

The City of Canal Fulton

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2004 – 7:00 PM

REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Fred Fleming called the September 9, 2004 Parks & Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALLING OF THE ROLL

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

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

Mrs. Shimer made a motion to excuse Mary Ann Higgins (business meeting in Austin, TX), David Prather, and Pat Tohill; seconded by Mr. Wagner. **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 12, 2004 MINUTES

Correction: Page 1 Under Pavers – “Mr. Fleming and Mr. Wagner went to the Wadsworth dog park” was incorrect. There is no dog park in Wadsworth yet. It should say, “Mr. Fleming and Mr. Wagner went to a park where they have engraved bricks (Kaleidoscope Park in the Memorial Park area, Wadsworth).” They had gone to Wadsworth and were looking at tennis courts; next to the tennis court was a platform made out of pavers that were donated, and Mr. Fleming consequently made contact with the person that chaired that committee and got the information that was presented at the last meeting.”

Mrs. Shimer made a motion to approve the August 12, 2004 meeting minutes as amended; seconded by Mr. Wagner. **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

OLD BUSINESS

OFF-LEASH PARK

Discussion on Brick Fundraiser: Mr. Fleming would like that for all three parks. He is leaving out Community Park because he doesn't know what to do about it as long as the construction is going on there; maybe add in later.

It was stated the Maker's might be able to cater the grand opening of the park. The Board will firm this up when they plan the grand opening.

Water Line to Dog Park: To be done in the fall – no definite date.

2004 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Report from Mary Ann

Concession Stand - Pam Leddon (YMCA) and Mary Ann are going to look at the supplies in the concession stand to see what is useable in the future. YMCA might be able to store the supplies, or Dan Mayberry said they could check with the Senior Center or the Police Station to see if either place has room for the boxes for future use. Pam should have the program report to Marge Loretto and a copy to Mr. Fleming no later than Monday, so after that they can discuss the report and plans for 2005.

The Loop Trail Down by the River in Community Park - Mary Ann saw Connie Rubin from Stark Parks and told her about the condition of the loop trail. Ms. Rubin thanked her for the input and said their park maintenance crew probably just overlooked the need to redo that trail surface, since (after a rain) they focus mostly on the main towpath trail repairs, but she would recommend they look into resurfacing it soon.

BALL FIELD RENOVATIONS (still on hold)

Player benches to be installed this fall

TENNIS COURTS – Mr. Fleming feels FEMA obviously doesn't want to deal with moving the tennis courts. He talked to Marge Loretto to try to get something going. Mr. Fleming is considering calling Ralph Regula's office and having him talk to FEMA to intervene for the city before we lose the funds. FEMA received the proposal for the tennis courts in early spring (i.e., where they're going to move it, what the elevation of the park is in comparison with the flood plain, how it's situated on the property, etc.).

PHASE I OF COMMUNITY PARK – Mrs. Shimer asked if anyone knew when anything is going to be started. Mr. Fleming said he thought Marge Loretto stated they should be able to get this underway early spring. The parking lot would not be started this fall. They've done the electrical, and the lights are up.

DISCOVERY PARK – Mr. Fleming stated the changes on the plan: Cutting down some of the trees; moving a fence 3 or 4 feet in (trees sit outside). There are three pads for the three handicapped tables that are in the garage currently. All the benches were taken off of the proposal because they have nine benches, and the pads for the 3 handicapped picnic tables and the pads for the nine park benches were added to the project. The plan is to bolt them down; reasons for same are 1) maintenance problems, and 2) Mr. Fleming didn't want to fish them out of the pond. For the play yard on the left-hand side of the pathway coming in from Ericcson, Mr. Fleming said he just wanted a small swing set (a couple of swings, a tower, and a slide). The asphalt walking paths measure 6-foot-wide, as Mr. Fleming wanted to ensure that two wheelchairs could pass each other. Mrs. Shimer questioned whether that would be wide enough. Up in the corner, where the path wasn't going to fit in between the corner and the lot and the corner of the pond because of the bank, they cut the underbrush down and Mr. Fleming saw a plateau and had suggestions in filling the area with dirt to get a pathway through there. Mr. Fleming had them put three to four sections of fence, so anybody in a wheelchair won't be able to roll off into the pond. Mr. Wagner questioned the fencing that is going to be inside the pine trees, is the city still liable for the maintenance outside on the pine trees, as there is going to be clean-up there, and how about the weeds on the inside of the fence that's already on Beverly at 170 feet. Mr. Fleming said that is going to be cleared out and will be a city problem. There was a lengthy discussion about the number of trees to be bought for the park, and the cost and getting pricing elsewhere. Mr. Fleming said it will likely go out to bid.

NEW BUSINESS

PARK REQUESTS – Mrs. Shimer called Tammy about requesting a park, and she said it is \$40 for residents/non-profit organizations to reserve the park, and she wanted to know when did that happen? Mr. Fleming stated a year or two ago, they worked on raising all the fees and getting all the fees intact. In the meantime, City Hall hadn't been taking care of the old ordinance. So when they put the new ordinance into place, they've had a few complaints on it. If you rent the park, you've got the pavilion. If you want to just use the pavilion, there is a fee of \$40 also. Mrs. Shimer says there has got to be a differentiation. Mr. Fleming said he thought Tammy wasn't giving her the right information. Mr. Fleming will look at the ordinance for an explanation of park/pavilion rates.

PAVERS (BRICK & LIMESTONE) – Mr. Wagner investigated the brick pavers. They are \$0.46 each (plus shipping charges); engraving is \$15 for each brick; limestone is recommended over sandstone (longer lasting/price the same). They spoke about the location of the pavers . . . could be in the ground, on the bank, at the entranceway, etc. The limestone blocks are 5" x 16" x 3" thick; Chisler's supplied the limestone block and did the engraving for \$85 each. There are several suppliers they can contact on this. Mr. Wagner said during the Grand Opening, it would be a great time to have the pavers on display. It was stated that religious statements couldn't be allowed on the pavers due to possible lawsuits. Mr. Wagner is going to get both a two- and three-line sample to see what they look like after being engraved. Prices (engraved): Limestone \$300; Brick \$100

Mrs. Hupp made a motion to approve the engraved brick price at \$100 and the engraved limestone block price at \$300; seconded by Mr. Wagner. **ROLL CALL: Yes - ALL**

NEWSLETTER – Mrs. Shimer will write an article for the October edition of the *Our Town* newsletter. They spoke about the articles Patti Schauwecker (Clerk of Council and Editor of the Canal Fulton newsletter) wrote about the dog park and the trees that a number of dogs are donating, and how she split them up and put the three articles on separate pages for better impact. Regarding setting up a Grand Opening for the dog park, they are hoping to have Dick Goddard from Channel 8 make an appearance. Mrs. Shimer needs the information for *Our Town* by October 1, 2004.

Tasks: A date has to be decided; Dick Goddard is to be contacted and invited to attend; letters of invitation are to be written; someone should contact Maker's restaurant regarding food donations.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be October 14, 2004 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mr. Fleming adjourned the meeting.

Fred Fleming, Chair