

The City of Canal Fulton

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES December 9, 2004 – 7:00 PM

REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Fred Fleming called the December 9, 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, and Mary Ann Hupp

Absent: Rebecca Shimer, David Prather, and Patrick Tohill

APPROVAL OF November 11, 2004 MINUTES

Mr. Wagner made a motion to approve the November 11, 2004 meeting minutes; seconded by Mrs. Hupp. **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

OLD BUSINESS

OFF-LEASH PARK

Grand Opening Report from Bob Wagner

It was stated that Mrs. Shimer would be calling J.F.M.A.K.E.R. regarding food. Comments were made about how the Board can judge how many would attend. Mr. Wagner spoke with Dick Goddard but hasn't got a firm commitment yet; he gave Mr. Goddard the dates of April 9 or 16 to see which he can attend. Mr. Goddard told Mr. Wagner to get in touch with him in March. Mr. Wagner is going to write a letter to Mr. Goddard telling him exactly what they are faced with regarding advertisement and have him sign/return it "like a contract." Mr. Wagner is going to check the spelling of Lou Griswold from Massillon Cable TV, who does ads for the Animal Protective League. Mr. Fleming is going to speak with his friend who has a trophy business about donating ribbons. Charging fees for the dress-up-your-dog contest was discussed, and it was decided not to charge fees. Selling raffle tickets for the black lab was discussed. There was talk about calling people who signed the park petition, but a date has to be decided on first.

Mr. Wagner suggested making the entrance to the dog park at the other end, due to the parking problem (people are tearing up the grass). It was suggested to try and get Council to let them have the other end for parking (there is room for five to six rows of cars). If Council would permit this, they would have a paved street already going into the park because of the Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Wagner suggested a light be installed to stop vandalism. The City would have to add gravel/base for same. Mr. Fleming spoke with Dennis Mayberry about putting more stone up the other parking lot; Dennis will give him spray paint to "line it out." They spoke about how they could stop people from going over the hill tearing it up in the process; people are following the Maintenance personnel's tracks, and they try to go in a different place every time, so they don't leave a track. People can park on both sides for the Grand Opening, according to Dan Mayberry.

BRICK FUND

Report on Forms from Mary Ann Hupp and Bricks from Bob Wagner

Mrs. Hupp stated nobody has called about buying a brick yet. Mr. Fleming sent a form to Dan Hurd but has had no response. It was suggested to have Patti Schauwecker put the form on the web site (Mrs. Hupp to send to Mrs. Schauwecker via e-mail), and for Mrs. Shimer to write a newsletter article for same.

Area bulletin boards were suggested for the forms, along with an actual picture of the brick on forms. There was a question about if the Board should get in touch with the City Law Director regarding the bricks, the Grand Opening, and what the money would be used for by the Board. Mr. Fleming said it was not necessary (he has already spoken with the City Manager).

2005 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Report from Mary Ann Higgins/Lawrence Township Participation

They are hoping to make sure that Lawrence Township puts in at least \$6,000 for the 2005 YMCA Summer Recreation Program, since half the participants were from Lawrence Township. Mrs. Higgins left a message with Trinity Church to ensure they are still onboard as a site, along with a message with Phyllis Mayberry (Clinton) to see if they are still interested in supporting any Clinton Village participants. Mrs. Higgins will update the previous year's contract with the YMCA.

TENNIS COURTS

Report from Fred Fleming

Mr. Fleming has not heard anything; he'll be talking to Dan Mayberry about same. There was a magazine presented that had information about tennis court surfaces, talking about bringing "baby boomers" back to the public tennis courts that can be as simple as "changing your surfacing," with articles on skate parks.

NATURE TRAIL – NO REPORT

PHASE I OF COMMUNITY PARK Plan to Start in Early Spring 2005

It is still a go and all taken care of. It was asked if it is going to impact Park reservations; Mr. Fleming said he'd ask Dan Mayberry, also about "Chicago money." Mr. Wagner asked if the Concession Stand was going to stay; they are not touching it w/Phase I—nothing beyond the Parking lot. Mr. Fleming stated they tentatively voted to remove the basketball courts. Mr. Wagner asked what was going to keep that from "flooding out" and was told "nothing." Mr. Fleming stated that is why the parking lot is being done in chip-and-seal, as they know it will have to be replaced practically every year. There will be concrete curbing.

DISCOVERY PARK PLANS

Report from Fred Fleming

Mr. Fleming distributed Resolution 22-04 passed December 4, 2004 by Council. Permission to start the process is granted, and this is the meeting he will have with Mr. Mayberry tomorrow. Mr. Fleming made a phone call to Cindy at Echoing Ridge, told her what the City is doing, and was told she'd give them whatever help they want. The grant still has to be applied for prior to February 1, 2005. Mrs. Higgins offered her help to complete the grant package; Mr. Fleming will be working with Mr. Mayberry about same. Mr. Fleming stated Michelle Park (Ohio Parks) was taken on a tour of the City and was very impressed about what Canal Fulton has been able to do - loves the Dog Park. As far as the new park, Ms. Park said the City has every chance to get the grant with its diversity, as the City has 1) the elderly; 2) young kids; 3) the disabled; and 4) the City has all phases, and the City is going to put them all in that one park. It was mentioned that Mr. Shafer (who attended the meeting) knew how to write grants, and Mr. Fleming is planning on asking him to take a look at the grant - along with others.

NEW BUSINESS

NEWSLETTER ITEMS: Report from Rebecca Shimer – NO REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be January 13, 2005 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mr. Fleming adjourned the meeting.

Fred Fleming, Chair