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## Green Space Sub Committee

**Timothy S. McGee | Committee Chair**

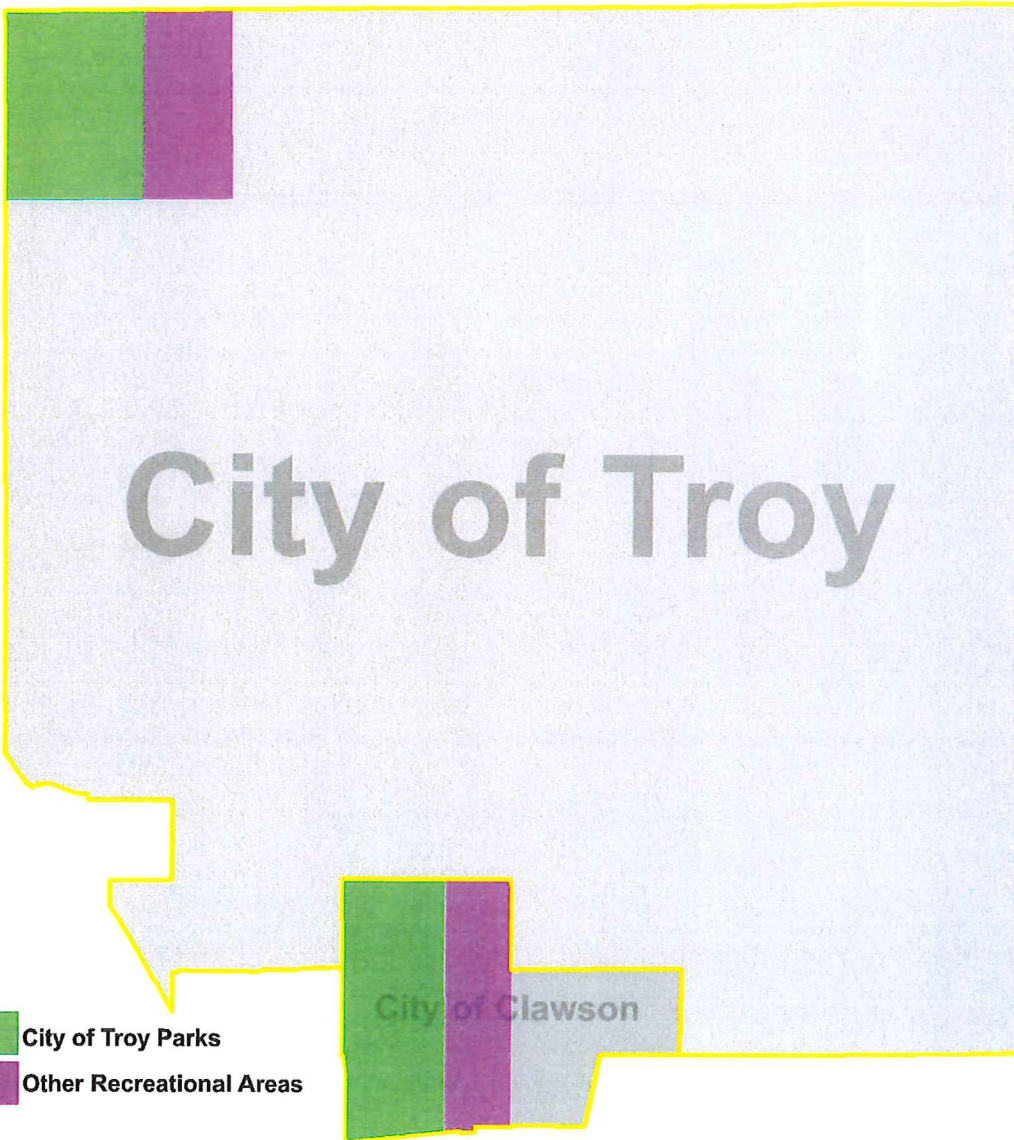
**Kelly Molinar | staff liaison**

1. Call to Order
  - i. 7:23PM after the Troy Parks and Recreations Advisory Board completed.

In attendance:

