

THE CITY OF CANAL FULTON

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

December 11, 2003

Present:

Fred Fleming, Mary Ann Higgins, Robert Wagner
Shannon Waggoner and Rebecca Shimer were absent.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Higgins made a motion to approve the minutes of November 13, 2003. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion.
Roll: Yes – ALL.

2004 Summer Recreation Program

Mrs. Higgins said she has set up a meeting with the YMCA to put together an agreement to present to City Council. She said the meeting is set for Tuesday, January 6, 2004, at 10:30 A.M. A discussion of the role the Y would play in the program followed. Mrs. Higgins said she would love to hear any ideas anyone on the Board had.

Mr. Wagoner said he felt the Park Board should have an article in the City Newsletter as the other departments of the City have.

Mr. Wagoner said he would like to get the information out to the schools to get them signed up as soon as possible. He also stated, although it was probably too late, that he would like to see a winter program.

Mr. Wagner also stated that what they need is land. He said the land next to the Senior Center is owned by Mrs. Puffenberger and Mr. Puffenberger was the band director at Northwest High School for years. He said the information he has is that she will not sell to any developer, but if she is approached correctly and let her know that it is for the children, she may go along with it.

Mrs. Higgins pointed out that a thank you letter was sent to Stark Parks for their help in last year's program.

Mr. Fleming said to check with Mrs. Loretto as to whether or not the January 6th meeting needs to be publicized.

Ball Fields

Mr. Fleming said the work on fields 4 and 2 was to start this week, but because of the bad weather it has been delayed. Mr. Wagner stated Mr. Kyler should be better at returning phone calls and let the Board know what is happening. It was agreed by all that, whatever the case, the fields would need to be ready by the time they are needed. Mrs. Higgins asked if Mr. Fleming needed to confirm that the ball field money will carry over into

next year. Mr. Fleming said he had gotten a notice not to spend any more money. Mr. Fleming said that they already have a purchase order for the ball fields and that stays in effect.

Tennis Courts and Nature Trail

Pictures were shown of tennis courts. A learning resource center was then discussed. Pictures of a “safety town” were also shown. Then pictures of a nature area were shown. It was noted that there were boardwalks everywhere, but in the original drawings for the Canal Fulton nature trail showed only partial boardwalks. Mr. Wagner asked if they could get a grant would Schalmo’s \$100,000.00 seed money apply as matching funds. It was answered yes it would.

Mrs. Higgins said she thought the State of Ohio through “Nature Works” may offer funds. She said she thought Dan Mayberry has written grants like that before and they could work with him.

Community Park, Phase 1

Mr. Fleming said the old pool house is gone, but he doesn’t know what happened to the players’ benches. Mr. Wagner said he thought he saw them up on Water Street stored outside the garage.

Budget

Mr. Fleming said he has not yet seen it but has been told that they have the money for the Summer Rec Program and that’s all he has heard. He said there are two categories in Parks and he is not sure how much money is put into each. He said one is contractual and the other is operating supplies and services.

Ohio-Erie Canal Corridor

Mr. Fleming said the Ohio-Erie Canal Corridor is requesting a meeting with this Board to discuss the potential of holding their festival in Community Park. Mr. Fleming said they have been invited to the next meeting.

Stark Parks

Mr. Fleming said Stark Parks wants to put together some kind of traveling exhibition of memorabilia. He said it may be something they would want to do with the new visitors’ center and would be in 2005. But he said they are looking for partners now. Mr. Fleming said the way he sees it, they need our Heritage Society and possibly Clinton’s to come in on this. He said part of the project is a “loan program” where local heritage societies loan artifacts to the program for a period of time. Mr. Fleming said they have between now and 2005 to set up some kind of loan program in order to participate in this project. He said he would like them at the next meeting too.

Mrs. Higgins said they could talk about it at the next meeting, but she felt perhaps the Heritage Society could take the lead on this project.

Ladies Soft Ball

Mr. Fleming suggested they hold this schedule until Kyler’s schedule is in so there are no conflicts. Other scheduling was discussed.

Mr. Wagner said he got word that David Rail is going to be selling some flat lands property. Mr. Fleming said he has seen activity already going on there but he is not sure what it is. There was further discussion of the land.

Mrs. Higgins asked if they will be doing elections next month. Mr. Fleming said yes; chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary. Mr. Fleming said there may have to be a special meeting for business in January aside from the other things they have discussed.

Mrs. Higgins said she was a member of the National Parks & Recreation Association and she gets magazines every month. She said she would be glad to share them with the rest of the Board.

The meeting was adjourned.

Fred Fleming, Chair