

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

*December 13, 2007*

**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD:**

Fred Fleming called the December 13, 2007 Parks & Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CALLING OF THE ROLL**

**Present:** Fred Fleming, Chairman, Mary Ann Higgins, Mary Ann Hupp and Katie Mertz.

**Absent:** Barbara Allman and Ed Fousek.

**Others Present:** Kathy McConnell, Canalway Center.

**CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA - None**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Higgins moved to approve the November 8, 2007 minutes as amended, seconded by Mrs. Hupp. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

Mrs. Higgins stated under Corrections to Agenda, "They did not have enough to vote on them at the September meeting", should read "the October meeting".

**OLD BUSINESS**

**PUFFENBERGER PROPERTY:**

Skate Park: The Olde Canal Days has set aside \$500. Ms. McConnell stated she spoke with a gentleman from Jackson Township and they were able to do a concrete pad that was 140x100'. The bid price was \$25,500. The contractor was new and looking for work for the fall. He had indicated the other bids were around \$35,000, which is usually the going rate.

Mr. Fleming stated he is missing the report of design for the park. It was stated it was used during Olde Canal Days and is possibly in a box.

**OFF LEASH PARK:**

Mr. Fleming reported that two seats have been replaced on picnic benches. There are now two more seats that are cracked in the same location as the last two.

Mr. Fleming reported that a tree fell on the fence at the dog park during a wind storm. It did \$320 damage. This will be fixed by the end of the month. The park will be closed for the season. There is too much water in the area to maintain it currently. The port-o-potty has been moved to St. Helena Heritage Park.

**BRICK DONATIONS:**

Mrs. Hupp reported that a brick was purchased.

**PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMMING:**

Downtown Open House: Ms. McConnell stated the Open House was December 1 and 2. The Park Board sponsored Santa's activities, which included visits to Santa at the Blank House, Santa sing-a-long at the tree lighting ceremony, and Mr. & Mrs. Claus' arrival. She stated there was approximately 60 families visit with Santa and a majority purchased a photograph that was available from Rhodes

Photography for \$5. For the tree lighting ceremony the sing-a-long Santa, the Mayor and the Canal Lands Girl Scout group participated in this event. The Lion's Club sold hot chocolate and hot dogs. True Life Community Church provided free popcorn. There were about 200 people at the tree lighting ceremony. She stated it was very well received. The merchants did more business this year than in the past. They sold the raffle tickets Tuesday through Sunday and they did \$25,000 worth of sales downtown. They gave away a 19" flat screen TV as the grand prize. There were also 26 other gifts that were given away.

Ms. McConnell stated the merchants sponsored surrey rides.

YMCA: Mrs. Higgins stated the YMCA will be doing the swim lessons for the fourth graders. There will be winter and spring sessions.

Ms. McConnell stated she met with Chuck Haas regarding meeting with Joe Rubin, a musician who lives in New York City. Mr. Rubin does silent films and would like to do them in the park. It is done on a reel to reel, and he will provide the equipment. Mr. Haas would play the organ during the film. This will be in conjunction with the movies in the park activity. Mr. Haas will take care of the musical instruments for the event.

Ms. McConnell stated she has the DJ for the daddy/daughter dance for \$160 for two hours. Cookies and punch will be served. It will be held February 8, 2008 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. A flier will be sent to the schools.

#### **TENNIS COURTS:**

Build Your Own Drinking Fountain – No Report.

#### **CANALWAY CENTER:**

Equipment Purchase – Shelf Unit – The shelving has been installed.

The Center is closed for the season. The interpretive panel committee continues to meet.

Reservation Procedure & Instructions: No Report

#### **DISCOVERY PARK:**

Park Benches Re-Installed – No Report.

Landscaping will need addressed.

#### **NEWSLETTER ITEMS:**

Report: No Report.

#### **BUDGET:**

Report: No Report.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR:**

Any Projects: None known at this time.

#### **OLDE CANAL DAYS:**

Report: No Report.

**PRIORITY LIST:**

Report: Work in progress.

**ST. HELENA HERITAGE PARK:**

Fence: The fence will need addressed in the spring.

New Roof for Refreshment Stand Building – On hold.

New Picnic Tables for the Shelter - The members will need to do research on the tables and then they will take a vote at next meeting for the purchase. Mr. Fleming would like to have the metal tubing on the legs and wood tops.

**Olde School Yard Park:**

KaBOOM!/The Home DePot Blitz Project: This will be completed in the spring.

**New Student Advisor:**

Miss Mertz stated she may have someone interested in serving as student advisor. He was unable to come to tonight's meeting but will encourage him to come next month.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Park Reservations:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Fleming adjourned the December 13, 2007 meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting is January 10, 2008 at 7:00 PM and will be the reorganization meeting.

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Fred Fleming, Chairman