

**The City of Canal Fulton
Parks & Recreation Board
April 9, 2009**

Mr. Fred Fleming called the April 9, 2009 Parks & Recreation Board to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Present: Fred Fleming, Mary Ann Hupp, Barbara Allman, Ian Losch and Jay Johnson.

Absent: Ed Fousek.

Others Present: Mary Ann Higgins, Canalway Center Director of Programming.

CORRECTIONS OF AGENDA

Mr. Fleming stated he added the NWJSL field request.

Mrs. Hupp stated the Newsletter Items, it should read, No Report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Hupp moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 12, 2009, seconded by Mrs. Hupp.

ROLL: Yes, ALL.

OLD BUSINESS DAYS

Puffenberger Property

1. Engineering for Topography Grading
Mr. Fleming stated he has two bids for the grading.

Off-Leash Park

1. Broken seats on the Picnic Benches
Mr. Fleming stated the seats are not routed as of yet.
2. Condition of the Park
Mr. Fleming stated there were some questions on when they were going to open the park. Mr. Petersen indicated to him that there is still water there. It has been reseeded twice. It has now been spot seeded. He stated he has not set a date yet.

Mrs. Higgins stated she will post it on the website when the park opens.

Brick Donations

1. Report – None

Parks & Recreation Programming/Canalway Center

1. Canalway Center/Program Report
Mrs. Higgins reported that the Canalway Center is now open on the weekends. She stated she had notified all board members about the loss of Sheila Charlson. She would like to do something in her memory at the Center.

Mrs. Higgins reported that they hired Jennifer Hamilton.

Mrs. Higgins reported that the City will be partnering with the Heritage Society for the canal boat operations.

Upcoming Events:

Easter Egg Hunt: The egg hunt is this Saturday. They rented a costume and candy.

Earth Day: Giant Eagle will be using the decorated paper bags that were decorated by the 5th and 6th graders for the Earth Day project. The tree give away will be the weekend of April 18-19.

Fishing Derby: The Stark Parks Trout Derby will be held on April 25 at Lock IV.

Lil' Kicker Soccer: The soccer class will begin on May 2.

Wildflower Walk: There will be a wildflower walk in May, sponsored by Stark Parks.

Silent Movie: There will be a silent movie, with music included in the movie since they won't have the organ accompanied. It will be held at Chapel Hill.

Sweetheart Dance: Mrs. Higgins stated for the next sweetheart dance she would possibly like to have it at Chapel Hill to accommodate more children. They could have it in their lobby and there is also a side area where the crafts and refreshments.

After a discussion, all members felt they will hold the event at Chapel Hill.

2. Park Rules Update

Mrs. Higgins stated she felt the rules were ready to be submitted.

Mrs. Hupp moved to approve the Canal Fulton Parks & Recreation Board Park Rules and Regulations as amended with the corrected typographical errors, seconded by Mrs. Allman. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

3. Reservation Procedure Writing in Progress

Mrs. Higgins stated she is working on the reservation procedure. She will soon be completing this task.

Muhlhauser Park

1. Tennis Courts

- a. Build Your Own Drinking Fountain –None
- b. Sign for the Park
Mr. Fleming stated they have the sign.

Mr. Fleming stated a group of his wife's friends, the Melrose Girls, donated money for the purchase of a tree planted to be planted in his front yard. He stated

he doesn't need another tree in his front yard. He stated an alternative was to put it in one of their children's yards.

Mr. Fleming stated if the board would give him permission, he would like to have the tree planted at Muhlhauser Park and have a plaque put on it.

Mrs. Allman moved to approve the planting of a tree with a plaque in memory of Marge Fleming at Muhlhauser Park, seconded by Mrs. Hupp. **ROLL: Yes, Mrs. Hupp, Mrs. Allman, and Mr. Johnson. Abstain: Mr. Fleming.**

Discovery Park – No Report

Newsletter Items

1. Report – No Report

Budget

1. 2009 Budget

Mr. Fleming distributed a copy to any member wanting a copy.

Community Service Coordinator

1. Project Suggestions (John Murphy) - No Report

Olde Canal Days

1. 2009 Booth & Other Activity

Mr. Fleming stated he has submitted the application. He stated he didn't submit what game they would be sponsoring or what they would be selling. He listed it as undetermined.

Mrs. Higgins stated they could have a hot dog contest at Olde Canal Days. Mrs. Higgins suggested they have an entry fee and require pre-registration.

St. Helena Heritage Park

1. New Roof for Refreshment Stand Building – On Hold

Olde School Yard Park

1. KaBOOM/The Home Depot Blitz Project

They have replaced some of the swings. Mr. Fleming stated he wants the play set they built moved to Muhlhauser Park. Home Depot is to return on April 17 to complete the job. They are talking about resurfacing the basketball court to repair the cracks.

Student Advisors – Ian Losch

1. Mrs. Higgins stated she called Mr. Orr after the last meeting and let him know they could use some students for the next school year. He stated he would check around and get back to her.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Reservations

1. Dan Hare – Reservation of Canalway Center

Mrs. Higgins stated for the past three months, Toys Time Forgot, has held a card game tournament every Saturday night. She explained the different locations that Mr. Hare has been using. One of the locations is not available on one Saturday a month.

Mr. Hare has called Mr. Cozy at the last minute at home requesting to use the Center. They have been using the Canalway Center for the past couple of months for the tournament. They have done a very good job at putting things back as they found them.

Mrs. Higgins submitted the form. Mr. Hare has not submitted a request to use the facility. Mrs. Higgins stated she dropped off the request form along with the fee schedule at the store and told the person working if they were going to continue to use the Center, they would need to submit the request.

Mr. Losch stated there is an entry fee. The members discussed and wanted to know about the fee and how it was used.

2. Northwest/Jackson Soccer League

The league is requesting fields #1 and #2 and Nichter fields from August 3 through October 23, Monday through Friday, 5:00 PM to dark for soccer practice. August 22 through October 24 on Saturdays from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM for games.

The League will provide and maintain all soccer related equipment, provide port-a-johns, and perform the normal field maintenance including fertilizing the soccer fields.

Mrs. Hupp moved to approve the Northwest/Jackson Soccer League use request as submitted and to also waive the fees, seconded by Mrs. Allman. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Hupp reported she attended the meeting Stark County Park District held at City Hall. They reviewed the projects that the Park District is working on or have completed.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2009 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Fred Fleming, Chairman