

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

May 10, 2007 – 7:00 PM

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Fred Fleming called the May 10, 2007 Parks & Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALLING OF THE ROLL

Present: Fred Fleming; Mary Ann Hupp; Mary Ann Higgins, Ed Fousek; and Rebecca Shimer. Kyle Storsin arrived late.

Absent: and Brandi Klein.

Other Present: Kathy McConnell, Canalway Center; Jeremy Graber, Cell Phone Recycle

Mr. Fleming moved the item under New Business, Donation Program to this portion of the meeting as a guest was present:

Jeremy Graber, Cell Phone Recycle: Mr. Graber stated he lives in town and he has an electronic recycle business. He has been in business for eight years. He stated he works with local organizations, churches, and MetroPark Zoo. They collect unwanted cell phones. He then tests the cells phones and those that are still usable he resells and those that are too old to have any resale value are recycled through a company that properly disposes of them and pays by the pound. He stated it is a resource that is available everywhere because people change cell phones all the time. He feels they could promote it with community events and to let people know that we are recycling to raise funds. He stated he gives 40% of the collected funds to the participating organization. He stated he tries to remit payment to the organizations once a month. He stated if he takes in a large number of phones it may take him a little longer, sixty days would be the worst case scenario.

Kyle Storsin is now present for the meeting.

Mrs. Higgins said they would have discussions on it and get back to Mr. Graber.

Ms. McConnell stated she has started a recycle program for printer cartridges and cell phones. Mr. Graber's proceeds are much higher. It was discussed that this program would be good to do and the monies going to the Parks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Higgins moved to approve the April 12, 2007, seconded by Mrs. Hupp. ROLL: Yes, ALL.

OLD BUSINESS

Puffenberger Property: No Report

Off Leash Park: The grass has started to grow. They have had to reseed three times due to storms.

Brick Donations: - No Report

PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMMING:

YMCA Day Camp:

Recreation Program Offerings: Ms. McConnell stated they had a wildflower hike. There were eleven people present. They were very pleased with the program. Next week there is a bike ride scheduled. The canoe skills program is set for May 19.

Ms. McConnell stated she received a call from David Derry, True Life Community Church, inquiring about partnering with the parks for the movies in the park.

Ms. McConnell stated she got a price quote from Martin Audio Visual for a data projector and for a portable outdoor PA system. There was discussion on the projector and PA system. If they get the grant from OECA, they will be able to get the panels.

Mr. Fleming stated the funds for this purchase will come out of the green space fees.

There was discussion on putting the movies in the park on the brochure for the music concerts. They will pass out the flyer at SS. Phillip & James and Canal Fulton Elementary.

Mrs. Higgins moved to approve the purchase of a data projector in the amount of \$2,373 for the Canalway Center, seconded by Mr. Fousek. ROLL: Yes, ALL.

Mrs. Hupp moved to approve the purchase of a portable outdoor PA system in the amount of \$1,819, seconded by Mr. Fousek. ROLL: Yes, ALL.

Tennis Courts: Mr. Fleming stated he received a complaint that kids are skating boarding on the courts. There are balls rolling out from under the fence and there is trash everywhere.

Mr. Storsin stated he goes there every evening and has never seen kids there.

Canalway Center: Ms. McConnell stated distributed her report for April. They are in the process of putting together the tours for the school children. The Event Cruise Committee has put together four cruises for this summer.

Donation Report:

Music in the Park: Mr. Fleming reported that he has \$1,650 in pledges and has collected \$350 of that amount.

Discovery Park: Mr. Fleming stated he has \$600 in pledges. He needs three more. The donations are in the amount of \$200.

St. Helena Park: Mr. Fleming asked if someone from the board would like to try to get donations. Ms. Shimer stated she would be willing to get donations.

Discovery Park: Mr. Fleming was showing the members a drawing of the benches that were installed at the park. Mr. Fleming stated some of the placement of the benches is not correct and trying to determine if they should pour a couple feet of concrete or cut the bolts off the benches and move them. The asphalt is done. The fencing will be done on May 21. The swings need hung up.

Newsletter Items: No Report.

Budget: No Report.

Skate Park: No Report.

Community Service Coordinator: Mr. Fleming stated if anyone knew of any projects to let him know. Ms. McConnell stated the fencing is going to be replaced by the boat and a new sign installed. The City and the Heritage Society will be doing the work on Friday, May 11. Channel 3 News is going to be in the park on May 16 taping for a segment.

The community service workers put together the picnic tables.

Olde Canal Days: Mr. Fleming reported they will have a bike and a helmet for the raffle. Mr. Fleming stated Sam's Club has an easy up tent on sale.

Mr. Fousek made a motion to purchase a tent for \$200, seconded by Ms. Shimer. ROLL: Yes, ALL.

Ms. McConnell stated she presented to the Olde Canal Days Committee that the Park Board would like to do an event, such as "Canal Fulton has Talent", as a suggestion. The Committee is interested if the Board is still interested. Saturday, July 14 from 2:00-3:00 the flat bed trailer would be available.

Concerts: Mr. Fleming stated they have enough money to cover the concerts.

Trash Receptacles: Mr. Fleming stated they were able to sand off the lettering from the lids of the receptacles. The player benches have been installed.

St. Helena Park: Mr. Fleming stated he is still working on the estimate for the fence. Mr. Fleming stated they are estimating \$4,000 for a new roof for the refreshment stand building. He stated it needs new trusses. The building is made out of three parts. Mr. Fleming stated they will have to take the whole roof off and put new trusses on and extend it four feet on the right side and the normal two feet on the other side so there will be an overhang on the concession window. They are going to use it for storage now, but can bring it back as a concession stand later. It needs a lot of cleaning.

Ms. Shimer moved to approve the replacement of the roof on the refreshment stand building, with an estimate of \$4,000, seconded by Mr. Fousek. ROLL: Yes, ALL.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Reservations:

Northwest Soccer League Schedule: He stated he received the schedule from the league. He gave it to Ms. Lawson and told her to waive the fees.

Ms. Shimer moved to approve the Northwest Soccer League as submitted and to waive the fees, seconded by Mrs. Higgins. ROLL: Yes, ALL.

Canal Fulton Historical & Art Festival: Mr. Downing will not be able to get the F-4 liquor license until 30 days before the event.

Mrs. Higgins moved to approve the C.F. Historical Society permit application for the Historical & Art Festival August 18 & 19, fees based on the whole park rate of \$125 a day, seconded by Mrs. Hupp. ROLL: Yes, Mr. Fleming, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Hupp, and Mr. Fousek. No, Ms. Shimer.

Student Advisors: The student's terms are up the end of June. Mrs. Hupp will need to get back with Mr. Orr, Northwest School to nominate two more students.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fleming adjourned the May 10, 2007 Parks and Recreation Board meeting. The next scheduled meeting is June 14, 2007.

Fred Fleming, Chairman