

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY August 28, 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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: July 24, 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, Kelly McCarthy, Dennis Boose, and Director Kevin Fougrousse
Absent: Cathy Ebenschweller and Mike Gill, unexcused

FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

Motion by Boose, 2nd by McCarthy
Yes, 3 No, 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve minutes by Boose, 2nd by McCarthy
Yes, 3 No, 0

LOBBY: Dale Austin of the North Ridgeville Fishing Club noted he was one of the volunteers that helped the summer camp children fish and that the club has requested a number of times that the diving board area fence be lowered as it is too tall for the children to reach over. Gene Kleinholz, NRFC, stated the club had been told it could not be lowered but he has had a fencing company look at it and they report it can be lowered and are willing to do the work in August. Member Boose inquired if the work would be done for free and who told them no. Dale said that it was rumored to be Director Fougrousse. Director Fougrousse responded that Don Yates had approached him and I never said no, Don was told I would look into it and ADA components too. Tex Robertson, NRFC, stated he hoped it will be lowered explaining how difficult it is for these children and that the fishing club members are there volunteering every single day for all 6 weeks of summer camp. Tex also reported the fishing lake aereator was not on and in order for the fish to survive it needs to be on and bubbling. Director Fougrousse stated he was not aware it wasn't on because it operates every summer and was just maintained last year. Will talk to maintenance tomorrow about it.

Gene Kleinholz commended the Board on the work put into the Master Plan. Stated he thought the city and the schools needed to work together better pertaining to some land development projects. Member Boose noted he takes offense to the comment noting the city, especially Parks and Recreation, works well with the schools. Dennis Boose also reported the Master Plan talks about increasing the amount of park land and if that particular section of school property would come up for sale, the city would look at it. Frank Vacha, School Board Member, also noted that he feels the city and the school work together and gave example of city and school swapping land parcels in order for Liberty to have walking paths. As far as the land Gene mentioned, the school would want fair market value and would not be willing to take a loss just so the city could purchase. Member Boose gave some examples of how city and schools work together and currently share facilities. Dale Austin inquired if city considered purchasing Thibo's 22 acres. Director Fougrousse stated it was his understanding that they were asking 3 times the market value. Member Boose agrees it is important to expand existing park areas, noting that the By Laws state their job is to acquire more park land. He shared that the Shady Drive Complex was expanded a couple years ago and that they had been working toward acquiring that land since 1999 .

REPORTS:

COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT: Approved \$25,000.00 for basketball court improvements.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT: Special meeting Monday evening voting on the grades 3 – 8 school building levy and moving the stadium.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: July 24, 2013 cont'd

FINANCIAL REPORT: Unencumbered Improvement Fund balance \$187,274.00 \$30,000 encumbered.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Comparing financials of 2012 to 2013, revenues are up by more than \$5,000.00 through June. Expenses through July are \$100,000.00 and includes the purchase of diamond dirt and the fence extension at Shady Drive. Note revenues are through June and expenses are through July 17. Member Boose stated the diamond dirt investment was very well spent reporting we are now playing games on the same day as substantial rainfall.

Met with insurance adjuster at Frontier Park regarding the concession stand and storage areas that were flooded. Open quote received of \$6,600.00 to remediate the mold and then contract to replace drywall. Visited Frontier Park during the rain Monday and found there was no gutter on the back half of building contributing to problem. Will fix this and hope to remedy problem. Member Boose inquired of moving building to different area. Chairman Milner inquired on how often this has happened. Director Fougousse noted it has happened a few other times during odd acts of nature. Creek is bottlenecked in this area and had the engineer look at it but don't believe flooding is from creek overflow. Moving by replacing the building would cost around \$200,000. Replacing the drywall about 4 feet high and install a gutter will help.

South Central Park restroom project received 7 bids and awarded it to Apex Construction for \$89,050.00. This includes alternates 2 & 3, paneling walls and painting exterior. They will start after Labor Day. Alternate #1 to include a family changing room will have to wait.

PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT: Fall Rec Gazette coming together to be in homes mid August. Updated some popular programs. Reported the Independence Day Party in the Park went well and the park was packed. Fireworks were outstanding. Director Fougousse noted Bands and DJ were well received and the balloon twisters line never stopped. The weather held off this year. Member Boose noted he received favorable feedback too. Reported favorable feedback on the British Soccer Camp too. A new class being received well is Theater. Member McCarthy noted her daughter attends each session and loves it so much she has brought friends in to join the other classes. Frank reported 17 days of rain this baseball / softball season noting a huge improvement on how fast the fields are drying with far fewer rain outs especially compared to other cities cancelled games.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm