

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY January 25, 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. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- VII. LOBBY
- VIII. REPORTS
 - A. COUNCIL LIAISON=S REPORT
 - B. SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON=S REPORT
 - C. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - D. DIRECTOR=S REPORT
 - E. PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT
 - F. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT
- IX. OLD BUSINESS
- X. NEW BUSINESS
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: Dec 7, 2011

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: none

FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

Member Boose added naming rights criteria to old business.

Motion by McCarthy, 2nd by Boose

Yes, 4 No, 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Boose, 2nd by McCarthy

Yes, 4 No, 0

LOBBY: Nada Rogers, Friends of the Park representative, noted upcoming fund raising events, and introduced the Green Fest Arbor Day organizer. Member McCarthy noted there was a date conflict for the Santa breakfast and asked they verify with the school cook directly.

REPORTS:

COUNCIL LIAISON=S REPORT: This position is appointed by President every two years, this term ending now. Member Boose would like to be reappointed in January but just in case wanted to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve on this board for the past 9 years.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON=S REPORT: This position is also up for appointment in January. Noted the Christmas Concert and reported discussions are continuing regarding the school levy.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Improvement Fund unencumbered balance is \$124,149.50.

DIRECTOR=S REPORT: Met with Bob Miscuda of the NRFL to discuss Frontier Park facility conditions repair costs estimated at \$9,000.00. Mr. Miscuda is to respond by January 6th. It is our hope that they agree to pay and continue to play at Frontier Park, however if they don't, the repair costs will have to come out of the improvement fund. Member Ebenschweller asked what the offer entailed. Director Fougrousse replied multi layered with a couple options such as minimal repairs to full reconditioning.

Scholastic Sponsors Association will be handling our website advertising for the next two years. They solicit advertisers, with Parks and Recreation having the final say, and 40% of the ad revenue comes back to the P&R Department. They currently work with schools including North Ridgeville but wanted to get into municipalities. This should make our website cost neutral. Member Boose asked if they were soliciting local businesses and if a link to that business would be available. Director Fougrousse answered yes to both, noting the ads would be displayed one at a time for 6 – 8 seconds and then scroll to a new ad, keeping it compacted to one area on the website.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT cont'd:

In order to reduce costs and better facilitate our programs to the residents, we are foregoing the twice a year program brochure. A newsletter will now be sent to residents three times a year and mailed with the utility bills. This allows us to get program information out there more often and more timely. The cost savings can then be utilized to hire an outside employee to work cleaning the park areas.

Handed out pictures of the finished Shady Drive Complex batting cage cement entrance project.

PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT: First annual Turkey Basketball Shootout had 63 teams register. Friends of the Park along with many others volunteered. Local Businesses donated prizes. Thanked everyone involved.

The Mini Rangers won the football Championship in the Westlake Junior Demon League and placed third in the State Tournament.

Registration for youth basketball had low numbers for the girls resulting in cancelling grades 5 & 6. The rest will continue to play in combination with Avon. Grades 7 – 12th allows the children to pick their own teams and utilize them as team captains. This program was advertised the same as the others, in the newspapers, emails, website, school flyers etc. Surrounding cities reported their numbers were also low.

New classes starting in January include yoga and turbo kick. The adult wellness fitness programs are doing well. Lack of space to hold programs is an ongoing problem.

Member McCarthy inquired if the sidewalk at Safetyville is cleared of snow in the winter and asked about the exterior lighting. Director Fougrouse replied he has met with Gary regarding the usage schedule so that sidewalks can be cleared when needed. He also reported the lights have been fixed but more lighting is needed and is looking into motion sensor lights for Safetyville and the Community Cabin. Member Boose noted as a safety issue, he was in favor of getting the needed lights. Director Fougrouse also noted CEI was working on replacing the burned out lights, currently there are 8 non working lights.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT: Director Fougrouse reported for Gary Teel that they are preparing for winter. South Central Park benches by the courts are being refurbished and other wood benches are being replaced with aluminum.

OLD BUSINESS: Member Boose handed out a sheet of 8 talking points for facility naming rights criteria to be discussed at the monthly workshop session. He hopes this helps set conformed guidelines when approached by interested parties for memorializing loved ones at any of our recreational facilities.

NEW BUSINESS: none

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm