

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY Sept 26, 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: August 22, 2012

The meeting was called to order at the N. Ridgeville Senior Center by Chairman Milner at 7:48 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Mike Gill (excused)

FINALIZATION OF AGENDA: Director Fougrousse added South Central Park asphalt work to new business.

Motion by McCarthy, 2nd by Boose

Yes, 4 No, 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Boose, 2nd by Milner

Yes, 4 No, 0

LOBBY: none

REPORTS:

COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT: none / August recess

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT: Citizens for better schools meeting Sept 5th, walking routes is volunteers walking door to door making sure all parents are registered to vote and to inform them of levy. School starts next week on the 28th. Bus routes have changed this year with fewer stops and fewer routes due to budget cuts in transportation.

FINANCIAL REPORT: No financials were approved due to August Council recess.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Master Plan is progressing.

PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT: Director Fougrousse reported for Frank Vacha.

T-Birds T-Ball program, Rookie League Baseball, and Hummingbirds Soccer are offered by Jump Start Sports and start in September, registration is currently being taken. Sixty participants in the Jr. Ranger football program this year with two 5 & 6 grade teams and one 3 & 4 grade team. Article in Press n Light this week with pictures of them practicing. They participated in the Rush for the Cause on August 18th and will participate in the Lake Erie football tournament this weekend at Shady Drive. First week of league play is Sept 8th. Jr. Rangers have been practicing on outfields of diamonds 3 & 4, alleviating stress on the Shady Drive football field.

Vice Chairman Ebenschweller inquired of flag football program. Director Fougrousse reported that program was cancelled due to lack of registration but would try to run it again next year changing the day of the program to maybe a Sunday. Chairman Milner asked if Jump Start Sports approached us or if we solicited them. Director Fougrousse replied he thought they had approached Parks and Rec before he came on and that he is slowly doing away with them and their programs explaining that this spring and summer we ran the tot baseball program and offer it at a cheaper rate. Feedback was positive and revenue comes back into our department. Member Boose noted his grandchild participated last year in Jump Start baseball program which was great experience with wonderful coaches, but this year he had just as nice if not better experience, so agrees we should run our own program if we can. Director Fougrousse pointed out that we have the flexibility of tweaking a program to meet our needs and Jump Start or similar programs won't do that. Evaluations are collected to determine where improvements are needed.

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PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT cont'd:

Fall Rec Gazette should be in households any day now with a lot of new programs offered. Youth tennis lessons are continuing. Ran it in the summer and now continuing into the fall with three sessions.

GROUPS MAINTENANCE REPORT: Performing normal maintenance tasks, gearing up for fall activities, Shady Drive football field looks fantastic, added top soil and will reseed. Will be doing some trench work soon for the installation of camera's at South Central Park. Chairman Milner questioned if practices were held on Diamonds 3 & 4 because of the lights. Director Fougrousse answered yes.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Director Fougrousse reported the asphalt path between the splash pad and the concession stand pavilion was in bad shape so would like to replace it at a cost of around \$1,500.00 matching it up to the existing walkway.

Motion by Boose, 2nd by Ebenschweller to expend up to \$2,000.00 for additional South Central Park asphalt work.

Yes, 4 No, 0

Member McCarthy inquired of path with drinking fountain near playground. Director Fougrousse noted it was replaced as part of the original asphalt project. He further explained all pathways are now wider for two way traffic flow to accommodate strollers.

Member Boose inquired of results allowing residents only in splash pad. Director Fougrousse reported it worked out well. He and Frank Vacha were diligent at beginning by checking identification. Word finally got out and non resident attendance dropped significantly. Residents are happy with new rule.

Member Boose inquired of follow up meeting after Independence Day celebration held at Victory Park. Director Fougrousse reported there was a meeting with administration and many department heads. It was determined that it would remain at Victory Park for at least one more year. Traffic flow was a problem and will be addressed to improve for next year. Majority agreed to give it a fair try and would like the residents to get the best fireworks display they can. If it were to be moved back to South Central Park, the display would have to be much smaller due to size restraints. More meetings will be held as it gets closer to the actual holiday. Brief discussion held regarding traffic issues. Vice Chairman Ebenschweller inquired why July 4th fireworks are a safety hazard at South Central Park but yet Corn Festival was allowed to have a display. Director Fougrousse noted the size of the necessary safety area is based on the size of the fireworks shell. The Independence Day display has a number of the larger shells and Corn Festival is restricted to only the smaller shells. He further emphasized that parking and traffic issues will be addressed for next year and that there will be additional parking outside the complex.

Director Fougrousse thanked all commission members for their attendance and input at the master plan stake holder meetings. Very appreciative of comments and their forward thinking. Chairman Milner noted they have to keep pushing the surveys from the public.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm