

PARK BOARD

February 23, 2026

The February 23, 2026 special Park Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kate Niederkohr, Chairperson. Park Board members present were Jon Blackburn, Cathy Browne, Dean Leonard, Kate Niederkohr, Erin Smith, and Bill Sturgeon.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Todd Karg, Parks Manager; Natalie Mouser; Julia Lemire; Aaron Korte; Laura Wines; Janeen Heilman; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss engineering services for a new swimming pool.

Mr. Ben Buckland, Law Director, explained Ohio's Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) Law for Professional Engineers, Architects and Surveyors as found in Ohio Revised Code Sections 153.65-153.73. The QBS process is necessary when engineering and architectural contracts will exceed \$50,000.00. Mr. Buckland explained the steps in the process for awarding engineers, architects, and surveyors for contracts including a public announcement requesting qualifications, evaluating and ranking the information submitted, and negotiating a contract with the firm ranked most qualified.

A motion was made by Ms. Browne, seconded by Mr. Blackburn, to proceed with a public announcement for qualifications from engineers interested in the Harrison Smith Park Swimming Pool Project. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, Chairperson