

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

*August 14, 2008*

**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD:**

Fred Fleming called the August 14, 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, and Ed Fousek.

**Absent:** Barbara Allman.

**Others Present:** Kathy McConnell, Canalway Center.

**CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA** - Mr. Fleming stated he needed to add Muhlhauser Park to the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Fousek moved to approve the July 9, 2008 seconded by Mrs. Hupp. **ROLL: Yes, Mr. Fleming, Mrs. Hupp and Mr. Fousek. Abstain: Mrs. Higgins.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**PUFFENBERGER PROPERTY:**

Recreation Center Update: No Report.

Engineering for Topography Grading: Mr. Fleming stated he needed to speak with the City Engineer.

**OFF LEASH PARK:**

Broken Seats on Picnic Benches: Mr. Fleming stated they now have a third bench with a broken seat. He contacted the company and they will replace it. He stated they will contact him when they are ready; and then he will pick them up.

Mr. Fleming stated he advised Mr. Cozy that he will be changing sides of the big dogs/small dogs at the park. The grass on the small dog side has come in nice. He stated by changing sides, this will allow the big dog side to relax.

**BRICK DONATIONS:** Mr. Fleming is to install the brick that was sold. Community service workers and the youth workers have planted new flowers at the park and pulled the weeds from the bricks.

## **PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMMING:**

Movies in the Park: The last movie for the season was held at the park. There were about 50 people present. He stated True Life Church gave out free popcorn.

Recreation Programs – Plans for Fall: Ms. McConnell distributed a copy of the activities for the fall which will be included in the newsletter. She is trying to maintain the same format so residents get familiar where they are located in the newsletter.

Lil Kickers Program: Ms. McConnell stated Mrs. Higgins is going to be a contracted instructor for the Lil Kickers program. Mrs. Higgins had asked Ms. McConnell if she could do this with being a member of the Board. Ms. McConnell stated she had asked the previous Law Director before about this. It was indicated you can't be a City employee and on a Board, but she can be an independent contracted instructor and be paid a stipend. The Lil Kicker's program is for preschool children and will be held four times, 45 minutes sessions. Ms. McConnell stated there will be some costs associated with this and will not be recouped with this session. They are hoping these programs will continue in the spring. They are limiting the class to 12 participants.

There was much discussion on the fees for the program regarding resident and non-resident. It was decided to charge all participants the same fee.

Halloween Event: Ms. McConnell stated she will be meeting with Mr. Derry soon to discuss the Halloween event. She stated Council will determine the date at their meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Holiday Event: The downtown merchants have not met to determine when they are going to do this year. Ms. McConnell stated Santa Claus was popular and would like to do this event every year. She stated they determined last year that the Blank House is too small. She stated the Roberts had indicated they could utilize the Warehouse on the Canal for the event. She stated if they do allow them to do this, they would probably have enough space to include an activity project for the children. Ms. McConnell stated the library is doing an event on December 6 and is hoping this is the date the Holiday Event will be held.

Progressive Hors d'oeuvres Walk: Participants would start at the Warehouse on the Canal where there would be history of Canal Fulton and then break into small groups and go to different locations throughout town and be given history of the building and receive hors d'oeuvres. She stated she has volunteers. It would be a partnership between the City and Warehouse on the Canal. The City's role would be the promotion of the event and assisting with the planning.

Senior Campfires: Ms. McConnell stated she has one scheduled for September 24 and October 23. They will be held at the Canoe Livery. Mr. Chuck Haas is planning the event. The event is limited to 20 participants. The Canalway Center will be taking the reservations.

Haunted Canal Fulton: Ms. McConnell stated this event will be held with Sherri Brake-Recco. She does a free slide presentation.

Mrs. Hupp moved to approve funds not to exceed \$200 for the purchase of equipment for the Lil Kickers Program and Mary Ann Higgins to be paid a stipend of \$40 to be the instructor, seconded by Mr. Fousek. **ROLL: Yes, Mr. Fleming, Mrs. Hupp and Mr. Fousek. Abstain: Mrs. Higgins.**

After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that they would charge a fee of \$17 for participants.

Concert in the Park: Mr. Fleming stated they will be having the last concert on Sunday.

### **TENNIS COURTS:**

Build Your Own Drinking Fountain: No Report.

Light Timer: Timers have been installed.

Sign: Mr. Fleming showed a design for the signage for Muhlhauser Park, which is double sided. Mrs. Higgins moved to purchase the double sided sign for \$2,961.00 to be taken out of green space fees, seconded by Mrs. Hupp. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

### **CANALWAY CENTER:**

Canalway Center Report: The flat screen television is being used to show a slide show. There are 100 pictures with music.

Interpretive Panels: Ms. McConnell has given all the information she gathered to Mr. Shuman.

Farmer's Market: The Farmer's Market is up and running. They now have 10 vendors. There was a dip in the attendance. Signage is going to be increased.

Reservation Procedure & Instructions: No Report.

Dominion East Ohio Gas: They will be sending a crew to do work in the City. One of the projects will be painting the St. Helena II.

### **DISCOVERY PARK:**

Park Benches, Re-Installed – No Report.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS:**

Report: No Report.

**BUDGET:** No Report.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR:**

Mr. Murphy has planted more flowers at the dog park and under Discovery Park sign.

Project Suggestions: None

**OLDE CANAL DAYS:** The events were not as popular as anticipated.

Dick's Sponsorship: Mr. Fleming reported the Board paid a total of \$89 for the bike/helmet. Dicks' gave a \$50 coach discount.

**PRIORITY LIST:**

Report: No Report.

**ST. HELENA HERITAGE PARK:**

Fence: Ms. McConnell stated Dominion East Ohio Gas may do this. The City would have to pay for the materials and they would install it.

New Roof for Refreshment Stand Building: No Report.

**Olde School Yard Park:**

KaBOOM!/The Home DePot Blitz Project: Some of the work has been completed. Mr. Fleming reported he is unaware to when the project is going to be completed.

New Student Advisors (Katie Mertz): Not Present. Mr. Fleming stated Ian Losch was recommended by Ethan Fahrney to serve on the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Park Reservations:** None.

**Meeting Night Change:** Mr. Fleming stated he will not be at the meeting in September. Mrs. Higgins stated she could chair the meeting but would need it to start at 8:00 PM. All stated the time could be changed to 8:00 PM instead of 7:00 PM.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Fleming adjourned the August 14, 2008 meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting is September 11, 2008 at 8:00 PM.

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Fred Fleming, Chairperson