

**CITY OF CANAL FULTON
PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

October 11, 2007

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD:

Fred Fleming called the October 11, 2007 Parks & Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALLING OF THE ROLL

Present: Fred Fleming, Chairman, Ed Fousek, Mary Ann Hupp, and Katie Mertz.

Absent: Mary Ann Higgins.

Others Present: Kathy McConnell, Canalway Center, Cassie McCully and Patrick Schwartz, Jackson High School students.

Corrections to Agenda:

Mr. Fleming stated he would like to add a comment from the Mayor under Discovery Park.

Mr. Fleming stated he forgot the Old School Park. They received a Home Depot grant.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Hupp moved to approve the September 13, 2007, seconded by Mr. Fleming. **ROLL: Yes, Mr. Fleming, Mrs. Hupp. Abstain: Mr. Fousek.**

Old Buisness

Puffenburger Property: No Report.

Off Leash Report: The broken seats on the picnic tables are going to be replaced free of charge. It takes 4-6 weeks to get them fabricated. Plastic Lumber's assessment is that they were vandalized, but still stood behind their product.

Brick Donations: Mr. Fleming stated Mrs. Mayberry had laminated some signs and posted at the park for information on donations.

Parks & Recreation Programming: Ms. McConnell stated they are co-sponsoring the Fall Fun Fest with True Life Community Church at the Old Schoolyard Park. It will be held on October 31 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Mr. Fleming and Ms. McConnell met with Rev. Derry to confirm their commitment and to share their idea on what they will be doing. It is a very organized event. Ms. McConnell stated at the Park Board booth she is going to have a small obstacle course. The winner will receive tickets, as is done at Chuckie Cheese. Ms. McConnell stated they will need assistance with set up and during the event.

Ms. McConnell stated they have also been requested by the City Administrator to sponsor a child activity at the Fire Station grand opening, which is to be held on Sunday, October 28 from 1-3 PM. They will have booth space with a canopy and prize giveaways. She has made up a house with fire in the windows. The kids will use a squirt gun and try to make the fire fall down. The fire personnel will be giving tours.

The Daddy/Daughter Dance has been confirmed for February 8.

Mr. Fleming reported they were able to reschedule two of the bands. It is his recommendation for next year, if it rains, they will not try to reschedule the bands.

Tennis Courts: Mr. Fleming stated he doesn't have a report on the Build Your Own Drinking Fountain.

Canalway Center: Ms. McConnell stated the Center has purchased 14 stacking chairs and 3 additional folding tables. There are now 3 hexagon tables that now sit out front of the building.

She stated they just had a program, Ghosts of Ohio, and 50 people registered and 38 people participated.

Ms. McConnell reported that for the month of September there were 1,547 visitors to the Canalway Center. The Canal Boat has been put away due to some maintenance issues. The ticket sales,, including the Special Charters, was \$21,771.00.

Discovery Park: Mr. Fleming reported that at the last Council meeting, the Mayor commended the Park Board for the dedication ceremonies.

Newsletter Items: Ms. McConnell reported there is going to be a newsletter prior to the election. It is a mini newsletter, but is only going to include information about Issue 52.

Budget: No Report.

Skate Park: Mr. Fleming reported that he will need to get together with the Law Director in setting up the 501(c) 3. The books and structure will need to be set up.

Community Service Coordinator: Mr. Fleming suggested they put 2-4'x8' plywood panels over the restrooms for storage area for equipment at the Canalway Center.

Ms. McConnell stated Amanda from Amanda's Greenhouse is willing to assist with choosing the plants for the beds within the City.

Olde Canal Days: Ms. McConnell reported the Olde Canal Days Committee was impressed with the Park Board being a part of the event. They would be interested in having the Board organize some events for next year, i.e. old fashioned games.

Priority List: No Report

St. Helena Heritage Park: The roof has been put on hold at this point to evaluate it because of the condition of the building.

New Business

Park Reservations:

Dennis Downing, Canal Fulton Heritage Society, Historical & Art Festival, August 14-16: The event is scheduled for August 15 and 16. Mr. Downing will be setting up August 14. Mrs. Hupp moved to approve the Historical & Art Festival August 14-16 event, along with the special alcohol permit and pay the appropriate fees, seconded by Mr. Fousek. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition, Bike Run/Fundraiser (Tour Du Towpath), August 9: Mr. Fleming stated there is a conflict in scheduling with this event. Ms. McConnell stated she will coordinate with Ms. Reid, Event Coordinator, to possibly set up by the Canalway Center. Mr. Fousek moved to approve the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition event scheduled for August 9, with the fees waived due to the Canalway Center co-sponsoring, seconded by Mrs. Hupp. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

Ms. McConnell stated next year, when there is an event at the pavilion, Ms. Lawson will fax the registration form to the Canalway Center and there will be an event board on which to post the event to alleviate conflicts with the use of the pavilion.

Farmers Market: Ms. McConnell stated the market will be held on Thursdays from 3:00 – 7:00 PM beginning mid July through the first part of October. They are currently trying to get the word out that they are looking for vendors. Interested parties are to contact Paul Bagocius or Rick White. The Lion's Club will be sponsoring the community event.

New Student Advisor: Miss Mertz stated she asked individual's if they want to be a student advisor on the board and none she spoke with were available on Thursdays or not interested. She will continue to try to find someone.

Adjournment

Mr. Fleming adjourned the October 11, 2007 meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

Fred Fleming, Chairman