

The City of Canal Fulton

PARK BOARD MEETING

June 12, 2003

MINUTES

Present: Fred Fleming, Mary Ann Higgins, Shannon Waggoner, David Prather.

Guests: Debby Underwood, Canal Land Ladies Softball; Leslie Evans, Peter Schafer, Patrick Tahill

Mr. Fred Fleming Called the Park Board meeting of May 13, 2003 to order at 7:00 P.M. He introduced Leslie Evans, who will be the Summer Recreation Program Coordinator this year.

Mr. Fleming also introduced Peter Schafer, who will be talking about use of the pavilion.

Mr. Schafer stated he was planning a youth group outing for the youth group at Sts. Philip and James and the other Stark County Parishes. He said they would be canoeing and would like to use the pavilion for lunch. He said there would be between 30-40 people.

Mrs. Higgins made a motion to approve Sts. Philip and James use of the pavilion. Mrs. Waggoner seconded the motion. Roll: Yes – ALL.

Mr. Fleming called for approval of the May 13, 2003 minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Roll: Yes – ALL.

Mr. Fleming said Debbie Underwood has a request that came in to Dan Mayberry. Ms. Underwood said field #4 is all full of grass and they need to dig it up and put dirt on it. She said the softball league would hire someone to do it.

Mr. Fleming said he spoke to Mr. Kyler and Mr. Kyler will not be able to start on the fields for another couple of months.

A discussion followed concerning the fields. Ms. Underwood said they may have to look at going to Clinton. Mr. Fleming said he would get back to her.

Mr. Fleming made a motion to approve Ms. Underwood's request, tentative to her agreement with the team concerning fixing the field or going elsewhere. Mrs. Higgins seconded the motion. Roll: Yes – ALL.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Higgins pointed out the grid of all the contact people for the Summer Rec Program. She said she felt the Day Trip times needed to be confirmed, because they will be different from the regular 10:00 – 2:00 schedule, in most cases.

A discussion followed and times were set.

The art classes were discussed. The art teacher wants to work with a limit of 15 children. It was decided that the classes would be broken up in a.m. and p.m. sessions.

Mrs. Waggoner said that Laser Quest can only do 30 children at a time, so something will have to be worked out for that.

Mrs. Higgins asked about an ending date for registration or cut off at a certain number. Mr. Fleming said the Township has money for 30 children and the City has money for about 40 children.

Leslie Evans said she was told that parents would go on the Day Trips. She also said if they have 15 tear-olds, they could be “junior counselors”. That would be a help.

Mrs. Higgins suggested that Ms. Evans call several parents a week before the Day Trips to ask for volunteers to go along.

Ms. Evans asked if there is funding to purchase kick balls or other things that may be needed.

The tee shirts and color of the shirts were discussed. It was decided that a bright color would be best.

Mrs. Higgins suggested a cut off date for registration be July 1st.

David Prather asked if the parents or volunteers going to be assigned specific children. Mrs. Waggoner said that probably would not work. Mr. Prather said he meant would each parent would have “x” number of children to look after.

Mrs. Higgins said that some of the places they’ll be going on the Day Trips will want to be paid at that time. She said others will send an invoice.

The rest of the schedule was reviewed.

Mr. Fleming said Sherry Reiter put together a letter for the parents and a schedule. Mrs. Waggoner said the letter looks good, but changes need to be made on the schedule.

Gazebos

Mr. Fleming stated that the gazebos have been damaged again. He said now they cannot be repaired. He said they are looking into a gazebo at Occasions Party Center. He said the other alternative is to rent a tent. He said there are bids out to have them rebuilt.

People For Parks

Mr. Fleming said Mr. Svab is doing the final paper work on it. He said they paid \$300 for the signs.

Ball Field Renovations

Mr. Fleming said Mr. Kyler can do the fields for \$6,500.00, if the City takes care of the manhole towers and take care of any dirt that is left over.

Open Space Fees

Council had the first reading on the ordinance. Mr. Fleming stated that the User Fee ordinance has been passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Fleming announced that Scot Svab has resigned from the Park Board. He said there is a section in the City Charter that states that an employee of the City cannot sit on a Board or Commission. He said this impacted three people. Mr. Fleming said there are now two vacancies and both are Northwest School positions.

A short discussion followed.

Mr. Prather stated that the St. Helena III is an authentic replica and asked if the new building for Phase I of the Community Park renovation is going to be designed like it looked in the 1800's. Mr. Fleming said it would have a rustic look. Mr. Prather said Canal Fulton was very lucky to have its history. He said this is one thing he will stand up for – the history of Canal Fulton.

A discussion about what would be happening during Phase I of the Community Park renovation was held. The parking lot will be increased, a bus route will be put in and the visitor's center will be renovated.

Mr. Prather asked who is in charge of cutting back branches along the Canal. Mr. Fleming said it is the City's responsibility. Mr. Prather said they are overgrown and dragging. The City will be approached about cutting them back.

The meeting was adjourned.

Fred Fleming, Acting Chair