

The City of Canal Fulton

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2005 – 7:00 PM

REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Fred Fleming called the May 12, 2005 Parks & Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALLING OF THE ROLL

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

Members Absent: Courtney Morgan due to school commitments, Ed Foucek on vacation, Nate Ogg

Others Present: Rev. Cheryl Rosenberger

APPROVAL OF APRIL 14, 2005 MINUTES

Mrs. Higgins made a motion to approve the April 14, 2005 meeting minutes; seconded by Mrs. Shimer.

Correction: Under "Brick Fund" – first line: Mr. Fleming had more sold a total of \$100 (2 @ \$50 each); not "@ \$100 each." **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

OLD BUSINESS

OFF-LEASH PARK

Grand Opening Report

Mrs. Higgins said she has had a lot of help with the opening, thanking Cheryl Rosenberger and all. Rev. Rosenberger offered to pay for color copies of a flyer she drafted; if approved, she will send a copy to every vendor and hand-deliver one to Dick Goddard. Dick Goddard wants \$700 for his appearance (the money he receives goes to charities). Mr. Goddard will arrive in a chauffer-driven car, wants to park close to the area where he will speak (an area where the sun won't shine on him); he will have a driver and make-up person; seating has to be provided for them. He also wants chairs and a table with no snags or indentations and skirted to the ground. Mrs. Shimer made a motion to allocate funds (not to exceed \$700) to Dick Goddard to speak at the Canal Fulton Dog Park's Grand Opening, but he has to let the Parks Board know by Monday; seconded by Mrs. Hupp. **ROLL CALL: Yes – 2 No – 1**

It was decided there will be one Porta Potty (\$150). Rev. Rosenberger asked if one Porta Potty remains at the Dog Park for children and adults. Mrs. Higgins will check on the price; one that would have a hand sanitizer. Rev. Rosenberger was told the park is operated by the city, which is non-profit.

Mrs. Higgins distributed a draft of sections/jobs to do for the Grand Opening. Mrs. Shimer stated she will place ads for the Grand Opening in the Repository, The Independent and Akron Beacon Journal; Massillon Cable will give a free public service announcement (6 lines/30 characters per line), which Mrs. Shimer will create. Rev. Rosenberger has made inquiries of WHBC (they have a portable broadcasting center), who she has asked to be at the opening (they have yet to reply).

Mrs. Higgins stated that Dennis Mayberry said there would be no electricity available. Pizza Pan will try to attain a small generator to keep their food warm. The issue of selling food in the park was discussed. Mr. Fleming said previously it has to be packaged, and the provider is to attain the permit. Rev. Rosenberger stated if they have a concession trailer, it would "be covered." Mrs. Higgins will check with the Pizza Pan owner. Mrs. Rosenberger said The Friends Church have their own concession trailer; she will check to see if it can be borrowed. Mrs. Shimer attempted to call J.F.M.A.K.E.R.S.; still hoping to get in touch with them soon.

Mrs. Rosenberger suggested Oser's, Dairy Queen, and others about attaining tokens or coupons for free items that "could be good, perhaps, for all summer" – which would also bring them back into town. She was asked to contact them.

A lively discussion ensued about non-denominational pet blessings. Rev. Rosenberger will conduct the blessing.

There will be a pet parade and ribbon-cutting ceremony, and Rev. Rosenberger is working on a "Dixieland" type of band in it. The plan is the parade could go around the fence. Then the following contests will be held: Best Pet Smile, Best Owner/Pet Look-a-like, Best Pet Costume, Best Pet Eyes, and Best Pet Trick. Mrs. Shimer suggested half-sheets of paper with rating criteria for judges for each competition. Paper and pens will be provided also. There might be a lady who brings a dog that does the Michael Jackson Moonwalk and an impression of Tina Turner. The Mayor, the City Manager, and one of the pet groomers were suggested to be judges. There will be adoptable animals present. The Mayor will be there to conduct the ribbon cutting ceremony. Mr. Fleming has spoken with the local Police Chiefs and will check about additional parking. Rev. Rosenberger suggested checking with the Boy Scouts to assist with the parking. Mrs. Higgins had also planned on Ed Foucek and Nate Ogg plus his friends to assist in directing parking. Mrs. Rosenberger also has four volunteers. Chairs and tables from the High School were discussed (approx. 10 tables/50 chairs). Rev. Rosenberger offered her small, flat-bed trailer. Signs are also needed.

Regarding the Charity Walk, there was a discussion about parking, and several ideas were discussed. This event will be after the Grand Opening. (The Goodwill Walk will be the same day, which will benefit dogs.)

Brick examples will be on a table. The brick order form will also be on that table.

Patti Troccoli received two wonderful e-mails regarding the Canal Fulton Dog Park. One of them stated there should be more parking.

There are 200 doggy bags to give away. People are being told to give 100 items, and they will need stuffed. Rev. Rosenberger stated the Orrville Pet Spa is going to bring giveaways from their table. She will call several trainers, etc. - along with a pet psychic. There will raffles (one for a dog cake, one for hand-drawn dog picture, etc.). A few vendors are: Honuchan (Paws & Claws), Pammer (spelling ?) Pets (who will make ribbons for the dogs), Kelly's Critters, A Mobile Grooming, Wood Site Pet Cemetery, Pet Care Crematory, Orrville Pet Spa, E Photographic, Pet Containment, Pet Insurance, Mrs. Dependable (Dog Walking and In-Home Dog Care, Greyhound and Golden Retriever groups, Doggy Do Right, etc., and Rev. Rosenberger has contacted several others who will get back to her.

If it rains, the Grand Opening will be rescheduled.

Gift to the Fire Department

Chief Green called Mr. Fleming then he called Rev. Rosenberger. He had to get permission from the Legal Dept. to see if they could accept it. Chief Green indicated they were ready, however, to accept it. Honuchan has the emergency oxygen delivery hood system; they are waiting to schedule training through the supplier train the Fire Department and the paramedics. They would like to have Chief Green at the Grand Opening to formally accept the gift; there should be a table set up.

BRICK FUND

Report from Mary Ann Hupp (Please see above verbiage regarding this issue.)

Mrs. Hupp submitted a report of bricks sold so far.

2005 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Report from Mary Ann Higgins

All if going fine; she hasn't heard from Patti Troccoli yet about the number of registrants. This will be in the newsletter; Patti has already got that information from her for it.

TENNIS COURTS

Report from Fred Fleming

Engineering drawings came in yesterday for anyone's perusal. It also appears to have all the bidding information. Mr. Fleming will meet to discuss same with Dan Mayberry tomorrow. Advertising for bids will be May 21 through May 28. Open bid will be on June 17; the bid will be awarded on June 21. The tennis courts will be lighted with possibly a motion sensor. They will be located at Muhlhauser Park.

PHASE I OF COMMUNITY PARK

Construction Schedule

Everyone now has a copy of the Construction Schedule. The projected finish date is August 16, 2005.

DISCOVERY PARK PLANS

The grant was not awarded.

SKATE PARK REQUEST – No Report

NEW BUSINESS

PARK RESERVATIONS

Mr. Fleming hasn't seen any.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Report from Rebecca Shimer

(Note from Transcriber: Patti Troccoli has given Mrs. Shimer a little extension.)

GREEN SPACE ORDINANCE

An upgrade of the ordinance is needed. Currently, it is \$200/residential unit. Mr. Fleming was given a document from Mr. Colaianni where they charge \$1,000/unit. They are also charging non-residential for 3,000-square-feet; it's a fixed percentage, which came out to "something like \$13,000 and then so much per square foot over that 3,000." Mr. Fleming cannot justify a 400% in green space fees. He said if they raise it, a 50% increase would not be bad – making it \$300 per new unit (for residential and commercial). Then in two years, the Board can review it again. Mr. Fleming asked that \$300 be agreed on, so he can present an ordinance to Council. Mrs. Higgins made a motion to increase the green space fees to \$300 per unit; seconded by Mrs. Hupp. **ROLL CALL: Yes - ALL**

JOINT PARK RECREATION SURVEY

Mr. Fleming stated at the T.A.P. meeting they talked about wanting to hire Kent State University to assist in a survey that was originally going to be for the Recreation Center (still to be used for that), but they decided that if they go for the survey, they split the cost – they can both use the survey whether they go for it or not, benefiting both the Joint Recreation Center and the Park Board. The cost is about \$2,700 – the city's part is not to exceed \$1,400. Mrs. Hupp made a motion to pay for half of the survey done by Kent State up to \$1,400; seconded by Mrs. Higgins. **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

HORSES IN CANAL FULTON'S CITY PARKS

Mr. Fleming received a note from Ed Foucek, who trained horses for several years, who looked over the horse trail and towpath considering horses on same. Mr. Fleming said Mr. Foucek said that in his opinion that they keep the horses on the horse trail and the people on the people trail. Mrs. Higgins made a motion to keep the ordinance in place that does not allow horses in city parks; seconded by Mrs. Hupp. **ROLL CALL: Yes - ALL**

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be June 9, 2005 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mr. Fleming adjourned the meeting.

Fred Fleming, Chair