

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY January 23, 2013

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 LIAISONS REPORT
 - B. SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT
 - C. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - D. DIRECTORS REPORT
 - E. PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT
 - F. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT
- IX. OLD BUSINESS
- X. NEW BUSINESS
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: Dec 5, 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, Kelly McCarthy, Mike Gill, and Director Kevin Fougrousse

Absent: none

FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

Member Boose added July 4th to old business.

Motion by Ebenschweller, 2nd by Boose

Yes, 5 No, 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Ebenschweller, 2nd by McCarthy

Yes, 4 No, 0 Abstain, 1 (Boose)

LOBBY: None

REPORTS:

COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT: December 4th, reviewed and approved ordinance through emergency to hire the engineering firm to design the walking trail at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00. Member Boose noted the walking trail project estimated cost of \$328,000 less the \$150,000 grant monies leaves a balance of \$178,000 for Parks and Rec. There is not enough money in the Improvement Fund to cover this and recommended Director Fougrousse meet with the auditor to find funding and encumber part of the Improvement Fund money for this project keeping some funds available for future Master Plan projects. Director Fougrousse reported that the Mayor has already met with the auditors and are looking into loans, bonds etc over a three year period being paid back from the P&R Improvement Fund account. At this time we are waiting on ODNR forms and Army Corps of Engineers to perform underground storage tank and flood plain studies. Member McCarthy asked if any fund raising projects were scheduled to help offset trail expense. Director Fougrousse responded yes he was looking into options and ways to mark and save donations for this project.

Member Boose thanked Caitlyn Tipple again for her efforts in making this trail a reality.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT: Jim Powell has been promoted to Superintendent effective January. Shared Mr Powells background and years of service. Chairman Milner congratulated the School Board on the levy passage.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Unencumbered Improvement Fund balance is \$185,000.00. There were 240 new home builds so far for 2012 compared to a total of 180 last year.

DIRECTORS REPORT: New roofs have been installed at South Central Park on all pavilions, Safteyville, and the concession stand and the Shady Drive Complex maintenance garage.

Winter Rec Gazette will go out Dec 17th and covers programs for Jan – April.

Chairman Milner inquired if roofs would be installed on concession stands at Shady or Frontier. Director Fougrousse noted no, only buildings with hail damage covered under insurance.

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DIRECTORS REPORT cont'd:

Chairman Milner asked for next years budget items. Director Fougrousse noted he was still working on them and hoped to have them completed in January.

PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT: Director Fougrousse reported for Frank Vacha.

Turkey Shootout had 32 teams, down from last years count but still a success and will offer again next year. Basketball registration has completed. The Girls numbers, as expected, are low but Frank will try to put something together for them. The free health seminars go very well with average 14 participants.

GROUPS MAINTENANCE REPORT: Director Fougrousse reported for Gary Teel.

The service garage and his maintenance staff trenched for new pipe and tie ins to help with drainage at Shady Drive by t-ball diamonds, diamonds 10 – 13 and the football field.

OLD BUSINESS: Member Boose regarding July 4th at Victory Park shared phone call concerns he received as Councilman about the traffic in that area and wondered how the college opening would effect it. He inquired if any arrangements with the Police Department had been made to improve traffic flow. If not, then perhaps the fireworks display should be moved back to South Central Park and use smaller shells. Vice Chairman Ebenschweller agreed that the traffic makes Lorain Road unsafe and is in favor of bringing the display back to South Central. Director Fougrousse reminded them that the fireworks display is not a Parks and Rec program, but rather a city ran event. Member Boose pointed out that the Director sits at the discussion table with Police, Fire and Mayor and is asking him to share these concerns with those departments. Director Fougrousse agreed to share the concerns but noted the board was in agreement to not scrap the new location after just one year. The problem areas are being studied and they are trying to find solutions. Chairman Milner inquired if we would be able to use the college parking lot. Director Fougrousse responded yes and that would give us around 250 more parking spaces. Member Boose suggested using the driveway as an egress and noted he does want this to be a good event for the city, the residents, and outside visitors.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm