

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY March 28, 2012

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: February 22, 2012

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman Brett Milner, Vice Chairman Cathy Ebenschweller, Dennis Boose, and Director Kevin Fougrousse

Absent: Kelly McCarthy (excused)

FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

Yes, 3 No, 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Boose, 2nd by Ebenschweller

Yes, 3 No, 0

LOBBY: Nada Rogers, Friends of the Park representative, noted upcoming fund raising events. Congratulated Januarys Biggest Loser weight loss winner Frank Vacha. Noted Dog Park committee wanted to present plans and ideas for the master plan. Director Fougrousse asked they set up a meeting to give him the information. Chairman Milner suggested they present at a work session first.

REPORTS:

COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT: appropriations are being held this week and finalized before end of March.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT: Frank Vacha noted continuing conversations regarding the mill levy and they are looking at more cuts. There was a water main break today closing the school. Member Ebenschweller thanked Parks & Rec for allowing after school program activities to be relocated to there facilities. Director Fougrousse noted wrestling was held in Safetyville, and baseball/softball at Shady Drive batting cages.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Improvement Fund unencumbered balance is \$136,219.99.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Have reapplied for the ODNr Grant for the South Central Park walking trail with a few changes. Since this trail did not connect to anything it would be difficult to get approval. Worked with the Schools to get easement access to connect the trail from South Central Park to St Peters and the Middle School. We also had to widen the trail.

Also applying for a 100% funded pavilion grants at South Central Park. Would like to rebuild the Splashpad pavilion and showcase as a pavilion for rental purposes.

The Mini Rangers football Head Coach Terry Murray has stepped down and moved on to Victory Park. He has been a staple of this program for many years and we wish him the best. Parks and Rec will still hold a fall football program.

The department now has a facebook page. Please "like" us. Debbie Toth will be the facebook IT Team and will also handle twitter. Hopefully these will help us connect with the community and promote our programs more effectively.

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DIRECTORS REPORT cont'd: After meeting with the Mayor, Police, Fire and Victory Park staff, it has been agreed to move the Independence Day festivities including fireworks display to Victory Park. There is more space and more parking at this location allowing for a safer environment. It is still a city event with pre party activities and a band, but we are now working with Victory Park. Lorain Road businesses will be notified so that they too can benefit and plan for this event. Member Boose thought this was a great opportunity and Vice Chairman Ebenschweller inquired of traffic and police help. Director Fougrousse noted the police department will help with the traffic and Victory Lane at the conclusion of fireworks will become one way out. Victory Park allows for more parking and more seating space, and allows families to park and watch from their vehicles.

PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT: Baseball / Softball registration has started and will continue until March 9th. Practices start the week of April 9th except for the older leagues which have to wait until school play is completed. Tots t-ball for 3 & 4 year olds is being offered this year.

Daddy Daughter dance held this past weekend was a huge success. Receiving positive feedback from the surveys. This program offered dads and daughters a memorable time with a complimentary photo, candy, flowers and dinner.

The new formatted program guide will be in homes this week included with the utility bill mailings.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT: Director Fougrousse reporting for Gary Teel noted an abundance of lighting has been added to South Central park for security purposes around the concession stand and safetyville. The park is looking good.

Chairman Milner inquired of field damage repairs at Shady Drive. Director Fougrousse noted Forevergreen thinks they can just push the ground back in place once the ground hardens enough to allow them access.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm