

The City of Canal Fulton

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 11, 2004 – 7:00 PM

REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Fred Fleming called the November 11, 2004 Parks & Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALLING OF THE ROLL

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

Absent: Mary Ann Higgins, David Prather, and Patrick Tohill

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 14, 2004 MINUTES

Mrs. Shimer made a motion to approve the October 14, 2004 meeting minutes; seconded by Mrs. Hupp.

ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL

(Transcriptionist called owner; spelling of J.F.M.A.K.E.R., is correct.)

OLD BUSINESS

OFF-LEASH PARK

Grand Opening Report from Bob Wagner

Mr. Wagner does not have a firm commitment with Dick Goddard yet. He asked permission to get in touch with Lou Griswold to bring some of his animals to possibly get adopted. Mr. Wagner presented donated Doggie Bags (courtesy Belgrade Gardens/ D.A. Supply). The Doggie Bags say, "Compliments of" at bottom of bag. Businesses can staple their cards on the bags; they will be asked for donations to fill the bags with possibly a toy, dog biscuits, and other donated item(s). The filled Doggie Bags will be distributed to people walking in, hopefully filling 100 bags. Mr. Wagner is going to contact Bob Gessner of Massillon Cable TV, with the hope of attaining some free advertising. Members can go to all Giant Eagle stores for donations, along with Angels for Animals. A lady might donate a black lab for a grand prize. There are 92 veterinarians, 46 pet groomers, 13 pet stores/shops, 2 pet cemeteries/crematories, 10 pet-sitting services, 24 pet supply food retail, 16 pet training/obedience, 31 kennels, and 13 animal hospitals. Mr. Wagner is also thinking about a dress-up parade (event close to Easter). He is hoping to get blue ribbons (1st Prize), red ribbons (2nd Prize), and yellow ribbons (3rd Prize) donated for a dog race and other events. They need tables, chairs, and covers to set up table(s) at the Grand Opening for the BUY A BRICK fundraiser with somebody with a legal pad taking names, information, and deposits for bricks. Chiseler's is supplying a sample brick/block. They will need deputies for parking. The High School Art Department is going to create parking signs. Mr. Wagner is asking a few shelters to bring dogs for adoptions. There will be fliers (Just PAWS for a Moment/Could be a Howling Success/A Doggone Good Show). There was a discussion about charging fees for the dress-up-your-dog contest. Cheryl Rosenberger is going to be enlisted by Mr. Wagner to use a lot of her ideas for fundraising.

Ms. Carol Kendle's note, along with her donation of \$25 to the Canal Fulton Dog Park, was recognized. Ms. Kendle's note will be placed in the city's December Newsletter. "Canal Fulton Dog Park" should be the words used on the flier. It was suggested to have a name-that-dog-park contest. Regarding the sign-up sheet, where people signed up to have a dog park in Canal Fulton, Mr. Wagner suggested to check with everyone in the local area (Canal Fulton, Massillon, Manchester, etc.) who signed the dog park petition and informed them about the Canal Fulton Dog Park Grand Opening.

Vandalization

Mr. Wagner wondered if they could get funds from Council to get lights at the dog park. He said there were beer cans dumped at the top of the hill. Mr. Fleming will find out what is in the budget.

BRICK FUND

Report on Forms from Mary Ann Hupp - TABLED

Report by Bob Wagner

Mr. Wagner will be checking with Daniel at Chiseler's to get enough bricks. There will be 300 square feet of bricks laid in early spring at the dog park, and they will be replaced with sold/engraved bricks. Mrs. Shimer is writing articles for the City Newsletter to cover issues for the Board. She will investigate possible cheaper paver prices. Mr. Wagner will take a brick to City Hall and drop it off for Mrs. Shimer.

2004 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Lawrence Township Participation

It was stated that it was thought the Township Trustees wrote a letter stating Lawrence Township is not going to participate in the 2005 Summer Recreation Program. Mr. Fleming asked Marvin Hardgrove if he had set aside money for it; Mr. Hardgrove couldn't remember, but he will get back to Mr. Fleming. Mr. Fleming stated he reminded him what they are attempting is to keep our "foot in the YMCA door" by having them continue, and when they get to the Joint Recreation Center they want to build, they would want to place the YMCA there.

TENNIS COURTS

Report from Fred Fleming

Dan Mayberry received a letter from FEMA stating they forwarded our application to Chicago to request that we move the tennis courts with a recommendation to approve same and to take a look at the new cost to build the tennis courts in an alternate site (Muhlhauser Park). The Parks Board can possibly get 75% of the \$68,000 or a portion thereof. Mr. Fleming's budget letter states that they need from \$17,000 to \$39,000 to make up the difference between the \$29,000 they have and the \$68,000 they need. In the last paragraph that the City sent to FEMA (Columbus) it states we are not requesting additional funding for relocation of the project; only that the funds that we have already been allocated be used to relocate the tennis courts to Muhlhauser. Mr. Fleming also asked for time extension for expenditure of funds provided through Ohio; they will send a form to be completed and returned prior to the expiration time.

NATURE TRAIL – NO REPORT

PHASE I OF COMMUNITY PARK

Plan to Start in Early Spring 2005

Regarding the Visitors Center, Mrs. Shimer stated they put the line drawings and the floor plan on the Canal Fulton-Main Street web site from Cawrse and Associates and the architect. It seats 80 people, has restrooms, two kiosks, etc. The bids have been accepted, and they are ready to go. Construction of the facility is going to start in the spring of 2005; the parking has been expanded to hold 100 cars, and there will be bus parking along the entrance-side, along with a bus turnaround area.

DISCOVERY PARK PLANS

Report from Fred Fleming

Mr. Fleming spoke about Discovery Park grants; he pulled down the Nature Works grant application instructions for the first phase. They don't want all the details on the first phase; second gets more.

NEW BUSINESS

PARK RESERVATIONS

Mrs. Shimer asked about park fees in a previous meeting. People are using the pavilion versus the park; it's \$40 for the pavilion and a hundred for the entire park. They separated it out because some people don't want the ball field.

SKATE PARK REQUEST

Petition for Construction

Ian Losch (Dan Losch's son) delivered to City Hall a letter requesting a new Skate Board Park, along with a 12-page petition for same. They need a place for the Skate Park. Suggestions were: behind the Police Station (not good); where the tennis courts will be taken out, etc. Mr. Wagner suggested they look at a skate park (by the Rubber Bowl), see how much it involves, how high it is, the land, etc., and get the information to proceed.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

November 12, 2004 is Deadline to get Information to Council Clerk. Mrs. Shimer is going to concentrate on a "Buy a Brick Fundraiser" article.

BUDGET

2005 Programs

The Board reviewed their budget for 2005 programs. Mr. Fleming asked for \$20,000 in the first account and \$5,000 in the second account.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be December 9, 2004 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mr. Fleming adjourned the meeting.

Fred Fleming, Chair