

The City of Canal Fulton

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2004 – 7:00 PM

REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Fred Fleming called the October 14, 2004 Parks & Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALLING OF THE ROLL

Present: Fred Fleming, Mary Ann Higgins, Bob Wagner, Rebecca Shimer and Mary Ann Hupp

Absent: David Prather, and Patrick Tohill

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2004 MINUTES

Mrs. Shimer made a motion to approve the September 9, 2004 meeting minutes as amended; seconded by Mr. Wagner. **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

OLD BUSINESS

OFF-LEASH PARK

Water has been installed; six trees have been planted.

Mr. Fleming read a letter from Sue Menefee, about an October 11, 2004 e-mail addressed to Linda Zahirsky regarding the Off-Leash Park. It stated, "1. Trees were planted, fertilized and mulched last Friday. Midday's has advised to water once a week and the Street Dept. is doing. 2. Too many little children (under 12) are going into the fenced in areas. Mr. Fleming stated children under 12 are allowed in the fenced-in areas; it's children under 6 that are not allowed in the area; (age) 12 just have to be under control. 3. Fast food is being brought into the fenced area which was not to be permitted. Bags and cups, etc. are filling up the "doggy waste" receptacles. Mr. Fleming stated he thought we asked that waste receptacles be put there in addition to the doggy, but that was overlooked . . . but they aren't supposed to have food in the fenced-in area, but they area. 4. People bringing in more than two dogs each. Mr. Wagner stated a man had five dogs, three on a leash and two in a carrier. Mr. Fleming stated he's not supposed to have more than two in there. 5. Metal trash cans are being vandalized – appear to be kicked in and dented. Mr. Fleming said one of them was actually stolen, and that's why the one up on the hill is plastic and has been replaced already. He spoke with Dennis Mayberry Tuesday today. Mr. Mayberry is apparently sitting up on the hill and watching, but not doing anything – just reporting it back. Mr. Fleming stated he doesn't know what Mrs. Zahirsky wants to do about it, but he feels that the next City newsletter should have the off-leash rules in it. They are going to try to get more/bigger trash cans for the park. Mr. Wagner stated he has met 31 different people at the dog park and most of them were first-time users from not only Canal Fulton but from "all over," and they are all very impressed with the dog park. Mr. Fleming got a comment from Massillon's dog park designer who said that he and his wife were at the dog park and said Canal Fulton's dog park is far better than Massillon's, that it has the perfect spot, is beautiful and the trees chosen are the best!

Mr. Wagner asked if the Board could possibly get two pieces of play equipment to be outside the fence.

Grand Opening Report from Bob Wagner

Mr. Wagner reported on the grand opening plans. He has spoken with Dick Goddard, who regrets he can't make it this year. However, Mr. Goddard suggested having the grand opening in the spring, so he could be there. Mr. Goddard would get more people out to the opening. Mr. Wagner went on to talk about possibly having a dress-up dog thing or just a parade of dogs, and making it a "howling" success. The Board decided to give Dick Goddard a few dates in April (hopefully the 9th or 16th) to ensure his attendance; the time will be decided at that point. Ms. Shimer will contact Deanne, whose fiancé runs J.F.M.A.K.E.R.S., about the dates and food. Mr. Wagner spoke with Mr. Haywood, who has the Northwest Singers, and he's trying to get it arranged to have them sing at the opening. Also, he stated that Pet smart and any other people who do "dog business" could maybe come to the grand opening, set up tables, give samples and giveaways, if they approach them in the "right manner," saying, "Look, we've got Dick Goddard coming down here; this is our grand opening, would you be willing to set up something and use giveaways, just to create some activity. Then they could list that along with refreshments, giveaways, etc. Mr. Wagner will be the chair.

Parking – there is no parking "cut in," and they may need the deputies, so they can assist parking on Butterbridge or at the other end of the dog park. Mr. Fleming stated he'd asked Dan Mayberry about that and they could just park on the lawn.

Mr. Wagner showed pictures of red oaks, and they are known for their tendency to turn deep red in the fall. It grows over 70-feet tall, and it's open and wide-spreading.

BRICK FUND

Report on Costs from Bob Wagner

Mr. Wagner had a sample of the limestone block and the type of work they do. The cost of the limestone block and lettering is \$85 to do it; the cost will be \$300. Mr. Wagner also had a sample of the brick pavers, and thought they should donate it to the anonymous people who donated four red oaks. The engrave brick runs the Board \$15.46 (\$0.46 for the brick/\$15 for the engraving – up to 3 lines, 14 letters/spaces per line). Charging \$100 each, minus \$15.46 each equals \$84.54 profit. Selling 25 would make \$2,013; 50 is \$4,027; 100 is \$8,454. If the Board sells the brick at \$50 each, the profit would be \$34.54. Selling 25 would make \$863.50; 50 is \$1,007.27; 100 is \$3,454. Mr. Wagner feels they will sell 100 to begin, with all of the people who signed their name on the "doggy sheet." There was a discussion about recognition of all donations (subject "blurry" to transcriptionist, due to non-introduction of subject matter). There was a discussion if anybody donates a minimum of \$1,000 will get a brick. Mr. Wagner stated he would like to see on each entranceway to each park (the big/the small), if they go ahead and make a brick plot there, put some fresh limestone in, set the blank bricks in, get a couple of signatures and put those in; and then if somebody asks about them, we take that brick out, have it done, put it back in. Mrs. Shimer asked if there was a chairperson handling the event and the brick fund; she also said it should stay simple, working on the grand opening, food, etc. – emphasis on the dog park.

