

The City of Canal Fulton

PARK BOARD MEETING

May 13, 2003

MINUTES

Present: Fred Fleming, Mary Ann Higgins, Scott Svab, Shannon Waggoner.

Mr. Fred Fleming Called the Park Board meeting of May 13, 2003 to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Fleming called for approval of the April 30, 2003 minutes. Mr. Svab made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2003 Park Board meeting. Mrs. Higgins seconded the motion. Yes – ALL.

OLD BUSINESS:

Summer Recreation Program.

Mr. Svab stated that some of the fliers went out earlier this week to Clinton Elementary and Canal Fulton Elementary. He said Mrs. Reiter made up the itinerary, which will be included in the next batch they send out.

Mr. Svab asked what they will do if a Clinton Elementary School registers but does not live in Lawrence Township. It was decided to look at it on a case basis.

Mr. Fleming pointed out that the \$500.00 contribution from the V.F.W. is used to subsidize families who cannot afford the program.

Mr. Svab said he talked with Tim McCulley about a director. He feels the Park Board should hire its own director.

Mrs. Higgins said she and Mrs. Waggoner had started on the job description. Mrs. Higgins said she would talk with Mrs. Loretto and go over it with her. A short discussion followed. The Board decided on \$1,000.00 as the salary.

The agreement between the Park Board and Northwest Local School District for use of the buses was approved. The agreement will need to be signed by Mrs. Loretto. The actual agreement will have to be between the City of Canal Fulton and the Northwest Local School District.

The Sluggers & Putters contract was also discussed and approved. An Ordinance will be sent to City Council at the next meeting for approval by them.

The confirmation letter was discussed.

The daily schedule was discussed. Mrs. Waggoner said she would call Laser Quest back to make sure of the time schedule and how long it will take to play two or three games. She said she would also confirm the dates with the Cleveland Zoo and Hale Farm & Village. She said she would also call and confirm with the Canal Fulton Canoe Livery.

Confirmation for Reservations

Mrs. Higgins said she spoke with Tammy Luther regarding confirmation forms to people who signed up for the ball fields. She said they gave confirmation notices for the pavilion and the gazebos. She said Mrs. Luther will give confirmations to everyone who signs up for the fields and everything else.

Ball Field Renovations

Mr. Fleming said he spoke with Mrs. Loretto again, and the City says they can get the dirt cheaper than the Park Board can. He said, the problem is, that's the kind of dirt they've been getting and the Board does not want that dirt. He said Mrs. Loretto said to go back to Kyler and have him give a bid for the entire thing and define what the dirt is. She said if the City can't supply that dirt cheaper, they will go with Kyler.

Open Space Fees and User Fees

Mr. Fleming stated that Ordinance has gone to Council. He said the Law Director had a question about liability concerning User Fees. Mr. Fleming has contacted the insurance company and he has also talked to their risk manager to make sure there will be no problem.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tennis Courts

Mr. Svab stated he called Dumont's to get a feel for how much nets cost. He said Dumont's quoted \$110.00, depending on the quality. He said they need two nets at approximately \$120.00 a net. He said before the courts can be paved over, the existing cracks must be repaired. Mr. Svab said there is much patching that needs to be done before the paving. He said they are looking at between \$100 – 200 just to fill the cracks. Mr. Svab said he spoke to Dan Mayberry who said they courts had been re-done about ten years ago. At that time, they took it completely down and put new base on. At that time, the cost was \$6,000.00.

He said the plans for the new park include the tennis courts and Mr. Mayberry's opinion is to fix what we have. Mr. Svab said if they go with two inches on top after repairing the cracks, it will cost approximately \$4 – 5,000.00, not including labor. He said there are

also parts of the fence that are pulled out and need to be repaired. Striping was also discussed. That would be an added expense.

Mrs. Higgins stated it looks like the Board has \$15,000.00. Mr. Fleming said they have spent \$10,000. So they have \$5,000.00 left for the year. \$6,500.00 has been encumbered for the ball fields.

Mr. Svab made a motion to spend up to \$600.00 to fix the cracks and buy new nets. A discussion followed.

Mr. Svab amended his motion to approve \$500.00, not to exceed, for crack patching and \$250.00, not to exceed, for the purchase of new nets. Mrs. Waggoner seconded the motion. A short discussion followed. Roll: Yes – ALL.

Mr. Svab said McCulley volunteered the use of his facilities next year if the Park Board wants to do something on the Saturday before Easter. He said he will help coordinate it. It would be an Easter egg hunt with costume characters.

Mr. Svab said the trees have been planted at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Fleming asked where the money came from. Mr. Svab said Community Service bought part of them and the Park Board paid for 400 of them. They have planted a total of 700 trees. He also asked if the Board wanted to look into planting pumpkins up there for a pumpkin festival for the fall. Mr. Svab said he thinks he can get the Lions Club to sponsor it or perhaps the Northwest Seniors.

Mrs. Waggoner said it was a good idea, but it would be good if they got someone to pitch in for the cost, it would be better. Mr. Fleming also said he would like to get some sponsorship on it.

The meeting was adjourned.

Fred Fleming, Acting Chair