

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY July 23, 2014

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM 7:30 P.M.

A G E N D A

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- VI. LOBBY
- VII. REPORTS
 - A. COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT
 - B. SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT
 - C. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - D. DIRECTORS REPORT
 - E. PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT
 - F. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
- X. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: June 25, 2014

The meeting was called to order at the N. Ridgeville Senior Center by Chairman Boose at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Dennis Boose, Cathy Ebenschweller, Kelly McCarthy, Chris Turay, Ben Gommel and Director Kevin Fougrousse

Absent: none

FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

Motion by McCarthy, 2nd by Turay

Yes, 5 No, 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by McCarthy, 2nd by Gommel to accept April minutes

Yes, 5 No, 0

LOBBY: Jim Leonard shared he has walked the trail from Library to school and how much he enjoys it. Chairman Boose thanked him.

REPORTS:

COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT: Noted Council Committee of the Whole is holding a meeting this Friday at 9 am to discuss infrastructure needs for the city. Council has asked all department heads to provide council with information in regards to their needs and wants including costs over the next five years. Kevin will be utilizing part of the Parks & Rec Master Plan for his presentation.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT: The High School gym is getting painted, new bleachers, and refinishing the floor. Liberty is getting a new roof.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Unencumbered Trust Fund balance is \$221,482.90.

DIRECTORS REPORT: See report in monthly package for Revenue and Expenses. General Fund unencumbered balance is \$20,192.00.

Parks and Recreation received an award for the new walking trail project from Greater Cleveland Trails and Greenways. There were 31 submissions and we received one out of six awards given at their first annual ceremony. Kudos to all involved in this project. To receive this award is a great accomplishment.

The fishing lake aerator bubble part has been ordered and should be fixed next week. Lowering the fence height should be finished in a week or two.

Coca Cola is our new beverage supplier for the next three years. They had lower price points per case by \$3 - \$4 over Pepsi. So far very satisfied with the communication aspect also. Coke will be providing us with new coolers. Clarified this contract is for the parks only, not the city.

Frontier Park flooded week of May 12 washing away the parking lot. Restrooms and concession stand had about 2 feet of water. Belfor Restoration checked behind the walls and no mold is present saving us some money there. Quote of \$3,000.00 to clean and sanitize.

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DIRECTORS REPORT cont'd:

The new town center trail is 99.9% complete. All it needs is the striping. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held in Pavilion #1 on July 1st from 6 – 7 pm. The Lions Club has volunteered to cook hotdogs and hamburgers for us. Invitations were sent to those pertinent to the project, and it is advertised open to the public on facebook and with the newspapers. Vice Chairman Ebenschweller noted her daughter has already used the trail and noticed the signs. Commented that the signs may seem like a small thing but they are appreciated.

Fordson Concrete will be performing the work on the walkway at the soccer complex.

Vice Chairman Ebenschweller inquired about the concessions at Shady Drive. Director Fougrousse noted its going well, good kids that want to work. Noted they were even working to open the stand for the weekend tournament. The new manager was looking forward to getting their feet wet with a small tournament to start. Vice Chairman Ebenschweller also inquired of new equipment supplier. Director Fougrousse reported that worked out well too. Noted it was expected to be difficult to get the stands up and running from scratch but everything is running smooth now and sales are good overall. Chairman Boose asked if both the Main stand and the T Ball stands were operational. Director Fougrousse answered yes.

Member McCarthy congratulated Kevin on the new trail and his new baby. Chairman Boose congratulated Kevin on the walking trail award noting its nice to be recognized.

Chairman Boose inquired how the other parks faired with the flooding. Director Fougrousse reported all parks were checked and found normal expected debris from flooding other than Frontier Park.

PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Independence Day celebrations will be held at South Central Park on July 3rd, from 7 pm – 9 pm. There are 9 food vendors and 2 service organizations, inflatables, balloon twisters, and a band. North Ridgeville Kiwanis is hosting a corn hole tournament. Fireworks at dusk with a rain date set for Saturday July 5.

Touch a Truck is a big annual event that is growing. Police, Fire and Street departments were all there with vehicles, as well as some outside companies. Children have a great time climbing in the drivers seat and blowing the horns.

Registration has started for Jr Ranger Football. A football camp is being offered by the High School staff.

Upcoming programs also include Foundations of Drawing, Summer Camp, Tennis, This is Theater and many more. Now that participants can register using a credit card, participant numbers are increasing for many of these classes. Director Fougrousse applied for a grant that provided each summer camp registrant with a new fishing pole. Chairman Boose inquired on number of baseball/softball participants. Frank responded approximately 670 children. E League did not run this year due to low enrollment but it will be offered next year the same as girls Minors, opening to play against other cities. The program will conclude mid July.

Frank Vacha also commented on the number of people using the walking trail even before it was finished.

Member McCarthy asked how the Jr Ranger Football league differs from the NRFL. Frank responded the P&R program is recreational and travels to compete against other cities. The NRFL is all inhouse

teams.

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GROUND MAINTENANCE REPORT: Director Fougrousse had no report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Director Fougrousse requested \$3,000.00 be expended from the Improvement Fund for Frontier Park concession stand repairs.

Motion by McCarthy, 2nd by Ebenschweller

Member Gommel questioned time frame. Director reported one day as they are just cleaning and sanitizing. Only drywall to be replaced is where they cut out small opening to see behind wall. Member Turay inquired of parking lot repairs. Director responded that the work would be done inhouse by the Service Garage and would be completed before football starts in the fall. Vice Chairman Ebenschweller asked if any loss was incurred by the NRFL. Director reported no as it was cleared out at end of last season. Chairman Boose inquired of condition of bridge. Director noted the bridge is fine. Trees fell and debris strewn about but all else was good.

Yes, 5 No, 0

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm