

**The City of Canal Fulton
Parks & Recreation Board
May 14, 2009**

Mr. Fred Fleming called the May 14, 2009 Parks & Recreation Board to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Present: Fred Fleming, Mary Ann Hupp, Barbara Allman, and Ed Fousek. Ian Losch arrived late.

Absent: Jay Johnson

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

CORRECTIONS OF AGENDA

Mrs. Hupp stated the New Order Form needs deleted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Allman moved to approve the meeting minutes as amended of May 14, 2009, seconded by Mrs. Hupp. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

Mrs. Allman stated to let the record reflect that she made the motion to approve the minutes of March 12, 2009.

Mrs. Allman stated to let the record reflect that under corrections of the agenda, it should be, Mrs. Hupp stated the Newsletter Items, it should read Barb Allman, not No Report.

OLD BUSINESS DAYS

Puffenberger Property

1. Engineering for Topography Grading

Mr. Fleming stated he has two bids for the grading. He stated in order to pay for this, they would need to take it out of the open space fees.

Mr. Fleming stated there is Ohio Department of Natural Resources money available. They would need to apply for grants.

Mr. Fleming stated one of the builders prepaid some of the green space fees and there has been very little construction.

2. Olde School Yard Park

Mr. Fleming stated the Old School Lot was assessed and they could put two basketball courts in and have a grass area. The Street Department has paving equipment. Some leveling needs done at the park around the swings.

Mr. Fleming stated he would like to see this park fixed up.

Mr. Fousek stated if they chose to start a grant, he would recommend having the grading/topography as part of the grant.

There was further discussion on Puffenberger property and how the board would like to get the site graded to get the project off the ground.

Off-Leash Park

1. Broken seats on the Picnic Benches

Mr. Fleming stated the seats are not routed as of yet. He stated he needs to get one of the City trucks to the site with a generator.

2. Condition of the Park

Mr. Fleming stated he had an email from Mrs. Zahirsky regarding more signage at the park. He stated they have approximately seven signs at the park currently.

Mr. Fousek stated the area needs aerated.

Mr. Fleming stated he had heard once you aerate to spread sand that the top layer of land will get loose and will seed better. It will also allow for better drainage.

Brick Donations

1. Report – None

Parks & Recreation Programming/Canalway Center

1. Canalway Center/Program Report

Mrs. Higgins distributed her monthly report. For the month of April, there were 532 visitors. She stated last year there were 354.

Mrs. Higgins stated she has been speaking with Joe Charlton, Sheila's husband, and the City is talking about getting a plaque in her memory. The City is going to pay for one. The dedication will be sometime late June.

Canalway Center Attendant: Another person has been hired. Both attendants are doing a great job.

The Canalway staff and the boat crew will be completing a CPR training course on May 18.

St. Helena III Boat: The St. Helena Canal Boat is going fine. They have six returning crew members from the previous year. They are planning on hiring two more crew members.

They have some school groups scheduled to ride the boat.

The Parks and Recreation hosted programs throughout the month of April, the Easter Egg hunt, Earth Day School project, and the tree sapling giveaway.

Stark Parks Fishing Derby: Mrs. Higgins distributed maps during the Stark Parks fishing derby.

Lil Kicker's Program: There are eleven children enrolled. They have completed two of the four classes and are doing great.

Wildflower Walk: Twenty-six people participated in the walk.

Upcoming Events:

Ohio Vietnam Memorial Wall: The event is scheduled for May 17. There is going to be some non-profit organizations selling snacks by the Canalway Center.

The Park Board will be selling granola bars and orange juice.

Silent Movies: The silent movie will be held at Chapel Hill. It is open to the public.

Let the record reflect that Ian Losch is now present

Music in the Park: The Canal Fulton-Clinton Community Band will be playing on June 4 at Muhlhauser Park. There was discussion on selling water for the event. Mrs. Hupp is available to assist. Mr. Fousek can assist with setting up the chairs.

Mrs. Higgins stated Country Sunrise Special will be held on Sunday, June 14th at 7:00 PM.

Pancake Breakfast/Canal Boat Ride: Volunteers will be assisting with this event on June 6.

Wine and Cheese Cruise: This cruise will be on Thursday, June 18 at 6:30 PM.

Towpath Bike Ride: Stark Parks will be sponsoring a bike ride on the towpath on June 25. It is a free program. They will be going to Clinton and back. Reservations are limited to 20.

Movie in the Park: The first movie will be Bolt. Some of the other movies she is considering are: Bedtime Stories, and Hotel for Dogs.

Farmer's Market: The market will be starting on July 16 and go through September 10.

Mrs. Hupp moved to use the parking lot in St. Helena Heritage Park from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM and to waive the fees for the Farmer's Market for July 16, 2009 through September 10, 2009, seconded by Mrs. Hupp. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

2. Park Rules Update

The Park rules have been reviewed and submitted to Law Director Fellmeth to prepare the necessary legislation.

3. Reservation Procedure Writing in Progress

Mrs. Higgins stated she is working on the reservation procedures.

Muhlhauser Park

1. Tennis Courts
 - a. Build Your Own Drinking Fountain –None
 - b. Sign for the Park – The sign is in the garage. It will be installed when the ground is dryer.
 - c. The tree will be put in once it is dry enough.
 - d. The hinges on the restroom doors are rusting. There is an electrical conduit on the building that looks like it was hit by a mower. It is broken at the top.

Discovery Park

1. Picnic Tables
 - a. Mr. Fleming stated he would like to anchor the picnic tables.
 - b. A resident from that area donated some perennials. There were placed around the sign at the park.

Newsletter Items

1. Report - Mrs. Higgins had the page for the newsletter for the members to review and make necessary.

Budget

1. 2009 Budget
Mr. Fleming stated an updated budget is included in the council packet.

Community Service Coordinator

Project Suggestions (John Murphy) - None

Olde Canal Days

1. 2009 Booth & Other Activity
 - a. There was a discussion on a selling project. Suggested to have a hotdog eating contest. It was determined if Mr. Johnson wants to do the event, they will do a contest.
 - b. Discussion was held regarding volunteers for the festival to assist with the booth.

Mr. Fousek will work on a raffle item.

St. Helena Heritage Park

1. New Roof for Refreshment Stand Building – None

Olde School Yard Park

1. KaBOOM/The Home Depot Blitz Project - None

Student Advisors – Ian Losch - None

NEW BUSINESS

Park Reservations – None

Mr. Fleming stated they added about the no chance games allowed in the parks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2009 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Fred Fleming, Chairman