

# ***The City of Canal Fulton***

## **PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**August 12, 2004 – 7:00 PM**

### **REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING**

Mary Ann Higgins called the August 12, 2004 Parks & Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **CALLING OF THE ROLL**

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

*Absent:* Fred Fleming, David Prather and Patrick Tohill

Mrs. Shimer made a motion to excuse Fred Fleming, David Prather, and Pat Tohill; seconded by Mr. Wagner.

**ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

*Guests in Attendance:* Deanne Nackowiz, (soon to be Hawkins) Maker's Café

### **APPROVAL OF JULY 14, 2004 MINUTES**

Mrs. Hupp made a motion to approve the July 14, 2004 meeting minutes; seconded by Mrs. Shimer. **ROLL CALL: Yes - ALL**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **CANAL FULTON DOG PARK**

##### **Pavers**

- ◆ Mr. Fleming and Mr. Wagner went to the Wadsworth dog park to see how they operated their paver program. Mr. Wagner said it was very successful. The money from the sale of pavers would be used for maintenance of the park, replacing dog bags, etc., so the City doesn't have to bear the burden of the Canal Fulton Dog Park's expenses. Mr. Wagner said they did it in Green, too, and he is going to call Dan Grogan (from Green) to see how they handled their paver program and the amount they sold them.
- ◆ Need a sponsor to supply the pavers (Belden Brick at \$0.50 – 50 to 100 pavers)
- ◆ Secure a firm to engrave the pavers
  - The Chisler in Portage Lakes & Rt. 619
  - Another place in Wadsworth
  - Check in Canal Fulton, if there is one
- ◆ Newsletter announcement to bring Brick Fundraiser to attention – Mrs. Shimer
  - Don't mention how much pavers cost
  - Use Fred Fleming's number as the main contact
    - Give some of the reasons as to why they'd want to donate (graduation gifts, Christmas, relatives who've died (in memory), dogs names, etc.
  - Limit of 17 letters for each paver
  - Date sales start
  - Funds will provide ongoing financial support of the Canal Fulton Dog Park
  - Look for a grand opening event
  - Brick paver sales/donations will be used for supplies, equipment, signage, parking, etc.
- ◆ Need a flyer with an artist's sketch to be placed all over Canal Fulton

- ◆ Deanne Nackowiz suggested that Pets Marketing (Pet Health Insurance – she works for them) supports the paver donations (and Pet Smart, etc.), and she stated that Makers might be able to cater the grand opening.

Mrs. Hupp made a motion to go forward with the brick (paver) fund raiser being written in the City newsletter for the off-leash Canal Fulton Dog Park; seconded by Mr. Wagner. **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

#### **Picnic Tables at the Canal Fulton Dog Park**

- ◆ The picnic tables have been moved inside.

#### **Discussion on How to Monitor People Who Are Not Obeying the Rules at the Dog Park**

- ◆ Police train people what the rules are and what the use of the park is.
- ◆ Suggestion that Park Board members take turns for a while to go over rules with people in the park on evenings and weekends.
- ◆ Mention rules in the City newsletter suggested.
- ◆ There is an ordinance sign outside the dog park that explains the rules.
- ◆ No baby strollers inside the dog park.
- ◆ Grand Opening will help problems.
- ◆ Parking problems still exist.

#### **Donation of Trees to Dog Park**

- ◆ An anonymous donor (owner of Sir Bingo) is donating \$800 to the City to purchase trees for the dog park. (City Manager has accepted this donation.)
- ◆ Need suggestions of types of trees that would good/hardy – even if dogs are using it all day (Mr. Wagner to speak with Davies). Mr. Wagner said maples are the best way to go for shade trees because it's the fastest grower.
- ◆ Mention trees in the City newsletter – Canal Fulton Dog Park is “well received” by people in Canal Fulton.
- ◆ Patti (Clerk of Council) has heard from quite a few people that are excited about the dog park.

#### **Review Announcement of the Canal Fulton Dog Park to be Placed on the Web Site**

##### **Waterline to Dog Park**

- ◆ Running water over from the other building in the Water Treatment Plant
- ◆ Getting one fountain to be on the outside of the fenced parks

##### **Summer Recreation Program**

- ◆ August 13, 2004 is the last day.
- ◆ It's going well, according to Pam.
- ◆ 42 Youths signed up; 35 on the average come each day.
- ◆ Working with SARTA, the buses were great the first week; the second week they were a little late; last week they were (one time) a half-hour late. Pam has been speaking to them about the importance of not being late. Otherwise, it's been extremely cost-effective.
- ◆ Newsletters are being sent weekly to the families of the participants to let them know what is coming up next.
- ◆ Styles Art Studio ended up not participating in this program, due to miscommunication with the YMCA.
- ◆ Mrs. Higgins to check on Summer Recreation supplies still down in the Concession Stand at Community Park.

##### **Ball Field Renovations**

- ◆ Player benches to be installed this fall.

**Tennis Courts – No Report**

**Nature Trail – No Report**

**Phase I of Community Park – No Report**

**Discovery Park**

Mr. Fleming wrote in a memo to Mrs. Higgins to delete 170' of fencing that they had installed last year. Mrs. Higgins said what Mr. Fleming meant was delete the fence from the project and budget because it was "originally in the other budget for the project."

Cawrse & Associates Inc. are working on putting a revision together for designing Discovery Park. There is not enough room to get over into the far wing of Discovery Park.

Mr. Fleming is going with kids' desires to have playground equipment in park. Mr. Wagner suggested handicapped playground equipment; Mrs. Higgins will leave word with Mr. Fleming about same.

Purchase Order to Cawrse & Associates Inc. in the amount of \$500 for modifications to the design plan based on the new survey and the lot line Mr. Wagner spoke about during this meeting.

Mr. Wagner made a motion to approve the Purchase Order made out to Cawrse & Associates Inc. in the amount of \$500 for modifications to the Discovery Park design plan; seconded by Mrs. Hupp. **ROLL CALL: Yes - ALL**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PARK REQUESTS**

**The Boy Scout Troup 915 (5-10 Scouts/5 Adults) want to have a Canal Period Encampment for Canalfest,** after the Eagle Court of Honor for Patrick Tohill, performing period crafts and setting up tents in order to camp overnight on or near the trail on Saturday night (8/14/04) between 8:00 PM and 9:00 PM. They were asked by Stark County Parks to do this. The members assumed they didn't want camp fires, so they will call them after approving this, to tell them no camp fire.

Mrs. Shimer made to approve Boy Scout Troup 915 to use the park on August 14 and 15 (overnight), with the provision there are no fires and not on the trail; seconded by Mrs. Hupp. **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

**Friends of Mrs. Higgins donated a park bench to Muhlhauser Park – put in newsletter thanking them.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting will be September 9, 2004 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mrs. Shimer made a motion to adjourn the August 12, 2004 Parks & Recreation Board meeting; Mrs. Higgins adjourned the meeting.

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**Mary Ann Higgins, Acting Chair**