

The City of Canal Fulton

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2005 – 7:00 PM

REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Mary Ann Higgins called the June 9, 2005 Parks & Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM, as Mr. Fleming might need to leave early.

CALLING OF THE ROLL

Present: Fred Fleming, Mary Ann Higgins, Mary Ann Hupp, Rebecca Shimer and Ed Fousek

Members Absent: Courtney Morgan (vacation) and Nate Ogg

APPROVAL OF MAY 12, 2005 MINUTES

Mr. Fleming made a motion to approve the May 12, 2005 meeting minutes; seconded by Mrs. Hupp. **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

OLD BUSINESS

SKATE PARK REQUEST

Linda Zahirsky phoned Mr. Fleming saying the city where she is working had a big write-up in the paper about their skate park. They had budgeted \$20,000 for it; they're already up to \$120,000. There was a discussion about costs, liability and locations issues for the proposed skate park.

OFF-LEASH PARK

Grand Opening Report

Mrs. Higgins said everything is ready. She distributed an updated document that showed the flow of how she saw things happening and a "To Do" list for everyone. She stated Rev. Cheryl Rosenberger has four or five volunteers; Mrs. Higgins asked her to designate two of them to arrive around 11:00 AM to help with parking/vendor placement. She asked members to be there at 10:30 AM. Rev. Rosenberger is bringing a flat bed with tables, chairs and tents; the flat bed will be the stage. The city is cutting the grass, bringing trash cans and barricades tomorrow. The Porta' Pottie and cigarette funnel disposals will be delivered. There needs to be two cash boxes (for raffle tickets and water sales) and a receipt book for bricks sold. There will be several buses/vans that will set up and sell things like ice cream and novelties. A map with vendor locations was reviewed. Suggestions were made for pet contests judges; Mr. Fleming attained ribbons for same. Mrs. Shimer will bring 120 bottles of water to sell; everyone is asked to bring a cooler with ice. Five half-sheets of Pizza Pan pizza will be delivered; if runs out, they will deliver whatever is needed; Patti Troccoli will work that table. Dick Goddard will not be attending. E Photography will take pictures for the Board and Lynn Harold offered a dog portrait (\$75 value) for the raffle. A lot of businesses have donated treat, coupons, gifts, etc. that are going into the gift bags and for giveaways. Raffle tickets will be sold at \$1 each or \$6 for five. There will also be a dog statue.

Mrs. Shimer sent press releases to *The Repository*, *Akron Beacon Journal*, *The Independent*, Channel 9 and 94.1; 94.1 will have a truck at the Grand Opening. Mr. Fousek's wife saw the press release on Channel 9. Ms. Troccoli also said Chris Pugh from *The Independent* is going to do a story about the Grand Opening.

The Board decided to rent the Porta Pottie for four months (flat-fee of \$670 until middle of October). Miller Sanitation will service it once each week. There is a one-time \$20 fee to strap it down. The city will be billed monthly. Mr. Fleming made a motion to accept the Porta' Pottie fees; Mr. Fousek seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL: Yes - ALL**

Gift to the Fire Department

It is unknown who is going to accept the animal rescue unit; Mrs. Higgins will speak with Michael Mouse if Chief Green can't attend to accept same.

BRICK FUND

Report from Mary Ann Hupp

Bricks will be sold at the Grand Opening. Approximately 10 have been sold at this point.

2005 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Report from Mary Ann Higgins

Mrs. Higgins talked with Ms. Troccoli who said between eight and 12 kids are registered. The program starts July 18, 2005. June 27th is evening registration from 6:00 – 7:30 PM; Mrs. Hupp volunteered for that night. Mrs. Higgins will assist the July 6th registration evening. Pam Leddon will need a key to City Hall for those evenings

TENNIS COURTS

Report from Fred Fleming

Mr. Fleming said the tennis courts project is out for bids; bid opening is June 24, 2005. By July 5th, they should have an approval of the selected contractor, who will have 60 days to finish the courts after the contract is signed. There was a suggestion to dedicate the courts to Shawn Kenney and to get in touch with Scott Fellmeth to put together the dedication and present same. The ribbon cutting can also be then. Dennis Mayberry will tear the old tennis courts out, replacing the dirt and seeding same.

NATURE TRAIL – No Report (Remove from Agenda)

PHASE I OF COMMUNITY PARK

Schedule of Construction

Schedule is on track; the Visitors Center is almost completed.

Stark Park Agreement

Bob Fonte wants to know the Board's availability for the week of June 20th to talk about staffing the Visitors Center.

DISCOVERY PARK PLANS

Report from Fred Fleming

As of yet, there has been no decision made about the grant application.

NEW BUSINESS

PARK RESERVATIONS – None Received

Mr. Fleming said Debbie Underwood called to say the fields look like they've been sprayed on the inside because there are dead weeds all over the infield of two of the fields. The other one is full of live weeds. They need dirt and want them fixed up for the Olde Canal Days Festival. Mr. Fleming is going to have Dennis Mayberry call her.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Report from Rebecca Shimer

Patti Troccoli included a flyer for the Grand Opening as an insert in the June issue of the *Canal Fulton City Newsletter*. Mike Mouse also wrote in his article for the *City Newsletter* that there have been many people who have appreciated the Canal Fulton Dog Park.

GREEN SPACE FEES

Mr. Fleming will attend the Planning Commission meeting 6/16/05 presenting an increase for green space fees (currently \$200 – raising it to \$300).

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be July 14, 2005 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mrs. Higgins adjourned the meeting.

Mary Ann Higgins, Acting Chair