

The City of Canal Fulton

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2005 – 7:00 PM

REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Fred Fleming called the August 11, 2005 Parks & Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALLING OF THE ROLL

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

Members Absent: Ed Fousek (Work-related meeting), Rebecca Shimer, Courtney Morgan (cheerleading) and Nate Ogg (FL VAC)

Guests: Dan Losch, Sr., Dan Losch, Ian Losch, and Nick Orum

APPROVAL OF JULY 14, 2005 MINUTES

Corrections: Under **SKATE PARK REQUEST**, the words, “He said every time it floods, they lose the Skate Park,” should say “they would lose the Skateboard Park.” Under **2005 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM**, it says, “Pam told Mrs. Higgins there are still things down in the concession booth.” It should read, “Mrs. Higgins told Pam.” The Board could not make a motion to approve the July 14, 2005 minutes, even though there is a quorum because one persons (of the quorum) was not at the July 14th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

SKATE PARK REQUEST

The Losches and Mr. Orum presented information about how different skate parks are made. It was mentioned that there are moveable (modular) skate parks, and that Lindsay Concrete might want to be a part of the future skate park, as a lot of it is cement structure. The Board reviewed a pamphlet on modular units. There was concern about the flooding at the current tennis court location. It was stated there are no grants available for skate parks. All talked about several examples/possibilities and location options. Mr. Fleming said they'd do some “talking around” – also, talk with Lindsay, etc., to see what types of budgets they can work with, looking at different modulars, getting price lists for comparable options. Mrs. Higgins said the Board could recommend to Council the city consider a skate park.

OFF-LEASH PARK

Report – Mary Ann Higgins

Mrs. Higgins still has not received the list of vendors from Cheryl Rosenberger; the city should have a list.

Mrs. Zahirsky spoke with Mrs. Higgins and suggested setting up a meeting with people interested in being on the Dog Park Advisory Committee to see what their mission/purpose should be. Mr. Fleming said they should set up a chain of command, as they would have to report directly to the Park Board and can't do anything without its authorization.

The cost for the additional set of gates is \$865.

BRICK FUND

Report - Mary Ann Hupp

There have been no brick orders. Two pallets of bricks were donated. A suggestion was made to do a smaller area.

2005 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM (July 18 – August 11, 2005)

Report - Mary Ann Higgins

Mrs. Higgins related Pam Leddon said there are 51 participants; everything is going well (some small but workable problems with SARTA). The parents are happy; the church has been good to work with again.

TENNIS COURTS

Report - Fred Fleming

No report, except to relay everything is signed and approved.

PHASE I OF COMMUNITY PARK

Partnership Agreement

Mr. Fleming stated the Partnership Agreement is "not going anywhere yet." They'd discussed the vision statement and the mission. The contract now reflects the name "Canal Fulton Canalway Center." They are still trying to set up a meeting regarding same on August 16 at 1:30 PM. Dan Rice will facilitate the meeting.

DISCOVERY PARK PLANS (No Report)

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Report - Rebecca Shimer

No Report; Mrs. Shimer not here, but she needs to add in information about the YMCA Summer Rec. Program.

NEW BUSINESS

PARK RESERVATION PROBLEMS

Report - Fred Fleming

Mr. Fleming has not seen any park reservations, but he did hear from John Hatfield about a person who reserved the shelter house for July 24, and they didn't have electricity. Mr. Fleming said the electrical box was turned off when taken down and put in a different place for Olde Canal Days; when they returned it, they forgot to turn the power back on. Mr. Fleming received an e-mail from Roberta Cotterman about this. He e-mailed answered her, apologizing, stating he was out of the area. It was decided the city needs to have a contact list for emergencies such as this (Dan Mayberry during the day; Dennis Mayberry after hours). Mrs. Higgins said the phone numbers should be added to the permits. Ms. Cotterman (in her e-mail) suggested a posted reservation card and emergency number, plus reconsideration of the city's fee for non-residents, saying \$80 was a "bit high," since outsiders bring in revenue for the community due to the attractions provided in Canal Fulton. She said their group of 50 decided to return next year and hoped for improved restroom facilities, along with some policies in place. Mr. Fleming will look at the permit.

CITY CELL PHONE: Mr. Fleming received a memo from Scott Svab which stated, "Please advise all employees that city cell phones are provided for city business, emergencies and limited personal usage."

MUHLHAUSER PARK: They have sand wasps there. Dan Mayberry said he thought Marge Loretto had called to have somebody take care of them. There was a discussion about the need for more play equipment.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be September 8, 2005 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mr. Fleming adjourned the August 11, 2005 Parks & Recreation Board meeting.

Fred Fleming, Chair