

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY Oct 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. 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: September 25, 2013

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, Kelly McCarthy, Dennis Boose, and Director Kevin Fougrousse

Absent: none

FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

Chairman Milner added South Central Park fence to old business

Motion by McCarthy, 2nd by Ebenschweller

Yes, 4 No, 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Boose, 2nd by McCarthy

Yes, 3 No, 0 Abstain, 1 (Milner)

LOBBY: None

REPORTS:

COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT: The P&R Master Plan was approved at the first September meeting.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT: This is homecoming week. Wear your blue and gold Friday. Bond Issue information flyer was handed out.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Unencumbered Improvement Fund balance is \$151,414.00. Currently have taken in \$38,000.00 from 2013 new home builds.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Comparing financials of Aug 2012 to Aug 2013, some big capital projects have put us in the negative.

Conducted three interviews regarding the Board position. All three did well but I have recommended Chris Turay. Awaiting Mayor and Council approval.

The Master Plan is now available for viewing on the website. Job well done for those involved.

Mike Schmitt has generously donated a parcel of land connected to the Root Road soccer complex that includes some landscaping. This parcel allows us to expand the parking lot, which will help the Soccer Associations program and the 50 – 60 additional spaces will be welcomed when hosting the Corn Festival tournament. Schmitt Developments has always been generous with the city and we appreciate this donation to better our soccer complex. Have already started to move out some topsoil and place it at Frontier Park to grade out where the tennis court was removed. When the legal agreement aspect is completed, will meet with landscaper. Member Boose noted per charter, once the legal agreement is signed, the Board should then make a recommendation to City Council to accept it.

PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT: Director Fougrousse reported for Frank Vacha. Noted we were partnering with Fairview Park for basketball. Chairman Milner inquired if games were to be played at both locations. Vice Chairman Ebenschweller inquired where the girls grades 7 – 12 were playing and if it was girl on girl or co-ed. Kevin advised to direct questions to Frank.

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PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT cont'd:

Fall Fest is Saturday Oct 12th with a variety of free activities. Spookville is Oct 11 & 12, \$2.00 admission fee and a canned food donation. Tots Trick or Treat at city hall is Oct 31. Huge program for us.

New program on refinishing furniture. Zumbathon Saturday from 9 – 11 am at the Ed Center in support of the Cleveland Alzheimers Association. Received lots of community business support and donations.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Milner noted he was approached by the Fishing Club asking again to lower the fence from 4' to 3'. Director Fougrousse reported he had just met with them today and pointed out that the fence meets regulations at 4 ft. One side is lower at 3' for ADA regulations. Shared his concerns that the lake is deep in that area and feels 4' is safe height. He also noted the fishing club is requesting we spend approximately \$800.00 to lower this fence for summer camp usage. The club members assist our camp counselors in taking the children fishing and feels that there are enough adults to be able to take the children around the lake area and not just on the ADA pad. Vice Chairman Ebenschweller inquired if the fenced area was labeled as handicap accessible. Director Fougrousse replied no but could get signage. Chairman Milner asked if lowering the fence was something that could be done in house thru the service department. Director Fougrousse did not think so. Member Boose inquired of legal regulations for fencing height. Director Fougrousse noted commercial water required fence to be 4' high and reminded everyone that the swim platform was not meant to be an open fishing area. He further noted the majority of people fish around the lake. Member Boose stated he has been there with handicap groups and they never had an issue with the fence height. Director Fougrousse also noted that he had spoken with the summer camp instructor and she did not think the fence height was an issue. Vice Chairman Ebenschweller noted she is short and can imagine the struggles but feels the 4' height is safer. She would not want the children leaning over a 3' fence and possibly falling in the water. Director Fougrousse shared that the fence was originally installed to stop people from jumping into the lake from the cement pad and at 3' they could still do so. This area is not consistently used and cannot see spending funds on lowering the fence when other fishing areas are readily available. Member Boose agreed that the money should not be spent for this one hour a day summer camp program.

NEW BUSINESS: none

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm