

**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**October 13, 2005 – 7:00 PM**

**REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CALLING OF THE ROLL**

*Present:* Fred Fleming, Rebecca Shimer, Ed Fousek, Mary Ann Higgins, and Mary Ann Hupp

*Members Absent:* Courtney Morgan and Nate Ogg

**APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2005 MINUTES**

Mrs. Higgins made a motion to approve the September 8, 2005 Parks & Recreation Board Meeting minutes “as corrected”; seconded by Mrs. Shimer. Corrections: Page 1 under Off-Leash Park, change word “un-engraved” to “engraved” bricks; Page 2, second line, change \$365 to \$865 **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SKATE PARK REQUEST (Tabled)**

**OFF-LEASH PARK: Report – Fred Fleming**

Gates are in; brick is between the gates; patio is in place. Mr. Dennis Mayberry is working on an estimate for a new 18’ wide stone driveway, after measuring same. Mr. Fleming can outsource the work if city doesn’t do it; extra parking spaces are planned. The PO would have to be written for “the whole \$1,375 and payable in halves.”

**Dog Park Advisory Committee: Mary Ann Higgins**

They’ve met once; Mrs. Higgins said she’d email minutes and the committee “is not official yet.” Linda Zahirsky, Cheryl Rosenberger and Fred DeGordon came to the meeting, and they discussed what needs to be done. Mrs. Higgins said at the next meeting she would like to see discussed how the committee will function and what people thought it should be able to do - adding more structure. Ideas suggested at the meeting: creation of a newsletter, a plastic cylinder on the fence to post newsletters, additional rules, reminders (pick up after your pet, etc.), attaining a kiosk for communication, and Saturday mornings’ coffee and donuts at the park or Friday night pizza at the park (fundraisers). It was suggested that one Park Board member be the “liaison-type of person,” and Mrs. Higgins said she would be that person; Mrs. Zahirsky is a liaison for the city. People are going to try to inform other park users about the committee. Authority of the Advisory Committee was mentioned (for aggressive dogs, etc.).

It was stated that the Street Dept. does a great job taking care of the park (cutting grass, maintaining, keeping it clean).

Mr. Fleming has switched the “small dog/big dog” signs, so the dogs are playing and running on the opposite sides than they were.

Mr. Fleming referenced a sign Cal-Can will be contributing (via Mike Mouse’s daughter). He said the sign would be for the entrance of the park and placed wherever they want to put it. Mr. Fleming and the Mayor had talked about the sign being placed at the patio last spring. Mr. Fleming talked to Mr. Mouse who told him they only have about four to six weeks. Mr. Fleming has asked his son to design a kiosk-type sign. Mrs. Higgins said Stark Parks has a sign “down by Massillon” that exactly what they want. Mr. Fleming said he found a sign in a Plastic Mold catalog (showing the Board same). Mr. Fleming is also talking to them about legs for the legless picnic tables. Parking (directional) signs were discussed. Mr. Fousek suggested placing a parking sign at the same time the driveway is put in.

**BRICK FUND: Report - Mary Ann Hupp**

Chisellers finished the last brick. There was a short discussion regarding buying bricks. Mr. Fleming said he was going to have a garage full of bricks ready to be engraved.

**2005 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM: Final Report and Invoices Due - Mary Ann Higgins**

Pam Leddon is waiting for all the invoices to arrive to create the final report. Mrs. Higgins said, "The city hasn't paid them at all for the program." Mr. Svab asked that Ms. Leddon to send an invoice, as a "reminder." Mrs. Higgins stated Lawrence Township and Clinton hasn't been invoiced yet; she sent the information to Mr. Svab about the list of participants "three weeks or so ago." She said he didn't feel comfortable looking at the addresses to see which ones live in Lawrence Township, Clinton Village, or Canal Fulton; Ms. Troccoli told her Dan Mayberry would probably know. It was noted Lawrence Township people use Canal Fulton as their address too. Mrs. Higgins will call Phyllis to gain confirmation about Clinton. Mr. Fleming suggested taking the list to Township Hall ensure Lawrence Township addresses. The Board discussed next year's program budget, fee increases, etc.

**TENNIS COURTS: Report - Fred Fleming**

The courts look great; blacktop is done; lights/posts are installed. The chain-link fence will be installed soon; waiting for coating. Scott Fellmeth is creating a document to name the courts after Mayor Kenney as a memorial. Calling the media for some type of memorial ceremony was discussed, along with charges to play on the courts. The reservation process would be the same as other parks (fee schedule for same to be updated).

**PHASE I OF COMMUNITY PARK: Canalway Center Partnership and Meetings**

Mrs. Higgins said there was another meeting today with Candace Bates (OECA) that included Stark Parks, focusing on staffing, operations, uniforms, and hours (goal is April – October/Tuesday – Sunday [possibly Monday]; weekends October – May; hours: 10 AM – 6 PM). She said there could possibly be special programs in the evenings. Next meeting: November 17, 2005 from 10 AM to 12 PM at City Hall in Chambers.

**DISCOVERY PARK: Report**

Mr. Fleming said there was "nothing new." Trash receptacles and gym equipment were discussed.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS: Report - Rebecca Shimer**

Mrs. Shimer will be writing about the dog park, tennis courts, Canalway Center, and the Discovery Park grant.

**Stark Realities – Local Access TV**

Different topics were discussed for Stark Realities; the Canalway Center was suggested as "a good place to start." Promoting Main Street was suggested also.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PARK RESERVATIONS: Reservations - None**

**STUDENT MEMBERS: Discuss Change in Terms**

Student advisor term changes, possible student volunteers for next year, and meeting attendance will be talked about with the School Board and/or Government teacher. Mr. Fleming will call Courtney and Nate regarding their schedules.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting will be November 10, 2005 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mr. Fleming adjourned the October 13, 2005 Parks & Recreation Board meeting.

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**Fred Fleming, Chair**