

# ***The City of Canal Fulton***

## **PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**April 14, 2005 – 7:00 PM**

### **REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING**

Fred Fleming called the April 14, 2005 Parks & Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **CALLING OF THE ROLL**

*Present:* Fred Fleming, Mary Ann Higgins, Mary Ann Hupp, Rebecca Shimer, and Nate Ogg

*Members Absent:* Courtney Morgan

*Introduction of Ed Foucek:* Tabled due to Mr. Foucek's attending a funeral.

### **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 28, AND MARCH 10, 2005 MINUTES**

Mrs. Higgins made a motion to approve the February 28, 2005 meeting minutes; seconded by Mrs. Hupp.

**ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

Mrs. Shimer made a motion to approve the March 10, 2005 meeting minutes; seconded by Mrs. Higgins.

**ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **OFF-LEASH PARK**

##### **Grand Opening Report**

Someone will contact Mr. Wagner for a written update, phone numbers, etc. It was stated that the Board couldn't guarantee exclusive rights to Pizza Pan, but they would not solicit for other pizza shops. Dick Goddard is to be contacted by Cheryl Rosenberger. Mrs. Higgins distributed an article on kids and dog parks.

Mr. Fleming stated Scot Svab (Community Service Coordinator) said the City has put lime on the dog park, as well as Muhlhauser; he wanted to know if the Board would want the dog park seeded with a good barnyard grass. Mrs. Higgins made a motion to approve up to \$100 for grass seed for the Canal Fulton Dog Park to be installed by Community Service; seconded by Mrs. Hupp. **ROLL CALL: Yes - ALL**

#### **Gift to the Fire Department**

The Honuchan Society wants to give an animal resuscitation unit to the Fire Department. Mr. Fleming has yet to hear from Chief Green about same; he will call him again.

#### **Discuss Parking Lot**

Mr. Fleming talked to Dennis Mayberry about the upper and lower parking lots. Mr. Mayberry is putting stone in the upper lot that's swept off of the chip and seal streets. There was a discussion about funds for same.

#### **BRICK FUND**

##### **Report from Mary Ann Hupp**

Mrs. Hupp said they sold another brick; Mr. Fleming had more sold a total of \$100 (2 @ \$50 each). There was a discussion about who will be responsible for laying the bricks; Mr. Fleming will speak with the City Manager about the issue, noting sand and limestone has to be installed below the brick.

## **2005 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM**

### **Report from Mary Ann Higgins**

Mrs. Higgins said everything was going fine. The YMCA has scheduled all the field trips for the program. There will be no Stiles' art classes. Registration flyers will be distributed at the Northwest schools. There was a discussion about the VFW donations. Work on getting the registration packets together is in progress. Trinity Church is set up for the program. Patti Troccoli will be taking care of the registrations this year.

## **TENNIS COURTS**

### **Report from Fred Fleming**

Tennis courts are still being worked on with Engineering.

## **PHASE I OF COMMUNITY PARK**

### **Schedule of Construction**

Dan Mayberry will give Mr. Fleming a schedule of the construction. It's going according to schedule. The Pavilion is gone; it will be replaced. They also removed the big tree.

### **Stark Park Lease Agreement**

The Heritage Society has a May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to get the boat in the water and everything set up. Stark Parks is not going to send their representative back that was at the Heritage Society until the Visitors Center contract is signed. Mr. Fleming will advise John Hatfield about this. It was stated the Stark Park Lease Agreement is between Stark Parks and the City; but, it has to involve the Heritage Society. The scheduling has to be completed, so it can be brought together into an overall schedule. Stark Parks creates an Annual Operating Plan for the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources (i.e., event, date of event, who's responsible for it, etc.). The Park Board will meet with Bob Fonte regarding same. The City will control the Visitors Center. The lease agreement will be more of a mutual agreement, noting exactly what is going to happen and when.

## **DISCOVERY PARK PLANS**

There was a suggestion about putting a trash can in Discovery Park, as people are eating lunch there, etc. Dennis Mayberry is going to take another shot at filling the sink hole before somebody gets hurt; he also has a barrel for trash. There is a dead animal by the fence that needs to be disposed of soon.

## **SKATE PARK REQUEST – On Hold**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Park Reservations**

Tammy Luther did these before. It was stated that what is happening with them is unknown at this point.

### **Newsletter Items**

#### **Report from Rebecca Shimer**

Ms. Shimer is going to ask Patti Troccoli to wait until their next meeting to have one more day to write articles on the Canal Fulton Dog Park Opening, Visitors Center, and the YMCA Summer Program.

### **Puffenberger Land Auction**

Mr. Fleming stated the City bid \$600,000. It was sold for approximately \$950,000.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting will be May 12, 2005 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mr. Fleming adjourned the meeting.

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**Fred Fleming, Chair**