

The City of Canal Fulton

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2004 – 7:00 PM

REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Fred Fleming called the July 14, 2004 Parks & Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM. (This is a rescheduled meeting from July 8, 2004.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALLING OF THE ROLL

Present: Fred Fleming, Mary Ann Higgins, Rebecca Shimer, Bob Wagner and Mary Ann Hupp

Absent: David Prather and Patrick Tohill

Ms. Shimer made a motion to excuse David Prather and Pat Tohill; seconded by Mrs. Hupp. **ROLL CALL: Yes - ALL**

APPROVAL OF JUNE 10, 2004 MINUTES

CORRECTIONS:

- ◆ Page 1, Calling of the Roll: Rebecca Shimer, Bob Wagner, David Prather and Patrick Tohill were not at the meeting.
- ◆ Page 2, Paragraph 2: Off-Leash Park: Supplies/Signage/Driveway/Parking – should read, “He said one idea is to have a kiosk.”

Mr. Fleming stated that Patti Schauwecker (transcriber of the minutes) will correct minutes prior to putting them on the web site (after approval).

Mrs. Higgins made a motion to approve the June 10, 2004 meeting minutes with the corrections appended to it; seconded by Mr. Wagner. **ROLL CALL: Yes - ALL**

OLD BUSINESS

Off-Leash Park: Discussion of supplies, signage, driveway and parking

- ◆ Off-Leash Dog Park signs: One sign up at the entrance
- ◆ Parking to the right and left
- ◆ Rules & Regulations currently mounted on the fence
 - Concern about the height
 - Mr. Wagner’s suggested mounting on 4” x 4”s/mount outside fence
- ◆ Supplies (bags, dispensers, etc.)
 - 3 bag dispenser units (one on hill; one for each side)
 - 2 off-leash pet signs to go on gates (reminder to clean up after dog)
 - 2 cases of bags (30-bag rolls [30 rolls of 200 bags each – 12,000 bags]) – waiting for arrival of same

Mrs. Shimer made a motion to approve the cost of the bags (\$731), including the UPS charges; seconded by Mrs. Higgins. **ROLL CALL: Yes - All**

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- ◆ Driveway: Putting stone at entrance
 - Water Treatment Plant should put up no parking signs
- ◆ 3 receptacles ordered for excreta (barrels there during interim)
 - Wire-type so air can pass through
 - Sits on a pad
 - One in each park/one up on hill
- ◆ Water being brought to park currently
 - Buying one fountain
- ◆ Donation Program Ideas
 - Pavers engraved to sell
 - Use pavers possibly as a pad for entrance
 - Pavers engraved with pet names (living or deceased, etc.)
 - Out of City donations accepted
 - Sign-up sheet at Dog Park support
 - Donations from anybody; keep track in separate account (City books)
 - Checks made out to City of Canal Fulton, specifying check for Dog Park
 - Use City Newsletter for announcement of Donation Program
 - Distribute announcement brochures: church bulletins, etc.

2004 Summer Recreation Program

Mrs. Higgins stated the 2004 Summer Recreation Program starts next week (July 19, 2004). She spoke with Pam from Jackson Parks, and there are about 28 people signed up so far (more to come). There was an issue regarding Fred Etheridge's grandchildren not being able to attend; Mr. Wagner checking into the problem. Unexpected problem with Northwest buses; SARTA is now going to provide buses for the day trips.

Staffing with a lot of people from the Jackson YMCA part-time; Pam will be on staff with the program as needed. They send newsletters each week to all signed-up participants about what's going to happen the next week, and Mrs. Higgins will ask them to send the Park Board members the newsletter also, so they'll know what's going on. They called all the participants last year to remind them to register for this year's program.

Ball Field Renovations: No Report.

