and Kelly Kresser – Commission Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019, meeting and suspend the formal reading. The President declared the motion passed.

Dennis Murray said we will be in our **new City Hall** for the next commission meeting which is scheduled for June 24. We are very excited about what is coming up and we have been talking about this for many years. We will miss this building and have done a lot of good work in this room with a really great team which has been assembled in recent years. This has served the community for many decades, but it is time to move on.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

PROCLAMATION

Nikki Lloyd presented a Proclamation to Christopher Hansen on behalf of **Reflections of Resilience Day and PRIDE Month - June, 2019**. Dennis Murray said he is particularly proud of Sandusky. We passed anti-discrimination legislation in 2017 and did it in consultation with all of our major businesses and the Chamber of Commerce, and two years later, we are able to accomplish what the General Assembly of the State of Ohio and about 40% of State Legislators across the country have not. Nikki Lloyd said Christopher Hansen was a survivor of the PULSE mass shooting. He lived in Sandusky previously and is back here now and working for Cedar Point. He was very excited to be here tonight and receive this Proclamation. His goal and focus now is to reach out across the country asking cities to create Reflections of Resilience Day and he eventually would like to have this declared a national holiday. Nikki Lloyd thanked everyone for their support in helping him to work toward this goal. He is excited to be back in his hometown and is so happy we are supporting him and his efforts.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept all communications. The President declared the motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM #1 – Submitted by Jane Cullen, Assistant City Engineer

CONTRACT AWARD TO GREAT LAKES DEMOLITION FOR THORPE DRIVE CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Budgetary Information: The estimated cost of the project, based on bids, including engineering, inspection, advertising and miscellaneous costs is \$316,640. In 2018, the city applied for and was awarded Ohio Public Works grant funds in the amount of \$162,500. The OPWC grant was a fifty/fifty split with OPWC providing \$158,320 and the city providing \$158,320 which is to be paid with sewer funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-103: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Great Lakes Demolition of Vickery, Ohio, for the Thorpe Drive culvert replacement project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Aaron Klein said this project came about when ODOT was performing a grade inspection a couple of years ago on the Thorpe Drive culvert. They did a load rating and found we needed to place weight restrictions. New weight limits were posted on the culvert and they also recommended replacing the steel culverts because of the amount of corrosion it had at the time. We worked through the design process and applied to OPWC for funding which will be at a 50/50 match (the city's portion will be paid with sewer funds). As part of the replacement project, we will also be putting sidewalks in where currently there are none and replacing those on the west side of the road. To leverage additional funds, we used some of the resurfacing portion which is also being paid for with a 50/50 split. Thorpe Drive will be resurfaced from Venice Road to Venice Heights Boulevard. We got as much as we could out of these dollars to maximize points in our application.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Wes Poole and Dave Waddington, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Wes Poole and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**ITEM #2 – Submitted by Todd Gibson, Sr., Facilities & Properties Supervisor
PURCHASE OF TRUCK AND SNOW PLOW FROM MIDDLETOWN FORD FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION**

Budgetary Information: The total cost of the 2019 F350 4 x 4 regular cab truck with snow plow is \$35,887.31 and will be paid from water funds which were budgeted in the Capital Improvement Plan and accounted for in the 2019 rate review.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-104: It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring a 2001 GMC 1500 Sierra truck as unnecessary and unfit for city use pursuant to Section 25 of the city charter; authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase a 2019 Ford F350 4 x 4 regular cab truck with snow plow from Middletown Ford of Middletown, Ohio, through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services cooperative purchasing program for the Water Distribution Division; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Nikki Lloyd, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Dennis Murray said these vehicles are being purchased through the State of Ohio cooperative purchasing program which means we get the negotiating power of the state and local governments combined together to make sure we are getting the best price. We are not giving the contract to a favorite vendor, we are getting the best price we can and are very appreciative of the support the state provides.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Wes Poole and Dave Waddington, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Wes Poole and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**ITEM #3 – Submitted by Todd Gibson, Sr., Facilities & Properties Supervisor
PURCHASE OF CARGO VAN FROM MIDDLETOWN FORD FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION**

Budgetary Information: The total cost of the 2020 Ford transit connect cargo van is \$26,002.03 and will be paid from water funds which were budgeted in the Capital Improvement Plan and accounted for in the 2019 rate review.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-105: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase a 2020 Ford transit connect cargo van from Middletown Ford of Middletown, Ohio, through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services cooperative purchasing program for the Water Distribution Division; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Wes Poole, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Wes Poole and Dave Waddington, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Wes Poole and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**ITEM #4 – Submitted by Todd Gibson, Sr., Facilities & Properties Supervisor
PURCHASE OF TRUCK FROM MIDDLETOWN FORD FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION**

