

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY March 26, 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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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 and Director Kevin Fougrousse
Absent: none

FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

Motion by Ebenschweller, 2nd by Turay
Yes, 4 No, 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Turay, 2nd by Ebenschweller
Yes, 4 No, 0

LOBBY: Bob Jasinski, NR Fishing Club member, stated many members were here to discuss lowering the handicap area fence after receiving email from Director Fougrousse offering to split the cost. Also would like to have the aerators working. Gene Kleinholz, reported the Fishing Club doesn't have the kind of funds it would take to pay for the fence as the members are all volunteers donating their time for events like fishing derbys, summer camp and to repair the city fishing poles, cleaning up the park and gazebo, building and maintaining the log cabin, and much more. He further stated that a few months ago he had a fence company that was willing to donate time and supplies to lower this fence but offer was rejected. Chairman Boose inquired who was the company they had lined up. Gene Kleinholz refused to say, stating it was an employee of a fencing company not the company itself and did not want to jeopardize this person's job. He further stated that the lake needs to have an aerator to keep the lake and fish alive and to check the ODNR website for more information on this topic. Bob Kirkpatrick also spoke on the need to lower the fence referring to the danger of wheelchair bound participants having to reach over the high fence. Dale Austin referenced the lake as an important resource that can be lost without the use of an aerator. Vice Chairman Ebenschweller asked for clarification as to why we turned down free offer. Director Fougrousse explained the initial discussion brought up by Mr Kleinholz was he had someone that can do it and at the July meeting Mr Boose asked how much it was going to cost and we were told pennies. So I contacted Elyria Fence Company, assuming this individual worked for them, and Mike Wilgore gave a fence quote. I don't think it was ever supposed to be done for free but that's where we stated having outside individuals doing work on city grounds is probably not the best idea. Vice Chairman Ebenschweller also asked if we were not obligated to meet ADA standards. Director Fougrousse answered the fence height already is ADA compliant. She further inquired if we had an operating aerator. Director Fougrousse noted the old one needs to be replaced and that he had reported at the last meeting that it would cost around \$2200.00. Tex Robertson noted 20 – 30 wheelchairs will not fit within the short fence area and an easy fix of lowering the other sides would benefit many handicap and children too. Chairman Boose took offense to some of the accusations made that we are not meeting ADA handicap standards and noted the platform originated as a swimming platform. Wade Tresch stated the primary use of the swimming platform is now for fishing and from volunteering at summer camp can attest to the fact that the fence is too high for these children. He further noted he understands the liability of using a private individual to do the work and is asking as a favor to the Fishing Club, which is a great resource of volunteers whenever asked, to please lower the fence. Chairman Boose, as a member of

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LOBBY cont'd:

Rotary, is aware of the amount of volunteering the Fishing Club members perform each year. He thanked them for coming out tonight and sharing their thoughts with the Board stating we will take another look at the issues discussed. Chairman Boose noted that Parks and Recreation also has limited funds available. Vice Chairman Ebenschweller volunteers with many clubs and is aware of how many events the Fishing Club participates in and is appreciative of what they do for a lot of programs. Wade Tresch pleaded we do this for the kids and other park patrons. Chairman Boose closed discussion with a funny fishing tale.

REPORTS:

COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT: Appropriations are in process. Director Fougrousse submitted the Parks and Rec budget including projects for drainage, walkway, fitness equipment, tennis courts etc. Gave Kudos to Kevin for operating self sustaining programs.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT: Liberty School will become our 1st and 2nd grade building and with donations of \$20,000.00 from PTA and the community businesses we are able to build a playground expansion. Volunteers are needed to literally build the playground on Saturday March 22 at 9 am. Our goal is to include picnic tables in this area and have it open at all times to the community. Some of the equipment purchased allows this playground to be available to disabled children as well. Vice Chairman Ebenschweller noted that the master plan discusses community parks such as this one at Liberty and is happy to see Liberty accomplish this. Chairman Boose agrees these pocket parks are needed all around the city. Kelly McCarthy reminded everyone that no school funds were used, it was all donated funds.

FINANCIAL REPORT: No report due to the fact the Auditors department is undergoing new software installation at this time. Noted the Trust Fund is in the black.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Reported the NRC Baseball Boosters have withdrawn from operating the Shady Drive Complex concession stands. We are internally working on putting together operating manuals, job descriptions and fee structures. Will advertise for concessions workers and have it operational by the start of season.

Trail project pre-construction meeting will be March 11th at 10 am. A timeline will be given after this meeting and will get word out through the media. Project should be completed prior to memorial weekend. Chairman Boose noted this trail runs throughout South Central Park, across to the Library, behind the football field, next to St. Peters and all the way to Center Ridge Road. Grants help fund this \$273,000.00 project.

Chairman Boose noted that according to city ordinance, all funds raised by the NRC Baseball boosters have to go back into the Shady Drive Complex. He further noted many improvements they have made to the complex over the years.

PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT: Director Fougrousse gave an update report on current programs and noted some new programs such as Selling on Ebay, How to become a paid Caregiver, Martial arts and a few more. Special event Daddy Daughter Dance held Feb 22 for K – 5th grade had 37 couples and was a lot of fun with the interactive DJ. This was the third year for this dance. A new program based on requests is a Mom and Son Game night using same premise implementing the interactive DJ.

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GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT: none

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm