

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

April 10, 2008

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD:

Fred Fleming called the April 10, 2008 Parks & Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALLING OF THE ROLL

Present: Fred Fleming, Ed Fousek, Mary Ann Hupp, Barb Allman, and Ethan Fahrney.

Absent: Mary Ann Higgins and Katie Mertz.

Others Present: Kathy McConnell, Canalway Center and Dennis Downing.

CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA - Under New Business, add Historical & Art Festival.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Allman moved to approve the February 14, 2008, seconded by Mrs. Hupp. **ROLL: Yes, Mr. Fousek, Mrs. Hupp and Mrs. Allman. Abstain, Mr. Fleming.**

There is not a quorum to approve the March 13, 2008 meeting minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Historical & Art Festival: Mr. Downing stated they have moved the dates. He stated due to not being able to have wine on Sundays, they have decided to not hold the event on Sundays. It will be held on Friday and Saturday. The hours will be 11AM-8PM. This year they were able to get a head start on the event. They currently have 36 applications. They are estimating 40 art vendors this year. Most of them are out-of-state vendors. Mr. Downing discussed the applicants. The layout will be the same as last year. Mr. Downing stated there were 3 winery's, 12 art vendors and 4 historic displays. He stated there will be 4 winery's this year.

There was question to the layout, the fence line includes the old concession stand included in it. They will need to have access to this. He stated this could be adjusted. He stated he has rules for the vendors. They have the option to set up Thursday evening or first thing Friday morning. He stated last year, half the vendors came in the evening before. They will be supplying private security beginning Thursday evening.

There were questions on whether this event was approved. Ms. McConnell will check with Ms. Lawson.

OLD BUSINESS

PUFFENBERGER PROPERTY:

Recreation Center Update: Ms. McConnell stated she talked to Mrs. Saeger. They are currently working on their end with the planning of it and looking at financing.

Engineering for Topography Grading: Mr. Fleming stated he spoke with Mr. Cozy and Mr. Mayberry regarding the engineering for topography for the property. He would like to get some bids to grade the area and getting the run off taken care of. He stated this should be done before they do anything. They can grass the area and put pavers there and put a few picnic tables in the grass and start to use it. He stated this wouldn't happen to approximately next year.

The cost of this will be part of the engineering costs. Mr. Fleming stated he is trying to get an estimate for the drawings and the cost estimates.

OFF LEASH PARK:

Off Leash Park: They have not done anything with the pictures they have regarding the broken seats on the benches. They would like Mr. Fleming to see if the cracks have gotten any wider than what was there in the fall. They will replace the benches.

The seed that was spread last year rotted. They will be putting some stone around the entrance of the small dog side. As long as it is muddy, they will not be able to open the park.

Easter Egg Hunt: It was cold and there was snow on the ground. They had to move the event to Muhlhauser Park. They had about 200 children participate. The church provided the eggs and most of the candy. The church had 10,000 eggs.

BRICK DONATIONS: No Report

PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMMING:

Movies in the Park: There are two dates for movies in the park. They will be having two silent movies. They will be projected on the Warehouse on the Canal building. The street will be blocked off in that area.

Nature Programs: Ms. McConnell stated she is putting together some nature programs for the end of the summer.

Arbor Day/Earth Day Project: Ms. McConnell stated she has emailed all. On Sunday, April 20th, there will be a tree give-away to the public. Mr. Svab has organized this as he has done this in the past. He is getting some trees for a good price. They will be utilizing community service dollars to purchase the trees. He has purchased 1,000 trees. They will be giving 500 trees to Stinson Elementary third and fourth graders. The other 500 will be distributed on April 20th. Ms. McConnell will be setting up the canopy by the Canalway Center to distribute the trees. She distributed a sign up sheet for volunteers.

Concerts: Mr. Fleming stated they have five concerts scheduled for this year. They are: Clinton Band on June 12 and July 3; Country Sunrise Special on July 20 and August 17; Taylor Made Classics August 3.

501 (c) 3: The application is currently being worked on by the Law Director. It has to go before City Council for approval. It will be called Friends of Canal Fulton Parks. They will need to discuss how the accounting. He would like the accounting to specify that it goes into a separate account and that it rolls over every year and the Friends of the Park are the only ones that can approve the money. He would like to review the Resolution before it is presented to Council.

TENNIS COURTS:

Build Your Own Drinking Fountain: No Report.

The nets are up for the season and the courts are being used.

CANALWAY CENTER:

Canalway Center Report: The Canalway Center is open for weekends. There were 10 applicants for the seasonal position. They interviewed three applicants. Cleda Scarbrough was hired for the position.

Reservation Procedure & Instructions: No Report.

DISCOVERY PARK: - Mr. Fleming will check with Mr. Mayberry regarding the park benches. The landscaping still needs to be addressed.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS:

Report: The next newsletter deadline is in May. Ms. McConnell will let Mrs. Hupp know when the deadline is.

BUDGET: Mr. Fleming stated they have approximately \$71,000 in open space fees.

Mr. Fleming stated they needed to work on the equipment they need. Ms. McConnell stated she has made a list for needed equipment.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR:

Mr. Murphy is the new Community Service Coordinator. Ms. McConnell stated he is very helpful and willing to assist with projects. He has gone above of what you ask of him. He picks up the trash around town, even when he doesn't have community service workers.

OLDE CANAL DAYS:

Show Planning: Mr. Fleming stated he put in the application for the booth for Olde Canal Days. He has requested the booth to be in front of the pink house on N. Canal Street.

The board discussed the games they will be sponsoring at Olde Canal Days.

Dick's Sponsorship: Mr. Fleming stated the sponsorship with Dick's Sporting Goods has been submitted to their corporate office. They are hoping to receive a bike and a helmet.

PRIORITY LIST:

Report:

ST. HELENA HERITAGE PARK:

Fence: No Report.

New Roof for Refreshment Stand Building – Mr. Fleming stated he discussed this with Mr. Mayberry today. They will need to make some changes with the rafters and make it all one roof.

New Picnic Tables for the Shelter - The picnic tables have been installed at the pavilion. They are working on the cabling to secure the tables. They have not been painted or stained yet.

Flood Damage Repairs: Mr. Fleming stated the sliding board that comes off the pirate ship came off. It has been put back on. They will need to replace some of the sand in the playground area. The gang plank was damaged and has been repaired.

Ballfield #3 is growing moss. They will be getting dirt on the other two fields. We do not have any leagues playing in the park anymore.

Olde School Yard Park:

KaBOOM!/The Home DePot Blitz Project: They have not gotten back to Mr. Fleming. There are two planters in the park, but they have not put the bench on yet.

New Student Advisors: Mr. Fleming is going to ask Miss Mertz if she would like to serve on the board through the summer. Mr. Farhney is not able to serve next school year. He stated Ethan Losch is interested.

NEW BUSINESS - None

Park Reservations:

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fleming adjourned the April 10, 2008 meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 8, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

Fred Fleming, Chairperson