

The City of Canal Fulton

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2005 – 7:00 PM

REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Fred Fleming called the January 13, 2005 Parks & Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALLING OF THE ROLL

Present: Fred Fleming, Mary Ann Higgins, Bob Wagner, and Mary Ann Hupp, Rebecca Shimer

Absent: David Prather and Patrick Tohill (Their term has expired tonight.)

Guests: Ian Losch and (Father) Dan Losch

APPROVAL OF December 9, 2004 MINUTES

Mr. Wagner made a motion to approve the December 9, 2004 meeting minutes; seconded by Mrs. Shimer. **Corrections:** Change 2004 to 2005 (YMCA and Adjournment) **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

OLD BUSINESS

SKATE PARK REQUEST

Petition for Construction

Dan Losch and (son) Ian Losch were present regarding the planning of a skate park and had a drawing of a large skate park. Ian Losch stated there are three types of skating: Flat, Vert (up and down), and Street (using ramp, rails, etc.). Rollerblades and skate boards use the same type of parks. There was a lengthy discussion about a skate park setup. Liability was discussed. Ian said the ones that are outdoors, if you get hurt, it's your fault (if you didn't want to get hurt, you should not have entered). Indoor parks usually require helmets; you sign a form saying you skate at your own risk. When someone is just learning, Ian said, and if someone is in the way, they wait and look out for each other (smaller kids and beginners). Ian said the closest place to go skating is in Canton. The age group that would use this park is 6 to 40. Mr. Wagner suggested taking pictures and getting prices, then getting the Losch men back in attendance to talk over skate park issues. Ian Losch stated a combination of all three types of skating, plus a bowl, would satisfy everyone's requirements. Dan Losch and his son brought different examples of park designs and plans for the Board's perusal, along with information on people who build skate parks, prices, and a glossary of skating terms. He said there would be a number of volunteers to help build the skate park. Fleming stated that for 2005, there is no money for a skate park in the Parks & Recreation budget, but they could possibly do it in phases. There are also grants available for this type of request. The Board wants to see what they can do for a couple of thousand dollars. Mrs. Higgins will call Ian Losch for a layout of what he thinks can be done for starters with \$2,000.

OFF-LEASH PARK

Grand Opening Report from Bob Wagner

Mr. Wagner questioned if they need to change the gates, and he was told no.

Planters – Fred Fleming

Mr. Fleming said the city put out huge, fiberglass planters that have been planted with 150 tulip bulbs each, by the gate section about halfway between each one of the 80' sections. They have also been

taking all the underbrush out along the tree line at the top of the hill and took some of the trees and put them out behind the Water Treatment Plant, where they are growing. Some of the white birches can be planted on the tree lane to dress it up. Mr. Fleming called Scott Svab, who has been doing this work, and he has put mulch around the front sign and bulbs there also. Mr. Svab uses community service workers. They can buy their time, so one of the workers purchased the bulbs (buying time).

BRICK FUND

Report on Forms from Mary Ann Hupp

The "BUY A BRICK" fundraiser forms are online on the Canal Fulton web site, and they are posted throughout the city. They will be available at the Canal Fulton Dog Park Grand Opening. Mrs. Shimer picked up another brick paver from the supplier; there's a little more coloration, and it comes in variations. The price is \$0.42 each. There is a \$50 delivery charge for one truckload to be delivered where the Board needs them. They have 300 square feet; it'll take 4-1/2 of the pavers for one square foot.

2005 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Report from Mary Ann Higgins/Lawrence Township Participation

Mrs. Higgins said Lawrence Township is going to discuss allocating some money towards supporting their kids to participate in the Summer Recreation Program at Monday's Trustee meeting (it's on their agenda). The YMCA is "on board to start planning." Trinity Church of Christ said they can use their facility again. Pam has confirmed the program and asked about the time/dates – possibly adding an extra hour. The Board said they can add another hour to it. They have SARTA again, which was significantly less expensive than the Northwest buses. Mrs. Higgins wrote letters to Clinton and said Lauren indicated they'd charge around the same registration prices as last year. Trinity Church gets a \$500 flat fee. They want to do a \$5 registration fee, but that can go either way. The registrations will be going through Patti Schauwecker, Clerk of Council. It's preferred to pay one lump sum. Mrs. Shimer stated the Board should contact the Stiles because last year there was a lack of communication, and they weren't able to participate with the art lessons. There was concern about the significant cost of Stile's art lessons, so it was suggested that someone talk to them to see if they have anything to offer that would be a bit cheaper. The dates need to be finalized. February 11 is the deadline for the City Newsletter, and February 10, the Board should finalize information for the newsletter.

TENNIS COURTS

Report from Fred Fleming

Mr. Fleming stated they have permission from Chicago to move the tennis courts. Now he has to write a resolution that gives the City Manager permission to start the bidding process.

NATURE TRAIL – NO REPORT

PHASE I OF COMMUNITY PARK

Plan to Start in Early Spring 2005

Mr. Fleming said that already starting.

DISCOVERY PARK PLANS

Report from Fred Fleming

Mr. Fleming said they have a good start on the grant. He said that Dan Mayberry and he have met several days. He has several letters to put in the grant packet. There is a woman who wants to help with the grant and also with donations. The housing statistics need to be brought up-to-date. Mr. Fleming also left a message for Bob Young to call back to have him take a look at the grant. Mr. Fleming called Columbus about the grant because nowhere in the grant does it ask for a definition of what this project is. General Project Information is a form, and Mr. Fleming noted, "See attached for the description." Most of what they've done has been what Dan Mayberry did the first time; all they're doing is "fine tuning it."

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Secretary: Mr. Fleming opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Patti Schauwecker is already doing all the "secretarial" work (minutes); Tammy Luther is still doing the park reservations. The newsletter work is basically all that needs to be done under this office. Mrs. Hupp nominated Rebecca Shimer; seconded by Mr. Wagner. Mr. Fleming asked if there were anymore nominations; None appeared, so Mr. Fleming closed the floor to nominations for Secretary. **Mrs. Shimer is Secretary.**

Vice Chairman: Mr. Fleming opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Mr. Wagner nominated Mary Ann Higgins; seconded by Mr. Fleming. Mr. Fleming asked if there were anymore nominations; None appeared, so Mr. Fleming closed the floor to nominations for Vice Chairman. **Mrs. Higgins is Vice Chairman.**

Chairman: Mr. Fleming opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Mrs. Higgins nominated Fred Fleming; seconded by Mr. Wagner. Mr. Fleming asked if there were anymore nominations; None appeared, so Mr. Fleming closed the floor to nominations for Chairman. **Mr. Fleming is Chairman.**

NEWSLETTER ITEMS: Deadline is February 11, 2005 for articles.

Budget – 2005 Programs

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be February 10, 2005 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mr. Fleming adjourned the meeting.

Fred Fleming, Chair