

The City of Canal Fulton

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 25, 2003

**MINUTES
(as amended)**

PRESENT: Fred Fleming, Mary Ann Higgins, Bob Wagoner, Rebecca Shimer

Guest: David Kyler

Mr. Kyler said he was present to see if he would have to pay to use the ball fields next summer. Mr. Kyler said he uses two fields and they practice three times a week up until the first of May. He said, under the new Ordinance, that would cost him \$60.00 per week. He said it would almost \$600.00 for the season.

Mr. Fleming said if he can't get Chris Kyler out to the fields, they won't have two fields.

A discussion followed.

It was asked if Mr. Kyler was willing to drag and maintain the fields. He said he always has.

Mary Ann Higgins asked if the increased fees will be used to better maintain the fields. It was asked if Mr. Kyler's dragging and maintaining the field would offset the \$10.00 fee. She said in recognition of the work he does on the fields, the Board could waive the fees.

Further discussion followed.

Mary Ann Higgins asked if they would possibly be opening a can of worms if the Board waives his fee. She asked if the other teams know that he maintains the fields.

Mrs. Higgins said she would be in favor of waiving the fees because of the work Mr. Kyler does, but look at it next year to see if the City has collected enough money to maintain them.

Mr. Wagner made a motion to waive the fees for Mr. Kyler's team. Mrs. Shimer seconded the motion. Roll: Yes – ALL.

Mr. Kyler said he felt it was an absolute shame that a town this size cannot find any money for its parks.

Summer Recreation Program

Mrs. Higgins said Leslie Evans turned in evaluations for each day during the Summer Recreation Program. Ms. Evans said she thought the program went very well. She said she would consider doing it again next year.

The finances and cost of the program was reviewed.

Open Space Fees

Mr. Fleming said the Open Space Fees Ordinance was passed by Council, but they have a problem with another one. Mr. Fleming said the open space fees used to be 4 cents for every square foot under roof and the new ordinance now has it at a \$200.00 flat fee.

Mr. Mouses's ordinance was reviewed. Mr. Fleming went over the difference between the ordinance that was passed and Mr. Mouse's version. Mr. Fleming said Council made a motion to send Mr. Mouses' back to the Park Board. A discussion followed.

Mrs. Higgins made a motion to reject Mr. Mouse's ordinance regarding open space fees. Mrs. Shimer seconded the motion. Roll: Yes – ALL.

Gazebos at Muhlhauser Park

Mr. Fleming said the repairs to the gazebos are beautiful.

Mr. Fleming also said that the Service Director of Wadsworth is sending him the plans, an estimate, and a list of companies to put in tennis courts at Muhlhauser. He said they will need to put a budget together. He also send a citizen sold them two tennis nets for \$25.00 a piece.

Community Park, Phase 1

The Planning Commission plans were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Fleming said he had a signed contract from the Methodist Church for the sale of coffee and donuts at the concession stand in the park at the soccer games on Saturdays.

Budget

Mr. Fleming asked everyone to think about what else may be needed in order to present a budget to the City Manager and Council for next year. Mrs. Higgins said she would estimate the same amount for the Summer Program next year. Mr. Fleming said last year they put in for \$25,000.00. It was decided to discuss the new budget further and come up a with figure for next year.

The meeting was adjourned.

Fred Fleming, Chair