Budgetary Information: The total cost of the 2019 F350 4 x 4 regular cab and chassis truck is \$28,602.11 and will be paid from water funds which were budgeted in the Capital Improvement Plan and accounted for in the 2019 rate review.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-106: It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring a 1999 Chevrolet 3500 truck as unnecessary and unfit for city use pursuant to Section 25 of the city charter; authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase a 2019 Ford F350 4 x 4 regular cab and chassis truck from Middletown Ford of Middletown, Ohio, through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services cooperative purchasing program for the Water Distribution Division; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Wes Poole and Dave Waddington, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Wes Poole and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**ITEM #5 – Submitted by Todd Gibson, Sr., Facilities & Properties Supervisor
PURCHASE OF TRUCK FROM MTECH COMPANY FOR SEWER MAINTENANCE**

Budgetary Information: The total cost of the 2019 Ford E-450 two-wheel drive cut-a-way truck with mounted mainline TV inspection summit system from MTech Company is \$255,514 and will be paid from sewer funds which were budgeted in the Capital Improvement Plan and accounted for in the 2019 rate review.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-107: It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring a 1972 GMC 3500 value van as unnecessary and unfit for city use pursuant to Section 25 of the city charter; authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase a 2019 Ford E-450 two-wheel drive cutaway truck with mounted mainline TV inspection summit system from MTech Company of Cleveland, Ohio, through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services cooperative purchasing program for the Sewer Maintenance Division; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dick Brady, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Dick Brady said he is okay with buying these trucks and asked what we are getting for this purchase. Our existing truck which is similar to this one is a unique piece of equipment. This is a camera truck which allows us to get inside the sewer system to video and record what is going on with the system using a remote control. The system we have now is from 1972 although it only has about 17,000 miles. This is the type of equipment which might not have as much wear

and tear on the body, but there is quite a bit of wear and tear on the equipment which comes with it including the cameras and software. This allows us to find leaks throughout the entire system. The software will be compatible with our GIS system and we will be able to upload and make sure we are maintaining our asset management better in the future. We want to get this truck ordered as quickly as possible because we still do not anticipate getting it before the end of the year. Dennis Murray said it has been quite a process over the past five or six years to replace some of this ancient equipment. We have serious costs when we have equipment down, we have personnel who are not able to do their jobs and are much more productive when equipment is up and running. In looking at our capital assets, these are part of how we do our job and is grateful our voters have enabled us to catch up with our fleet. We have made significant investments and are in much better shape today than we were a couple of years ago. Our lagging capital investments were hampering our productivity and each time we pass this type of legislation, it brings us to a point where we can provide better services for our residents and appreciates the diligence of staff. Aaron Klein said it has been nice seeing some vehicles repurposed in another department and we are not just looking to buy new and off-load equipment which is still serviceable and usable.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Wes Poole and Dave Waddington, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Wes Poole and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**ITEM #6 – Submitted by Todd Gibson, Sr., Facilities & Properties Supervisor
APPROVAL TO REQUEST REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS FROM ERIE COUNTY SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR CITY-WIDE CLEANUP AND YARD WASTE DROP-OFF EVENTS**

Budgetary Information: Reimbursement funds, if received, will be deposited into the general fund for the Horticultural Services Department.

PASSED AT FIRST READING: It is requested a resolution be passed requesting reimbursement from the Erie County Solid Waste Management District through the community grants program for expenses relating to the city's cleanup and recycling events.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to approve this resolution at first reading.

Discussion: Dennis Murray asked why this is an item the commission must vote and Trevor Hayberger said historically we have always come to the commission for these items.

Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Wes Poole and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the resolution passed at first reading.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept the donation of military tribute pole banners for placement in Veterans Park as was voted on by the Erie County Veterans Park Committee. The President declared the motion passed.**
- **Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$25 from Rhonda and Denise Roberts for the K9 fund. The President declared the motion passed.**
- **Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept the donation of a Gold Star Family Memorial from the Erie County Veterans Memorial Park Committee.**

Discussion: Eric Wobser said this is to honor families of fallen service members; the monetary value of this in-kind donation is \$21,390, which includes \$19,150 in

materials and \$2,250 in services. Wes Poole asked what exactly this is and Dennis Murray said this is a beautiful new memorial which was unveiled on Memorial Day weekend. Funding came from a local foundation and private donors.

The President declared the motion passed.

- **This weekend, Discover Sandusky, a magazine-style publication will debut in the Sandusky Register's weekend edition.** This publication showcases the benefits of living and recreating in Sandusky through the eyes of local residents and businesses. Many partners came together to make this project a reality including the Sandusky Register, Tandem Media, Firelands Regional Medical Center, Cedar Point, Civista Bank, Lake Erie Shores & Islands, the Marketplace at Cooke and the City of Sandusky.
- **Coffee with a Cop** at Berardi's was very successful. The Sandusky Police Department teamed up with Perkins Police Department as a joint effort to reach out to residents in both communities.
- **Detective Sergeant Kevin Youskievicz graduated from the Public Safety Leadership Academy (PSLA)** on June 7. The PSLA is an innovative 11-week accredited, college-level program. The course curriculum is designed so participants will be able to develop and improve skills necessary to manage and direct any division within a law enforcement agency.
- The Sandusky Fire Department has achieved the **2019 Mission Lifeline EMS Silver Plus Quality Achievement Award**. The American Heart Association recognizes pre-hospital personnel are the first providers of care to patients suffering from a STEMI heart attack and are an integral part of the STEMI system of care impacting the overall care and outcome for the patient. This achievement illustrates a commitment to providing guidelines-based care while meeting high standards of performance.
- **Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to set a Public Hearing on June 24 regarding the 2020 Tax Budget.**

Discussion: Eric Wobser said this hearing is required pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.30.

The President declared the motion passed.

- The next scheduled **Audit/Finance Committee meeting** is **June 21 at 8 a.m.**
- The first **Walk Wayne/Hike Hancock community event** will be held on June 12 at 5:30 p.m. Although there is not an official starting location as this is more of an open event, people can meet in East Park. The purpose of the event is to help create a sense of community and a culture of walkability in the community. There will be food vendors, a hands-on public art project, opportunities to help with the Hancock Garden and Hancock planters, kids' games and booths featuring various organizations along the way. We encourage residents of these streets to take part or be outside on their porches. The event will run from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Once again, the **Sandusky Transit System is seeing impressive increases in fixed route ridership numbers**. May, 2018 ridership numbers were 7,430 while May, 2019 ridership was 24,813. Unfortunately, we found on our busiest lines during the busiest times of the day, people are actually being turned away from the buses because they are full. We are looking at different options to either add additional buses or purchase larger ones for these routes. This is difficult financially, but is clearly needed. Eric Wobser congratulated Angela Byington, Nicole DeFreitas and the rest of the Planning team for continually increasing these numbers. We have been doubling the numbers on a monthly basis with the addition of Cedar Point's full-time staff and this year's first partnership with them which has been a real boost to ridership. This is exciting

because we have a weekly service to take these folks out to U.S. 250 or to WalMart, but now they are hubbing out of downtown Sandusky and may be discovering downtown and finding out a lot of things they can purchase there rather than elsewhere. Over time, this will lead to increased economic spending while in town.

- The **Planning Commission** meeting is June 26 at 4:30 p.m.
- The **Board of Zoning Appeals** meeting is June 20 at 4:30 p.m.
- The **Landmark Commission** meeting is June 19 at 4:30 p.m.
- The Public **Arts and Culture Commission** meeting is June 18 at 5 p.m.
- The Sandusky Recreation Department is hosting a **50-year Celebration of Sandusky Parks at Central Park** at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 15. Park staff and participants are invited to celebrate the past five decades of the program with stories, games, and meet and greet with current and former staff.
- The Sandusky Recreation Department will host a **Grand Opening for the new Pump Track at the Sandusky Skate Park** on June 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will be presented to thank the many partners and individuals who helped make the track a reality including: Tom Ritzenthaler, Tyler Trueman, PumpTrax USA, Hanson Aggregates, Tuffman Equipment & Supply, Mesenburg Brothers Trucking, Erie Materials, Mona Pizza and many volunteers. This has been slammed with children of all ages, sizes, races and gender and has been an incredible display of youth and diversity of Sandusky. This has been one of his (Eric's) favorite small projects since he has been here.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave Waddington said he had a conversation with Eric Wobser and asked if a **Roundtable meeting** can be scheduled sometime this month. He would like Greg Voltz to address the **downtown parking** and explain it to be made clearer. Residents have questioned the parking and ideas were thrown out at a previous meeting, but he is not sure where the follow-up is and believes this is unintentional miscommunication.

Dave Waddington said the **recycle site** has been relocated to the west end of town and previously had suggested looking at this after 30 or 90 days to check on the traffic and volume. Dennis Murray said we obtained equipment from Erie County to take a count but they needed it back before we could do a meaningful one. We are in the process of installing a camera for this purpose. Dave Waddington said we are spending about \$5,000 per month for this one site. Dick Brady said many of the commissioners have supported reviewing surveillance in this area to see if we are being burdened by commercial abuse and to figure out how broad the use of the site is. The bids for camera equipment were inexpensive and will be about \$1,875 for very effective surveillance as opposed to paying someone to sit here and observe people. This will share what kind of volume we really have and if we are getting commercial use which may be inappropriate. The other component is getting better or more explicit signage indicating what is and is not permitted at the recycle center. Once this system is in place, it is incumbent upon us to look at the data over two or three months rather than rush to judgment on any of these things. We should have a clear understanding of how this can be made available to residents and how to make it available more effectively. If it is not being used appropriately, we will need to make a decision as to whether we want to continue to spend \$50,000 per year on a very small fraction of our citizenry on recycling. This is the first step in a rather long journey. Wes Poole said the cameras are fine and thinks we can measure the amount of trash taken out of the bins to get a record of it. The goal is knowing how much plastic and items are taken for recycling rather than how many people actually use it. Dick Brady said this will provide us with the volume, but the concern is we are seeing people illegally dumping with commercial people dumping waste from businesses. This center is meant to be used by citizens or residents and not for commercial use. We cannot just gauge the volume as this will miss the target dramatically. Wes Poole said we do

not have to reinvent the wheel and can look to Erie County for their signage and wording as to what is accepted and duplicate it. He suggests adding this to what we are already doing.

NEW BUSINESS

Nikki Lloyd said there is a **Greendusky Grillout event** at Lions Park on June 15 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and is being hosted by members of the **Sandusky Youth Commission**.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Greg Lockhart, the commission voted to purchase one more commercial zero-turn 48" or 68" mower for Mills Creek Golf Course.

Discussion: Dave Waddington said we have had a wet season but we have a lot of older equipment at the Golf Course. We have one zero-turn Toro stand-up gang mower and another one would help because there is a lot of grass here and this is tough to keep up with. The Clubhouse looks great, but the outside is tough to keep up with and next year is the 80th anniversary of the course. He is worried about losing more customers because of upkeep and people make \$9 to \$10 per hour cutting grass so it is not like they are full-time employees. Greg Lockhart said he toured the Golf Course some time ago and before we buy any equipment, we should perform an analysis of the course as a whole. We do not have true greens and the proper equipment we need to make it more palatable to more golfers would require an upgrade for some of the lawn mowers we have. If we are going to make an upgrade to provide a true golfing experience, it should be made equivalent with some of the other courses. Dave Waddington said a lot of the comments were made by the golfers who wish they could play in Washington or Central Park. This really bothers him and they are right; we have a lot of senior citizens who play here, we are trying to attract more kids and the high school team plays at Mills. One piece of equipment could make a substantial difference. Dick Brady said he is not opposed to an in-depth analysis being performed to make this a better golf course but said the grass is growing right now and we need to buy this mower; he cannot imagine cutting the amount of grass we have at the golf course with a stand-up mower and is embarrassed we have not updated the gang mower since the 1970's. Spending \$5,000 is prudent and will raise the morale of the people working here, will help to get their jobs done and will be money well spent. Dennis Murray said he has spoken to Eric Wobser about taking a more comprehensive look at what we are doing with the golf course. Mills Creek is known as a "lunch pail" golf course and some people are critical of the fact we lost money on it, but we lose money with all of our parks. We should take a closer look at making sure we provide what people need today and remain competitive at some level because otherwise, we are at risk. Dave Waddington said we were going to purchase a piece of equipment from Sawmill Creek when they were going through their acquisition but they decided to keep it. Wes Poole said he believes we should have a great golf course and if anyone wants to play nine holes in this area, we want them to come to Mills Creek and asked why the staff has not requested this before. The process of how we got here is what he has concerns about. He wonders why this has not been in the budget or has been overlooked if we have departments and staff who oversee it rather than coming from someone who golfs here. The concept of picking up a piece of used equipment from somebody else is not one he supports and is not really the direction he wants to go with our golf course. If we are going to do things for the community, it needs to be first-class all the way with some justification rather than just cobbling something together because we are tired of seeing someone ride a standing lawn mower. He has seen them used by commercial companies who cut grass for money. Eric Wobser said the city has a number of equipment needs and for all of our departments. In particular our divisions which are revenue-driven or business enterprise-type departments like the golf course, we try to be as cost conscious as possible to make sure we are not subsidizing those enterprise divisions at the expense of the general fund. This being said, we try to be opportunistic and thinks this conversation started, at least in part, when there was a potentially unique opportunity with Sawmill Creek making some changes to look at equipment we may have been able to utilize at the golf course in an affordable way. This being said, and ultimately because they pulled back the equipment, we did not have a chance to make the purchase at that time. Mills Creek Golf Course does have a wish list and this is a matter of matching revenues with an opportunity. Based on this feedback, and knowing the commission is willing to expend some resources to provide appropriate equipment to make sure this is mowed and taken care of, the best course of action

