

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

April 12, 2007 – 7:00 PM

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Fred Fleming called the April 12, 2007 Parks & Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALLING OF THE ROLL

Present: Fred Fleming, Mary Ann Higgins, Mary Ann Hupp Rebecca Shimer and Kyle Storsin

Absent: Ed Fousek

Other Present: Kathy McConnell, Canalway Program Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Higgins moved to approve the March 8 meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Ms. Shimer. **ROLL: Yes, All.**

Mrs. Shimer was not present at the last meeting.

Mrs. Higgins would like to let the record reflect for clarification that under Parks and Recreation Programming, it should read “they would like to decide if they are doing the movies in the park so that it could be included in the newsletter” and the “she” is Ms. McConnell.

OLD BUSINESS

Puffenberger Property: No Report

Off Leash Park:

Mr. Fleming reported that the fence was fixed and he has the bill. He stated it was going to cost between \$250-\$350 to fix it. He told them to keep it as close to \$250 as they could. The total cost was \$250. Mr. Fleming discussed all the items that were fixed.

Mrs. Hupp moved to approve the bill in the amount of \$250, seconded by Ms. Shimer. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

Mr. Fleming stated the rules signs have been installed. He stated the Street Department put bricks around the water outlets and they put more dirt on the large dog side. All areas were hydro-seeded with fertilizer.

Brick Donations: - No Report

Parks and Recreation Programming:

YMCA Day Camp: Mrs. Higgins stated a meeting will be held with Ms. McConnell, Jean Campbell and herself on Tuesday at 10:00 AM at the Canalway Center to update them on the program.

Recreation Program Offerings: Ms. McConnell stated they partnered with Stark County Parks and Canal Fulton Canoe Livery for programs in May.

There was discussion on a projector for the movies in the park.

Mr. Fleming stated distributed a copy of the program for the summer concerts. He asked each band to provide information about them, which has been included in the brochure. Mr. Fleming stated he has received \$1,150 in donations. The donations are as follows: Heritage Square, \$250; Domino’s Pizza, \$100; Affinity, \$200; National City Bank, \$250; Workman Auto Parts, \$50; Edward Jones, \$100; and Skipco, \$200. He stated Heritage Square Pharmacy stated they would donate an additional \$250 if they run short.

Tennis Courts: The nets have been installed.

Canalway Center: Ms. McConnell distributed her March monthly report. Some of the highlights were: the library had hosted a program and it went very well; panel committee met and information turned over to Mr. Ed

Shuman for design; charter reservations for the canal boat have begun; a job description was written for the historian; she is the liaison for the Historical & Art Festival which is being planned for August. Mr. Fleming asked if the dates have been reserved for the park through Ms. Lawson. Ms. McConnell stated Mr. Downing had the paperwork. Ms. McConnell stated she would check with Mr. Downing to make sure the dates have been reserved so there isn't any conflict with the park use.

Discovery Park: The benches have been bolted down to the pads. Mr. Fleming is checking on a bench for the play area.

The ODNR sign has been embedded in a sandstone block, which is placed in the front of the playground area on Eriksson Street side.

Ms. McConnell commented on the needs for St. Helena Park and hoped that this park would not be forgotten. Mr. Fleming stated they have an estimate for the fence. Mr. Fleming reviewed a list that was prepared by the Public Service Director and Street Department. It included: the chains on the swings need replaced, remove the teeter totter, touch up paint on the jungle gyms-severely rusted areas only, replace/repair roof on concession stand, install player benches, remove approximately 80 feet of split rail fence, add a small section of split rail fence between the pipe gate and the concession stand.

Newsletter Items: - There was discussion on updating the information in the newsletter relating to the dog park. Ms. Shimer stated she would like to have included in the newsletter that the dog park is closed for annual reseeding, brick has been placed by the water pump, and the park benches have been installed at Discovery Park.

Budget: No report.

Skate Park: No report.

Community Service Coordinator: No Report.

Olde Canal Days: Dick's is willing to make a donation again this year. Discussion was held on the location of the booth this year and possibly getting frisbees to sell. The next Canal Days Committee meeting is April 26.

Priority List: Report under Discovery Park.

Trash Receptacles: Ms. McConnell asked if the lids could be painted. It was determined to replace the lids.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Reservations:

Steve Ries, Northwest Youth Soccer Team: Mr. Fleming stated Mr. Ries has spoken with Mr. Goode regarding any conflicts in scheduling between this league and the Northwest/Jackson league. Mr. Fleming will need to review this application.

Olde Canal Days: Mrs. Higgins moved to approve the use of St. Helena Park July 12-14, 2007 for the Olde Canal Days Festival and to waive the fees, seconded by Mrs. Hupp. ROLL: Yes, ALL.

Habitat for Humanity Lutheran Churches, Thomas Hardgrove: They would like to host a bicycle run. They are requesting use of the parking lot and pavilion on June 9 from 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Mrs. Higgins moved to approve, contingent upon approval from Stark Park's for use of the towpath, seconded by Mrs. Hupp. ROLL: Yes, ALL.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fleming adjourned the April 12, 2007 Parks and Recreation Board meeting. The next scheduled meeting is May 10, 2007.

Fred Fleming, Chairman