

**CITY OF CANAL FULTON
PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

June 11, 2008

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD:

Fred Fleming called the June 11, 2008 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, Barb Allman and Katie Mertz.

Absent: Ed Fousek and Ethan Fahrney.

Others Present: Kathy McConnell, Canalway Center.

CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA - The next regular meeting should read, July 10, 2008.

This was noted that this will be a conflict with Olde Canal Days. It was determined that the next meeting will be held on July 9, 2008.

Mr. Fleming stated under tennis courts, that he has something to discuss with the gates.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Higgins moved to approve the March 13, 2008, seconded by Mrs. Allman.
ROLL: Yes, ALL.

Mrs. Allman moved to approve the May 8, 2008 minutes as amended, seconded by Mrs. Hupp. **ROLL: Mr. Fleming, Mrs. Hupp, Mrs. Allman and Miss Mertz. Abstain, Mrs. Higgins.**

It was noted that the date of adjournment and next meeting should read "adjourned the May 8, 2008 meeting, and the next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2008."

OLD BUSINESS

PUFFENBERGER PROPERTY:

Recreation Center Update: Ms. McConnell stated there isn't any report. Ms. Saeger has been busy working on the Doylestown site. She indicated they are still very positive about Canal Fulton.

Engineering for Topography Grading: No Report.

OFF LEASH PARK:

Broken Seats on Picnic Benches: This matter is still being reviewed by engineering. They have changed the boards from 1-1/2" to 5/4". They are only going to put one screw in each 10' board.

BRICK DONATIONS: No Report.

PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMMING:

Movies in the Park: Ms. McConnell has put together a schedule of events for the summer. The first movie was attended by approximately 50 people.

Special Event Cruises: Ms. McConnell stated the committee that she had been working with for these cruises have decided to cancel the events. She stated Mr. Hatfield has some difficulty working with the committee back and forth and Mr. Haas, who has been the lead on the events, decided to not do any more. They have decided against having the cruises. Ms. McConnell stated the root beer float, jamboree, and story telling cruises are going to be changed into campfire nights. Ms. McConnell stated the Heritage Society has decided they will do the wine and cheese cruise. Ms. McConnell stated hopefully next year they will have the cruises.

Summer Concerts Schedule: Mr. Fleming reported the first concert is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2008.

There was discussion on selling water at the summer series.

501(c) 3: No Report.

TENNIS COURTS:

Build Your Own Drinking Fountain: Mr. Fleming stated he will be getting costs for a drinking fountain and the City will run the water line. They also need a fountain at Discovery Park.

Wind Privacy Screen: The screen was installed last week. An email was received from one of the neighbors. He stated the screen is doing what they hoped it would.

Light Timer: They are going to install a timer for the hours that the lights can be turned on.

Rules & Regulations: Ms. McConnell stated Chief Frisone had indicated there were a number of kids on the tennis courts with their bikes and/or skate boards and also sitting on the nets. The Chief has visited the courts numerous times and felt if we had the rules posted, then when his department responded, they would be able to point to the rules. She stated she has reviewed various municipal parks and put some together.

Ms. McConnell stated the Street Department gave her an old speed sign that she took to Ohio Plastics. They will take off the old sign and replace with new wording at a cost of approximately \$40. The sign should be done within the next week.

Mr. Fleming stated Southway Fencing will be giving us an estimate for the damage to the gates.

CANALWAY CENTER:

Canalway Center Report: Ms. McConnell stated last year she had indicated she would like to have monies allocated for a flat screen television and a DVD player for the Center. She would like to be able to show pictures that she has collected in the process of putting the interpretive panels together.

There was extended discussion on the monies of the grant that is to be received from OECA.

Mrs. Higgins moved to approve up to \$1,000 for the purchase of a flat screen television and other necessary items related to this purchase, seconded by Mrs. Allman. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

Reservation Procedure & Instructions: Ms. McConnell stated she will be emailing with Mrs. Higgins related to the procedures and instructions. She would ask that they start reviewing the rules again in September.

DISCOVERY PARK: - The park benches will not be installed until later this year, possibly in the fall.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS:

Report: No Report.

BUDGET:

2008 Budget Review – No Report.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR:

Project Suggestions (John Murphy): No Report.

OLDE CANAL DAYS:

Show Planning: Ms. McConnell stated they are working on the events.

Dick's Sponsorship: Mr. Fleming stated he should have some information within the next week or two. If he does not, he will make a follow-up call.

PRIORITY LIST:

Report: No Report.

ST. HELENA HERITAGE PARK:

Fence: No Report.

New Roof for Refreshment Stand Building: Mr. Fleming stated he received an email from Mr. Mayberry indicating starting on the roof and also to see about getting the small building the Heritage Society has on the towpath to remove it.

Ms. McConnell stated at last meeting she reported on Dominion East Ohio Gas doing a project in Canal Fulton. She stated three representatives were here inquiring about specific projects. She stated the list they gave them focused on St. Helena Heritage Park. Ms. McConnell stated they wanted more project ideas. She stated they haven't said yes to any of them, but they have not said no to any of them. She stated they indicated they all looked workable. They indicated other park projects could be included, it does not have to be limited to one area.

Mrs. Higgins stated she would like to see the loop trail cleared along the river.

Dirt for Ball Fields 1 & 2: Mr. Fleming stated dirt has been put on field #1. At this time, they are not going to put dirt on field #2.

Olde School Yard Park:

KaBOOM!/The Home DePot Blitz Project: Delayed until end of June. They were also going to install mulch, now they are not going to do that. The mulch was going to be donated, but the area is too big for the company that was going to make the donation.

New Student Advisors (Katie Mertz): Miss Mertz stated she has spoken to one of her friends about serving on the board.

Muhlhauser Park: Mr. Fleming is getting price quotes for the park sign.

Website: The new designed website is now online.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Reservations: Mr. Fleming stated there was a conflict with a reservation this past month. He stated there is going to be a wedding. The couple rented the gazebo and they are going to put flowers down the pathway. The couple mailed out their invitations. They contacted the Senior Center for a back up in case of rain. The Center had a spaghetti supper scheduled for that evening. The Center has agreed to change the supper date.

Mr. Fleming stated the Center provides a copy of events to Ms. Lawson. The spaghetti dinner was not on the list.

Ms. McConnell stated there is software available that can be shared between sites.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fleming adjourned the June 11, 2008 meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting is July 9, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

Fred Fleming, Chairperson