



**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT  
JANUARY 2023**

**2023 Capital Budget Projects**

**Parks**

- Mower/Snow Blower/Broom Multipurpose Machine	\$75,000
- 2 Zero Turn Mowers	\$30,000
- 12 Trash Cans and 15 Park Benches	\$42,000
- 3 Drinking Fountains	\$12,000
- Helke Park Recycled Picnic Tables	\$26,000
- Helke Tennis/Pickleball Court Maintenance	\$10,000
- Dump Truck Replacement	\$85,000
- Art Park Amphitheater	\$550,000
- Robinette Park Restroom Building	\$300,000
- Sports Complex Fence Replacement	\$40,000
- Art Park - Seal Asphalt Pathways	\$8,000

**Recreation Center**

- Fitness Equipment Replacement	\$20,000
- Climbing Wall Auto Belay System	\$15,000
- Aquatic Center Frog Slide Refurbish	\$20,000

**Cassel Hills Pool**

- Pool Chair Replacement	\$5,000
- Diving Stands/Concrete	\$20,000
- ADA Compliance Improvements	\$7,500

**Senior Center**

- Fire Sprinkler System Replacement	\$125,000
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**Building Maintenance**

- Floor Care Equipment Replacement	\$10,000
- Municipal Building Asphalt/Concrete Maintenance	\$40,000

**Advisory Board Members**

- Tara Landis, Chairperson
- Lydia Baker, Vice Chairperson
- Rick Scherer, Secretary
- Lenny Maenza
- Larry Taylor
- Rodney Washburn
- Corey Follick, City Council Representative
- Bob Costello (Emeritus Status)

## PARKS & RECREATION

### MASTER PLAN

Thank you all very much for participating in the Parks & Recreation Master Plan presentation by Mike Svez of PROS Consulting. With your approval, the plan will now be presented to City Council on February 6 at 5:00 PM during the Council Study Session. Council will consider adoption of the plan at the February 20 regular Council Session. Parks and Recreation staff will be developing an implementation plan once the document has been approved by City Council. We plan to share this information with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board throughout 2023.

#### Grant Awards

- We received notification that our application for an ADA-Accessible Restroom Facility at Robinette Park has been awarded an Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks Grant in the amount of \$61,052. Many thanks to the Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities Services for providing invaluable assistance with the grant application and their financial commitment to the project. Our project is the only Montgomery County project to receive funding as we are receiving the entire county allotment. Vandalia received the fifth highest grant amount out of the 68 awarded projects.
- We received a Brighter Tomorrow Foundation Grant in the amount of \$9,896.76 for an adult changing station that will be placed in the planned restroom building at Robinette Park.
- Montgomery County Solid Waste District Waste Reduction/Recycle Grant - We received notification from the Montgomery County Solid Waste District that we have been awarded a Waste Reduction/Recycling Grant in the amount of \$22,287.65 for the purchase of three (3) Bigbelly Trash and Recycling Containers. Bigbelly smart waste and recycling systems for public spaces deploy smart, solar-powered, sensor-equipped waste and recycling stations that communicate their real-time status to streamline waste management operations. Customers experience up to 80% collection reduction in addition to cleanliness, operational, economic, and environmental benefits with the system. We plan to place units at the Art Park, Sports Complex, and Helke Park. The units will all be custom wrapped, similar to the pictures below.



## PARKS

- Snow and ice clearing equipment preparations. Installed the salt spreader on the dump truck.
- Continued cleaning of the Justice Center due to the sprinkler line break, all Park and Building Maintenance Staff have been involved in the process. The Contractor continues to complete repairs as supplies become available.
- Improvement work to the Assistant City Manager office was completed. Work is ongoing in the DES office.
- Two picnic tables were assembled and taken to the Robinette Park shelter. While switching the tables out, a park patron was very appreciative of the new tables. New tables were also placed at the Helke Park shelters. Nine additional standard tables and one additional ADA accessible table are needed to replace the remaining wood tables at the Helke Park shelters.

## TREE CITY USA / URBAN FOREST

- Cut down and removed the Christmas tree at the Rec Center and hauled it to the compost facility. Thank you to Public Works for the use of the bucket truck. Hauled approximately 50 trees from the drop area to the compost facility.
- Picked up the garden compost pile at Jeffers Park and brought it to the garage topsoil creation pile.
- Landscape maintenance included sidewalk edging at the VRC, mulch applications at various areas, and bed clean-up work.

## RECREATION



### Successfully Run Program

- Kids Home Alone, our ultra-successful partnership program with the Vandalia Division of Fire and Division of Police, was held on January 14 at the Senior Center with a program maximum of 20 kids participating. Children learned lifelong safety skills, which included first aid, reasons to call 911, fire escape plans, kitchen safety, internet safety, and how-to problem solve out of the ordinary situations.

## ATHLETICS



### Basketball Participation Numbers

	<b>Avg Past 5 Years</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Players	147	108	173	183

- We are 6 weeks into the season and games are going well.
- We have 51 participants for our K/1 instructional program this year! The program has been fantastic and we love having the Butler boys teams help out with that program. Thanks to the varsity head coach, Andy Holderman, the rest of his coaching staff, and players from 7-12 grade.



John is working with the Butler Baseball Club's scheduling. They will likely utilize Helke Park for practices this season, which will increase field availability for them.



### 2023 Season

John is hard at work eliciting sponsors for the 2023 athletics season. Team sponsorships help keep participation cost low. Our goal is to have one sponsor for each team. We have come up a little short recently.

## RECREATION CENTER

# STATS

- VRC Daily Admission revenue for the year totaled \$181,949 up from \$112,121 in 2021.
- Membership revenue for 2022 totaled \$491,789 compared to \$478,785 in 2021.
- Total VRC revenue in 2022 is \$995,658 which is an increase from the 2021 total of \$833,263.
- Insurance based memberships continue to be a vital revenue source for the VRC. We currently have 1,335 Members in this category, with 500 of these members residing in Vandalia, 294 in Butler Township, and 541 being Non-Residents. Insurance based membership visits for 2022 totaled 41,700, compared to 33,352 in 2021.
- We currently have 36 Unlimited Group Fitness passes sold. Bev Perilman once again used her pass more than any other pass holder in December, with 27 times. Keep up the great work Bev!
- The annual Maintain Campaign was once again very successful with 52 members completing the program over the holiday season. This program encourages members to maintain their current weight or lose weight during the holiday season. All 52 members who successfully completed the program received a free t-shirt, compliments of Hock's Pharmacy.



- Health Talk - Family & Friends CPR/AED Training - Wednesday, February 1.
- Health Talk - Home Health Care in the Comfort of Home - Monday, February 6.
- A free community health clinic will be held on Monday, February 6 from 10:30AM - Noon at the VRC. Health screenings include blood pressure, blood sugar, total cholesterol, blood glucose, hemoglobin A1c, as well as lifestyle coaching. To secure a spot, email Alicia.



After leading our Fitness Department for 9 years, Sarah Lavy submitted her 2-week notice on January 20. Sarah has provided a great deal of stabilization within her area of responsibility. We are extremely thankful for all the work Sarah did during her time with the City. Her new adventure includes more time with her 3-year-old and 4-month-old boys, and working with her husband and their family sign business. We wish Sarah all the best!

### Aquatic Center



Facility Manager Alicia McCracken met with Facility Maintenance staff for an aquatic center walk thru to develop a project list for the upcoming HVAC/Roof project shut-down period. This required shutdown period will take the place of the annual maintenance shut-down that typically takes place in August.

## SENIOR CENTER

- Senior Center Coordinator Toni Williams completed and submitted the six-month VanTran report for Montgomery County Jobs and Family Services. Reports will now be moving to a January to December report instead of the six-month reporting period.
- VanTran Driver Bob Riethman will be moving to Columbus. Toni is looking for a driver who can fill Bob's Tuesday volunteer driver schedule. One person has expressed interest.
- Senior Center member Kris Williamson volunteered her time to contact members who have not renewed their memberships. As of January 17, 411 of 654 members have renewed. 19 members not renewing have moved and 15 members have passed away. Membership renewals will continue to trickle in over the next month or so as the numbers shared are fairly typical for this time of the year.
- 2022 VanTran Statistics:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
One-Way Rides	111	112	148	146	176	153	129	158	167	166	140	166
Miles	234	321	369	539	423	475	315	461	493	474	369	551
45377	101	93	132	129	147	127	123	143	150	145	132	144
45414	10	19	16	17	29	26	6	15	17	21	8	22
Medical	22	32	18	34	45	39	10	39	43	36	30	37
Grocery	20	16	24	24	20	32	35	20	29	35	25	39
Senior Center/Bank	34	32	46	34	39	31	28	37	32	38	29	20
Personal Care	15	15	28	24	30	21	26	26	28	25	22	22
Non-Food Shop	3	0	10	8	14	6	6	8	6	4	9	15
Education	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Rec Center	17	16	22	21	25	24	20	26	24	24	23	26

## CASSEL HILLS POOL

- We received confirmation from SwimSafe Pool Management that Aaron Baker will be the Manager at Cassel Hills Pool this summer. Aaron and his family live in Butler Township and he is a teacher/coach in the Kettering Fairmont School District. He is also a former lifeguard at the VRC and Cassel Hills Pool.

## PARK BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The 2023 in-person Park Board Meeting schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 PM - Senior Center
- Wednesday, May 17, 6:30 PM - Parks Maintenance Garage
- Wednesday, August 16, 6:30 PM - Robinette Park
- Wednesday, November 15, 6:30 PM - Recreation Center

If you have any discussion topics for the February 15 meeting, please let Steve know!