Tennis Courts: Report from Mr. Fleming

Mr. Fleming had to send the City how much in maintenance they had to pay over the years due to flooding. Mr. Fleming tried to get that information, but the records are unattainable. The problem is that they call it "Basketball Courts," when they were fixing both. Also, knowing it's an "unending battle and a money pit," they haven't been doing anything. Dan Kuntz from Stark Parks told Mr. Dan Mayberry that he has a record of all of the floods that the City has had because it also washed out the towpath. Mr. Fleming checked with Mr. Mayberry and put a call into Stark Parks, and they're trying to find the maintenance records and will get back to him with the information. Mr. Fleming said if they could come up with that, they could put an estimate as to how much they pay to clean the mess up again every time it floods (4 times this year already). With the current agreement, they have to fix the tennis courts by January 1, 2005 or build another set.

Nature Trail: The land just beyond Longview on the left-hand side hasn't been accepted by the Board or the City yet for the Nature Trail, but there is a proposed entrance, small parking lot, a couple of picnic tables, pathway/boardwalk combination. Question came up if the EPA has tested the water and land to see if there are any problems, and nothing has been done at this point.

Phase I of Community Park: Plan to start about July 15, 2004

The electricity is being worked on. The light poles are up. They've got the layout of the parking lot. Mr. Fleming said there were some problems. In talking to Craig Cawrse of Cawrse & Associates, he stated they only got one bid and it was "way up there," and he is suggesting that the Board hold off and go out for bids in the winter time. The bids have to be ODOT approved, but Mr. Dan Mayberry said that may be waived.

Discovery Park: Fencing and Park Design

Mr. Fleming spoke with Craig Cawrse about the layout of Discovery Park and a section of the park that they might bridge or build a wall and put a fence across it. There are picnic tables now in Discovery Park. There are handicapped picnic tables at the garage, and Mr. Fleming wants to take two of the picnic tables currently in Discovery Park out and put the two handicapped picnic tables in Discovery Park. Mr. Fleming said what that'll require is where the pathways are on the existing plan that they'll have to have something going off of there to a pad for the picnic tables, so that wheelchairs can get across to those tables, as well as foot traffic. He said Mr. Cawrse brought up the fact that he has a new process whereby you put down a screen and you grow your grass through it, and now you've got a flat level wheelchairs can navigate on and you have grass too. The lot line supposedly came way down over the bank, which is difficult to get back to, so they had a surveyor come in and find it. There is about 18" to 24" between the two, and you've got to have the fence 1-1/2 foot inside the lot line, which means you've only got about 6". They have to build up that bank and put a piece of fencing in to put a pathway across it. The lot line up in the far point behind the fourth house – it is way behind a row of large pines. Mr. Cawrse said it would be a week or so before Richard Washington could get back to him; he hadn't, so Mr. Fleming will call him.

They are trying to get a design. They have to have the entry for a grant in by February 1, 2005.

Concession Stand: Kim Moore got the key to the concession stand and brought it back, but Mr. Fleming hasn't seen her yet to talk to her about it. Mrs. Shimer will talk to Ms. Moore about same.

NEW BUSINESS

PARK REQUESTS

National Multiple Sclerosis Society: April 23, 2005

The National MS Society requested to hold its MS WALK for Multiple Sclerosis April 23, 2005, and they want to again use Canal Fulton Community Park for a fourth year as their Start/Finish Location. They'll bring in a 10-yard dumpster (dropping it off Friday, April 22/removed April 25) with a proposed location for the dumpster behind the Boy Scout Building. They will erect 2 tents next to the existing pavilion (same setup/removal dates). They will place 2-3 Porto-johns (regular and handicapped-accessible) near the Boy Scout Building (same setup/removal dates)

Mrs. Shimer made a motion to accept the National MS Society's request for them to hold its MS WALK for Multiple Sclerosis April 23, 2005, using the Canal Fulton Community Park; seconded by Mrs. Higgins. **ROLL CALL: Yes - ALL**

Roster for Parks & Recreation: All reviewed and added specific information for Clerk of Council to correct.

City Newsletter: Information due August 13, 2004 to Patti Schauwecker, Clerk of Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be August 12, 2004 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, and Mrs. Higgins will be running that meeting. Mr. Fleming adjourned the meeting.

Fred Fleming, Chair