

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

*March 13, 2008*

**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD:**

Mary Ann Higgins called the March 13, 2008 Parks & Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CALLING OF THE ROLL**

**Present:** Mary Ann Higgins, Barb Allman, and Mr. Fleming, Ethan Fahrney and Katie Mertz.

**Absent:** Mrs. Hupp and Mr. Fousek

**Others Present:** Kathy McConnell, Canalway Center and Danny Losch, Council Member.

**CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA -** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Allman moved to approve the February 14, 2008, seconded by Mrs. Higgins. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

**Note:** Motion did not carry, Mr. Fleming should have abstained, therefore, there wasn't a quorum.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**PUFFENBERGER PROPERTY:**

Skate Park: Ms. McConnell stated she attended a conference recently and attended a workshop session on skate parks and how to bring them to your community. She has received some catalogs from several vendors.

Ms. McConnell stated on the Recreation Center, she emailed Mr. Cozy for an update. Ms. McConnell stated the Saeger family from Doylestown is looking to build a recreation center within Canal Fulton. They are just researching this. They are looking to the City to give them park land. This would enable them to have more monies in their bank to do the earth and mortar of the project. They have an initial design that they are taking to some contractors for square footage estimates. The building is still in the initial dreaming phase. She is going to do a follow up with the Saeger's.

Mr. Fleming stated this is not a recreation center, it is a senior center and we will be competing with our own senior center. Ms. McConnell stated the one they have in Doylestown is a wellness center/adult daycare. She stated the fitness center is open to anyone that wishes to buy a membership, as well as they have senior adult programming. The adult daycare is for the immobile individuals that need assistance. She stated what they have in Doylestown is different than what they are looking to build in the City. They would like to have multi-purpose recreation center, with one part focusing on soccer, as well as a regular fitness and aquatic area, multi-purpose rooms, adult daycare and to have room in the facility for the senior activities.

Mr. Fleming stated at the current center the members only pay \$6 a year. Ms. McConnell stated one option would be to keep the current senior center and they could still offer senior programming at the other facility. This would allow people to be able to choose what type of membership they want.

Ms. Mconnell stated there will be a resident and non-resident rate.

**OFF LEASH PARK:**

Off Leash Park: Some of the picnic benches have broken seats. Plastic Lumber Company came out and inspected and took photos.

The park is still wet. No date to reopen has been determined.

Mr. Fleming stated he had a call from a council member from Dover wanting information on our park.

**BRICK DONATIONS:** No Report

**PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMMING:**

Easter Egg Hunt: Mrs. Hupp, Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Allman will be assisting with this program. It is on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM. Volunteers are asked to be there at 8:30 AM.

Sweetheart Dance: Ms. McConnell she felt we could do 100 reservations next year, but we will need a larger facility. There was a positive response to the event.

Newsletter: Ms. McConnell stated she had programming information in the newsletter.

Earth Day: This is a national program. Giant Eagle donated 400 grocery bags and the intermediate students will be decorating them in their art classes. Ms. McConnell will then pick them up and deliver to Giant Eagle to use on Earth Day in April.

The Canalway Center will be open for weekends beginning April 5<sup>th</sup> and then on May 1 will re-open daily.

Concerts/Movies: Mr. Fleming stated he has two concerts scheduled. The Community Band will be performing on June 12 and July 3. Three more bands will be able to be scheduled. There is a silent movie scheduled for June 26 and July 31. The family movies will be held on June 6 and August 8. Mr. Fleming stated they could possibly schedule an event for July 30, August 3 and August 17. Ms. McConnell stated if he emails the dates/events to her, she will make up a flier.

Lion's Farmers Market: No Report.

Canal Boat Special Events: No Report.

**TENNIS COURTS:**

Build Your Own Drinking Fountain: No Report.

The nets are down and will be closed through March. He received a letter from a neighboring resident of the tennis courts. He has requested that they have a breaker timer on the lights so they can't come on when the park is closed. He would also like to have a windscreen on the west side so his property is blocked.

**CANALWAY CENTER:**

Canalway Center Report: The interpretive panel information has been taken to CEI Communication for preliminary design layout. They will be done in the early season. The cost when they began on the project was \$7,400. They have received a grant from OECA for half of this project. She hopes CEI is going to keep the same cost they gave. It has been a year since they gave the price quote.

There was discussion on the grant monies they would be receiving.

Reservation Procedure & Instructions: Ms. McConnell stated she printed a copy for all members. She would like for members to review them and in the next upcoming meetings to have discussion on them.

It was recommended to have a subcommittee to review the rules.

Mr. Fleming would like to be on the subcommittee, as well as Ms. McConnell and Mrs. Higgins.

Ms. McConnell stated she doesn't have anything on the procedures and instructions. She wanted guidance from Mr. Fleming.

They have a locking bulletin board that will be installed at the pavilion at St. Helena Heritage Park this spring.

Ms. McConnell stated the Canalway Coalition Signage Committee is active again. She stated they have kiosks. She stated communities can purchase the ones that are similar to what they have along the canalway. They are having a meeting tomorrow and she will get information on them.

**DISCOVERY PARK:** - No Report

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS:**

Report: The newsletter went out to the residents.

**BUDGET:** Mr. Fleming reviewed the 2008 Parks and Recreation Expenses.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR:**

Any Projects: Ms. McConnell stated the Mayor has committed the Community Service Coordinator and any workers (s)he may have to assist with the painting and some of the minor aesthetic repair to the boat.

**OLDE CANAL DAYS:**

Report: Ms. McConnell stated she has been attending their monthly meetings. She had presented to them the Park Boards contests they would like to do at the festival: Canal Fulton's Got Talent, a cherry pit spitting and a contest that is based on the show "Are You Smarter Than A Fifth Grader". The last contest can be a group and then she will have a pile labeled A, B, C. and D in each corner and multiple choice questions will be asked. Those participating who, for example, think the answer is A would go to that designated corner. Those with the wrong answer will be eliminated. The Committee has indicated they have some funds for prizes for the games. Ms. McConnell stated James and Janet Deans are in charge of the entertainment.

Ms. McConnell stated she would like to have some of the Park Board's events by the St. Helena II. She indicated there is going to be a gentleman that will be putting on a show for big time wrestling for an hour on Saturday night, which will be by the St. Helena II. He will be putting up a wrestling ring and will take down the stantions and they will then be able to use it as a stage. The Committee will also use this area for the announcement of the winners from the parade.

Mr. Losch stated he would like to see the Canalway Center opened more during Olde Canal Days. He stated he knows in the past he has put the Bloodmobile in that area and it is possible that it blocks the view of the center. He stated they need more exposure to the Center and he doesn't have any problem in adjusting the bloodmobile around so they can create a draw to that area.

Ms. McConnell stated the Center is open. They do the tours for the boat. Ms. McConnell stated they are jammed with people, they show the video and selling tickets. She stated she didn't know if there really was a need at night to filter people toward the Center.

Mr. Losch stated there is flexibility in the set up and they could look at a location for the Park Board.

**PRIORITY LIST:**

Report: None

**ST. HELENA HERITAGE PARK:**

Fence: None

New Roof for Refreshment Stand Building – On hold

New Picnic Tables for the Shelter - The picnic tables were to be shipped on March 10, 2008. They should be arriving any time. Mr. Fleming stated he has rented a storage facility for a month where they will be able to put together in a dry place.

Mr. Fleming stated the company erroneously shipped the tables in January and they have been storing at a local site at their cost.

**Olde School Yard Park:**

KaBOOM!/The Home DePot Blitz Project: Mr. Fleming stated Home Depot called and weather permitting; they will be at the park on March 18<sup>th</sup>. If the weather is not good, they at least are planning to work on the benches at one of the manager's house. They have flower containers at each end and a bench between them.

Mr. Losch stated he would help with the project.

**New Student Advisor:** Ethan Fahrney will be the student advisor and he was welcomed to the board.

Mr. Losch commended Mr. Fleming for being an advocate and getting students involved. He would like to see more young people involved as they are the future of this community.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Park Reservations:** Mr. Fleming stated he had one and he referred it to Ms. Lawson.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Higgins adjourned the March 13, 2008 meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting is April 10, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

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Mary Ann Higgins, Vice-Chair