  - i. Chair: Tim McGee,
  - ii. City Staff: Kelly Molinar, Kurt Bovensiep, Dennis Trantham
  - iii. Additional committee members: Pam Brady, Mike Brady, Kathy Martin, Barbara Fowler, Ida Edmunds, Jeanne Stine, Kristin Franklin
2. Appointment of a Committee Secretary
  - a. Tim asked, no volunteers were able to take notes.
3. Finalize definitions of green space vs. open space
  - a. **Open Space:** Any parcel of land that is undeveloped and has no structures including parking lots, veteran's plaza. Open space does include greenspaces
  - b. **Green Space:** Public and privately available land with vegetation or areas allowing recreation or ascetic purpose
  - c. Continue listing focus areas and identify Top 5 to work on in subgroups:
    - a. Feedback from 2/1 Green Space Meeting:
      - i. analyze the current city inventory of both developed and undeveloped parks
        1. 13 have been developed and 18 undeveloped
        2. What is the number one park we use today?
        3. Parks and rec
      - ii. updating / renovate parks
        1. Is there a need to renovate some of the parks? Do we have needs for additional fields, bathrooms, etc
      - iii. benefits to green space
        1. Detailing what are the benefits of green space, because if there were none we would not be trying to preserve it. Green space, fresh area, areas of recreation, park-Rx, etc.
      - iv. what is cost of green space
        1. Birmingham had a bond millage that allowed them to purchase and pass Barnum Park redevelopment
      - v. small parks vs. large parks
      - vi. develop a land conservancy in Troy
      - vii. purchasing open space
      - viii. restrictions for developers
        1. Make contact with developers and why if they have any long term strategies? A lot of land is owned by individuals, can we ask what they are going to do with it?
      - ix. identify open land parcels not owned by the city
        1. Can we find out who owns them? Yes

- x. Additional discussion included:
  - 1. review current city ordinances, determine the impact ,and review other cities green space related ordinances, find what are the requirements of each
- xi. Revisit the maps-
  - 1. In addition to the maps provided after the first meeting. A comparison and total green space *attachment* was provided.
  - 2. There is a need for new maps, the schools are debated on if they are green space or not. Requested are maps with the building structure of the schools taken out of the images. This will show the true green space, not the buildings that are on the area. The school sites are debated because in school hours or evenings impact the availability of the space. Although most of summer, evenings and weekends the areas are open to the public. Continued discussions on what is the purpose of keeping the area private while kids are in school. Safety for the child is the reason why these areas are not publicly available 24/7. Continued discussion because some areas allow track fields to be used for public. Other areas like Birmingham allow adults to use the track in the morning, why are there differences? It is determined that rules of these area are defined by the school districts. Should we communicate with the districts in Troy to find out what the rules are of their green spaces? How does the city work with the schools to use the green space?
  - 3. How does our communities green space % compare to others?
  - 4. Swales are not green space
- 4. Structure committee into different groups
  - i. Reminded to group that direction was given to recommend an ordinance or alike to council.
  - ii. List top three groups those would want to work in
- 5. Meeting Schedule bi-weekly Thursdays 6PM Council boardroom
  - a. Green Space Committee - March 8, 2018 at 6PM in council boardroom. **Yes confirmed**
  - b. Green Space Committee- March 22, 2018 at 6PM in council boardroom. **Yes confirmed**
- 6. Adjournment: **8:23PM**



**City of Troy Parks**

- Beach Road Park
- Beaver Trail Park
- Boulan Park
- Brinston Park
- Donald J. Flynn Park
- Fire Fighters Park
- Jaycee Park
- Milverton Park
- North Glen Park
- P. Terry and Barbara Knight Park
- Phillip J Huber Park
- Raintree Park
- Redwood Park
- Robinwood Park
- Schroeder Park
- Sylvan Glen Lake Park
- Troy Farm

**.91 Square Miles**

**Other Recreational Areas**

- Community Center Annex
- Dover Park
- Gary Field
- Gateway Park
- John R Park Soccer Field
- Rotary Park
- Sanctuary Lakes Golf Course
- Station 2 Field
- Station 6 Field
- Sylvan Glen Golf Course
- Troy Civic Center
- Troy Community Center
- Troy Historical Village & Museum
- Troy Outdoor Education Center

**.58 Square Miles**

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