would be to come up with purchasing the best piece of equipment for the golf course as possible while celebrating the history of the golf course. We also need to position it to succeed over the next several years. Dave Waddington said this has been an ongoing conversation since 2016 or 2017 and a few months ago the Recreation Board voted to get a new piece of equipment. Naomi Twine said the Recreation Board did vote, but that was when they thought we were getting equipment from Sawmill Creek - but this fell through. She does agree we should ask Jason Werling and the Greenhouse staff to assess the situation and come up with a recommendation. This would be the best course of action. Eric Wobser said based upon the urgency of this golf season, we should be ready with a recommendation by the next commission meeting. We can determine what the most pressing thing is and if it is indeed a mower, we will identify resources to make this purchase. Wes Poole suggests this be voted down because the cost of this mower would be less than \$5,000 and the commissioners do not need to be involved. The commission has made it exceedingly clear there is support to purchase this and they should get out of the way. Staff can come back to the commission with a proposal for what is needed at the golf course. It appears lawn mowers should be on the top of the list regardless and is what should have been done to begin with. He does not understand how there was a vote to get a mower by the Recreation Board; the commission never heard about it, and then it just died because we could not buy junk from someone else. He is being provocative, but this bugs him and he does not know why this is coming up now when it should have been taken care of through the budget to begin with back in January. Naomi Twine said this was going to be absorbed through the Recreation Department's budget to begin with and is why it did not come to the commission table. Dennis Murray said we have been talking about reinvesting in the golf course for two or three years. This is not a critique of staff, but we are doing so much and it is hard to know where to prioritize. Staff is hearing tonight this is a priority and we are passionate about this. The golf course is something that makes Sandusky special and no one else has anything like it around here and there is a way to find a balance to provide an affordable, quality golfing opportunity and continue this great investment for as long as the public wants to golf. Ten or twenty years from now, so many people may have hung up their clubs that this may not be something we need to provide anymore, but for a little while longer, we should. Dave Waddington said this started back in talks with the Diocese and we are handcuffed every year to the tune of about \$40,000 which puts us in a deep hole. A lot of this is weather-related and understands this, but as equipment ages, it gets fatigued.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to table the motion to purchase a mower until staff comes back with a recommendation.

The President declared the motion to table passed.

Greg Lockhart said last year, the **YMCA closed and he asked for an analysis of this building to possibly become a recreation center for our area.** If possible, he would like us to look at incorporating the golf course inside of the building/recreation center to consolidate, have a stronger Recreation Department and a place for people to go for activities, not just for golf, but other activities. This would be a strong resource either through lease or purchase and is what he asked to be done. Dennis Murray said the building has a lot of inherent problems; the two pools are shot, we would pour millions into it and the YMCA suffered from not being centrally-located. He would like to see the city's Recreation Center more centrally located to better serve the residents. Naomi Twine said we are blending two things here and would like to keep the conversation about Mills Creek Golf Course separate from the conversation about assessing the usefulness of this property. This is a bigger and broader discussion which will take a lot more time. Eric Wobser said staff is undertaking a more intense and broader analysis of what the recreation needs are. We hope, by the end of this year, to bring back a recommendation on how to move forward and the commissioners will be engaged as this process goes along. It will analyze different sites, parking, partnerships with schools and other organizations and ultimately make a recommendation as to the best fit for Sandusky.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to appoint Elisabeth Collins-Fiske to the Recreation Board for a term ending December 31, 2021. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to appoint Blake Harris to the Community Relations Commission for a term ending December 31, 2020. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to appoint Daniel Williams to the Community Relations Commission for a term ending December 31, 2020. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to appoint Vilicia Cade to the Community Relations Commission for a term ending December 31, 2021. The President declared the motion passed.

Dennis Murray said there have been several applicants **for the vacancy on the Landmark Commission** who are all very qualified. We will take a little more time to figure out who might be the best person to fill this vacancy.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:02 p.m., upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to adjourn. The President declared the motion passed.

Kelly L. Kresser, CMC
Commission Clerk

Dennis E. Murray, Jr.
President of the City Commission