Revisit Prices

Mrs. Shimer said she thought the following prices were reasonable and all agreed: \$50 for the little paver (4" x 8") – making \$34.54 profit on each; \$200 for the big brick (8" x 16") – making \$115 profit on each. People can also add a breed-of-dog design on the big brick. The bricks can be charged, and Mrs. Shimer is going to see if she can get 20% off the prices.

Mrs. Shimer made a motion that Bob Wagner is going to chair the dog park fund raiser activities and the grand opening event, and the Board has the engraved brick to be sold at \$50 apiece and the large limestone to be sold at \$200 apiece; seconded by Mrs. Higgins. **ROLL CALL: Yes - ALL**

Report on Forms from Mary Ann Hupp

Mrs. Hupp will create the forms, using the City of Canal Fulton's logo and also put "Parks & Recreation Board" on them – bringing a draft to the next meeting for approval. Then Mrs. Schauwecker can possibly

put same on the web site. Mrs. Schauwecker is requested to send a copy of the City of Canal Fulton's logo.

2004 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Report from Mary Ann Higgins

Mrs. Higgins said she was talking to Tammy Luther and Mike Rodino (Finance Director) to confirm the number of people who attended from Lawrence and Clinton, and the numbers differed "a bit." Basically, about 20 people from Lawrence Township at \$200 each (\$4,000); 1 person from Clinton. The participant numbers are less than the year's before. The money goes back into the General Budget because the year is almost over. Everything went well; the church site was good; SARTA buses went fine overall, albeit being late occasionally and they are interested in doing it next year, and Mrs. Higgins agreed; SARTA was quite a bit cheaper than what they'd budgeted for Northwest; staffing levels were better. Budget-wise, they would stay at the same amount to budget for next year as 2004's (\$10,000 plus \$3,150 participant fees went to the YMCA - VFW was \$250 each.) They ended up not having the Stile's Art Program; that was \$1,200 in the budget line item. Pam is concerned about whether Lawrence Township was willing to reimburse for this, since they are building their new recreation center/administration offices (1/2 the program, basically). If they don't, they might have to charge Lawrence Township children significantly more. Mr. Fleming said the Joint venture might not take place for a few years. All-in-all, the program went well and the families were happy about it. Mr. Fleming will put \$10,000 for the 2005 Summer Recreation Program.

Mrs. Higgins made a motion that the City of Canal Fulton works with the Jackson YMCA to implement their Summer Recreation Program in the summer of 2005; seconded by Mrs. Shimer. **ROLL CALL: Yes - ALL**

Tennis Courts

Mr. Fleming stated it was his impression that a letter was sent to Senator Regula, and then it was decided to go ahead and send the letter to FEMA. Then "they" asked FEMA to respond in writing, so that if it turned down again, the letter from Regular (plus their response) will go to Regula. "They" are waiting for the response from FEMA; most of the delay has been here.

Nature Trail – No Report

Phase I of Community Park

Plan to start in early spring 2005

Discovery Park Plans

Mr. Fleming stated the trees being cut down are related to clearing around the pond. There is a tree lying in the pond; Dennis Mayberry could probably use a reminder. He is going to talk to Scott Svab to see if he has any people to clear the rubble there.

Mr. Fleming spoke with Cawrse & Associates and had the estimate changed. It's now at \$87,610. He had the asphalt walking path changed to 7-foot-wide, so it's now up to 720 L.F. at \$15.75/foot (\$11,340). Cawrse also had the pads for the picnic tables and benches in there; the pads for the park benches are put there for 1) you can bolt it down to the concrete; 2) maintenance – trying to mow around the park bench without moving every bench. Those pads were changed and taken out of asphalt and put in as a separate line item as "picnic table and bench concrete pads." There's 840 sq. ft. at \$4/square foot (\$3,360). These are estimates; when it goes for bid, you'll get the real prices. The play equipment (\$8,000) was said to be "cheap" by Cawrse & Associates. Mr. Fleming spoke to him and told him it had to be ADA-accessible. The surface underneath has to be what qualifies for ADA. Cawrse got it with safety rubber chips, but it may be asphalt with an insert of the thick carpet – like they have in Fairlawn.

Everything is ready to go for the grant.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Reservations – tabled, as nobody has seen anything.

Skate Park Request

Ian Losch (Dan Losch's son) delivered to City Hall a letter requesting a new Skate Board Park, along with a 12-page petition for same. - TABLED

Newsletter Items

November 12 is the deadline to get information to Council Clerk. Mrs. Shimer will handle this, plus the November "Our Town." It was stated that there should be a "thank you" for the Summer Recreation Program – making sure Lawrence and Clinton are included.

Budget

2005 Summer Recreation Program (taken care of above) (\$10,000)

Include the grand opening for the dog park (flyers, etc.). Dennis Mayberry wanted to know what they are going to do in between the gates on the air locks because you can't grow grass there. A suggestion was to put bricks in it – or a pad outside.

Ball fields (\$15,000 to \$20,000)

Tennis Courts: Perhaps the Board can set aside money.

Skate Board Park: Budget ?

It was suggested that maybe one could be behind the Police station, but that is questionable.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be November 11, 2004 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mr. Fleming adjourned the meeting.

Fred Fleming, Chair