

# City of Mentor-on-the-Lake

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## **Minutes Parks and Recreation Board October 29, 2024**

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio was called to order by Chairperson Jeanette Pechatsko, on October 29, 2024, at 6:33 p.m. in the Community Room of City Hall, 5860 Andrews Road.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL:**

Jeanette Pechatsko, Chairperson  
Kyle Kozlowski  
Carol Stafinski  
Tess Turi  
Jeannie Wong, Council Representative

Also Present: Dave Eva, Mayor  
Desirea Thompson, Council person  
Kenny Ice, Clerk

**ABSENT** Cathy Roos

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** August 25, 2024

**MOTION MADE BY;** Kyle Kozlowski seconded by Carol Stafinski to approve the Minutes of August 25, 2024. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Jeanette Pechatsko, Jeannie Wong; Nays: Tess Turi

**MOTION PASSED:** 4/0/1

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** September 26, 2024

**MOTION MADE BY;** Kyle Kozlowski seconded by Carol Stafinski to approve the Minutes of September 26, 2024. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Jeanette Pechatsko; Nays: Tess Turi, Jeannie Wong

**MOTION PASSED:** 3/0/2

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**REPORTS:**

**Council Representative:**

Jeannie Wong: Report is attached to the meeting minutes.

**Mayor:**

Mayor Dave Eva: Centennial event was a great success with around 60 people attending, including Dan Troy who presented the City with a Resolution.

Overlook Beach Park update, obtaining bids for outside engineers for this project, along with discussion of obtaining a SID loan, low interest 15 year, No money has yet been expended. Once this step is complete then we will create a new committee to continue this project.

**Chairperson:**

A few citizens caused bad publicity for our centennial events on Facebook and were calling out the administration unfoundedly without all the facts. Chairperson reminded committee members that if they see negative comments on Social media to ignore or inform people that our committee meetings are open to the public and if they have questions or concerns they are welcome to our monthly meetings for clarification. If a citizen reaches out to members for clarification, they do not need to comment and ask for citizen to attend our meetings for clarification. A member of the public at the meeting expressed disgust at the lack of representation at the October 19 event from prominent individuals including city vendors and those currently contracted or employed with the City, current and former members of Council, local business owners, and other local and county officials. The Administration confirmed that invitations were sent; a few did decline due to conflicts. At least two services did have representatives attend.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. 6:55pm**

Further discussion took place regarding Overlook Beach Park and we will be looking for another update in January 2025. It was agreed among those in attendance that we do not want to rush the process, but to take the time to research and make the correct decisions on how best to proceed.

Someone asked what it would take to improve attendance at PRB events. The need for better and more widely-distributed event advertising was brought up. The new Web site may help. Bringing back a Community Newsletter, as formerly employed by the City, but in both digital and hard copy forms, was suggested; funding through advertising, sponsors, and grants could help but it is difficult to reach the all citizens in a cost effective way. (not everyone has access or uses a computer). Word of mouth with support and sharing goes a long way.

**CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC: 7:24pm**

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

**Old Business:**

**MOTION MADE:** Tess Turi nominated Kyle Kozlowski as Vice chair; Seconded by Jeannie Wong, Nomination declined by Kyle Kozlowski.

**MOTION MADE:** Council Representative, Jeannie Wong nominated Tess Turi as Vice chair; Seconded by Kyle Kozlowski. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Carol Stafinski, Jeanette Pechatsko, Jeannie Wong, Kyle Kozlowski, Tess Turi. Tess Turi accepted the position as Vice chair.

**MOTION PASSED:** 5/0

Star Seekers Updates-

- Kyle will look at schedule and determine a date for early 2025.

**MOTION MADE:** Council Representative, Jeannie Wong to organize a Home Decorating Holiday contest. **SECONDED:** None

2025 Lake Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Proficiency testing tutoring, Chairperson Jeanette will reach out to Lake Elementary principal to see if this is something that can be done.

**New Business:**

- Review Charter amendment that is on the 2024 Election Ballot.

**SECTION 7.04 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD.**

A. There is created a Parks and Recreation Board to represent the cultural and recreational interests of the citizens of MOL by providing planning and oversight of ~~prepare, equip, operate and maintain recreation~~ recreational facilities, cultural activities, and as the Council may deem necessary.

- Carol and Kyle will meet and discuss/review suggestions for revisions to the Board Rules and present them at next Parks and Rec meeting.
- Carol has provided some verbal information for a Seniors program called 'Matter of Balance', Company that runs program is Fairhill/Metro. Utilize the Community room for more programs like this, during the week. Carol will share information with Jeanette and Admin to further look into.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is on Thursday, November 12, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION MADE BY** Carol Stafinski; seconded by Jeannie Wong to approve to adjourn. Motion made by acclamation.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Jeanette Pechatsko  
Jeanette Pechatsko, Chairperson

Date

11/14/24

Kenny Ice  
Kenny Ice, Clerk

Date

11/14/24

**Council Update for Parks & Rec Board**  
September 26, 2024

Since this Board last met on August 29, 2024:

**Short-Term Rental Regulations & Guest Lodging Tax:** Legislation has been introduced to set regulations for operation of short-term rentals (such as AirBnB's, vrbo, etc.) in the City. It is accompanied by a 3% Lodging (or "Hotel") Tax to be paid to the City by guests for rental transactions and will help cover the City's administrative costs for the program. Given that this proposes changes to the Zoning Code, Council voted to send the proposed legislation to the Planning & Zoning Commission for their recommendations.

**Adult-Use Cannabis Sales in the City:** Given the expiration in November of our current moratorium on retail applications to sell recreational marijuana, The Zoning Committee has begun exploring whether or how the City should regulate or restrict sales that are now legal (via State licensing). The new Ohio law allows local municipalities the option to impose further restrictions or bans, if desired, on top of any restrictions legislated by the State. Input from residents and the Planning & Zoning Commission has been requested and should guide what Council proposes. Please contact your elected officials to express an opinion on this matter.

**Comprehensive Municipal Plan:** The first Steering Committee meeting with Envision took place on Thursday, Sep 12. The proposed schedule of meetings over the next 9 months includes at least 3 opportunities specifically for Public comment and opinion.

**Design of a new City Website:** The Community Development Committee has authored a Request for Proposals to solicit offers from vendors who will design and construct a new City website.

**November General Election Information:** Requests for Absentee ballots are being accepted now by the Lake County Board of Elections and ballots will be mailed by October 8. Completed ballots need to be received at the Board (not your local polling place) by Nov 5 to be counted.

Early in-person voting starts on Oct 8 at the Board – See the schedule online.

Deadline to register to vote or change your address for this election is Oct. 7.

Visit <https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/boe/> for schedules, to check your registration status or polling place, and to see a list of certified candidates & issues. Sample ballots will be uploaded when available.

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Ordinance Committee Meeting TUE 10/01 at 6:30 pm** – Ongoing business (Noise, Parking)

**Regular Council Agenda Meeting THU 10/03 at 6:00 pm** - sets Agenda for next meeting

**Zoning Committee Meeting THU 10/03 at 6:15 pm**– Marijuana Sales Permit Ordinances

**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting MON 10/07** – Agenda to incl. Short-Term Rental proposed ordinance

**Regular Council Meeting TUE 10/08 at 7:00 pm** – Agenda available 10/03 after 7 pm

**Parks & Rec Board Meeting THU 10/24 at 6:30 pm** – Ongoing business