

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY August 22, 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
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 - A. COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT
 - B. SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT
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 - D. DIRECTORS REPORT
 - E. PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT
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- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
- X. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: July 25, 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, and Director Kevin Fougrousse

Absent: Mike Gill (excused)

FINALIZATION OF AGENDA: Director Fougrousse added smoking in the parks to new business.

Motion by McCarthy, 2nd by Boose

Yes, 4 No, 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by McCarthy, 2nd by Milner

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

LOBBY: none

REPORTS:

COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT: Council is at recess until August. Upcoming council discussion will be on bow hunting for deer with restrictions. Any committee member wanting to share their thoughts on this topic can contact Dennis Boose or attend a meeting Monday, Aug 6th in Council Chambers.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT: North Ridgeville citizens for better schools is hosting a levy campaign at Café 83 on Wed August 1st and Sept 5th at 6:30 in the HS Media room. First day of school is August 28. Some sports have started practices. Homecoming game and dance is Sept 28th. Director Fougrousse asked if enrollment numbers had dropped due to pay to play regulations. Member McCarthy did not know because enrollment was not complete. He also asked if payment plans were offered. Member McCarthy answered yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Improvement Fund unencumbered balance is \$160,574.12.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Continental Cup ran at the Root Road soccer complex July 5 – 8. Besides the brutal weather, it ran well. Thanked the NRASL for helping facilitate this event and run the concessions. A \$500.00 donation was made to NRASL. Chairman Milner inquired if they would come back again. Director Fougrousse noted he didn't know, depends on improvements to Victory Park by next year.

Two capital projects include security camera's being installed after corn festival weekend at both Shady Drive Complex and South Central Park, and insulating the batting cage.

Master Plan is in its infant stage. There is a public meeting August 16th in Council Chambers. We have advertised it on the web on both the city page and Parks and Rec page, as well as facebook. The consulting firm noted our parks are sport oriented with nothing else offered. All members are encouraged to attend and listen to the public, but not to engage. We want them to feel comfortable and not be intimidated by our presence. Stake holders meetings will take place Aug 15 & 16. Stake holders are groups and organizations that interact with Parks and Recreation. Members inquired if Scout Troops, Lions Club, Kiwanis etc, or large potential finance donor companies were included. Director Fougrousse noted all of these groups should attend the public meeting. He further noted more meetings would be held before this was over. Member Boose asked who was giving the final direction.

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DIRECTORS REPORT cont'd: Director Fougrousse responded that Brandstetter & Carroll would make suggestions only. The Parks and Rec Board and City Council will make final decisions. Chairman Milner noted after data is collected, there will be another meeting to share the information gathered. Member Boose asked for timely updates as things move along before announcing to public. Director Fougrousse reassured the Commission Board that they will be kept informed and will give them a time frame from Brandstetter & Carroll. Chairman Milner inquired if public meeting was posted in the newspaper. Director Fougrousse responded yes.

South Central Park asphalt work is complete. Member Boose noted it looked good.

PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Baseball is over. Head Umpire and League Coordinator did a great job. Will meet with both of them to see if anything needs to be addressed to improve on for next year. British Open Camp was small but great. Very educational and fun for those attending. Offering flag football for tots and youth for the first time. Mark Rechin will oversee the 3 on 3 Corn Festival basketball tournament again. Also offering adult co ed kickball and softball. Vice Chairman Ebenschweller noted a broken ankle injury occurred during baseball and how well the staff handled it. Member Boose noted a problem he saw while attend a T Ball game, parents were getting inside the diamond area. Parents need to stay outside. If an ambulance was needed they would not be able to get thru due to the adults standing there. Chairman Milner suggested bringing that up at the master plan meeting.

GROUND'S MAINTENANCE REPORT: Gary Teel asked for \$1,000.00 for tree trimming at South Central Park from the Improvement Fund. Explained it was needed to improve lighting and views for cameras. Member Boose asked that we check with Auditor to appropriate from correct fund.

Motion by Boose, 2nd by Ebenschweller to expend \$1,000.00 for SCP tree trimming from the most appropriate fund.

Yes, 4 No, 0

Member Boose thanked the maintenance staff for the great work at Shady Drive, noting how good it looks and that each year it is better. Vice Chairman Ebenschweller commented on how good South Central Park looks also.

Member Boose inquired of health update on maintenance worker Dennis Tenney. Gary Teel noted Dennis was back to work on light duty.

Frank Vacha gave kudos to Director Fougrousse for the improvements made to South Central Park. Member McCarthy agreed it is nice to see the park being utilized. Her visit today showed all pavilions being used, children were in the playground and splash pad, and kids were rolling down the sled hill too. Gary Teel noted how nice is to work with Director Fougrousse because they both want to improve the parks and Kevin is willing to spend the money to get it done.

Frank Vacha also noted word on the new non resident policy for the splash pad is working. He and Kevin were spot checking and today there were no non residents to run off. Gary Teel reported there is still a problem with the bathrooms being vandalized, dirty, etc. Director Fougrousse hops the additional cameras will help alleviate this problem. Seven or eight cameras will be added to South Central Park. Gary Teel also reported the pavilion rentals were a great idea, saving his department a lot of work because the patrons clean up after themselves because of the security deposit.

OLD BUSINESS: none

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NEW BUSINESS: Director Fougrousse reported this office and the Mayors office have received phone calls regarding smoking in the parks and in the splash pad. He is researching how to physically contain smoking. Found a couple cities provide designated smoking areas and perform spot checks. Member Boose would like Kevin to continue his research and noted that City Council is looking at changing the nuisance law for another issue but maybe should include this one too. Director Fougrousse inquired how to enforce and issue fines. Brief discussion followed regarding putting up signs reading no smoking, no smoking within 20' of fence, etc, and providing designated areas with receptacles. It was noted that the signs would help with the enforcement. Director Fougrousse asked the members to email him with their input and permission to research.

Vice Chairman Ebenschweller asked that water fountains be installed at Shady Drive. Gary Teel noted a couple had been installed, one by diamonds 1 & 2 and another by T-Ball diamonds. Need to purchase a new drinking fountain for the center area which would cost approximately \$2,000.00 with concrete pad. Gary noted the concession stand sells water.

Member Boose announced he missed last months meeting because daughter had a baby boy. Congratulations were given by all.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm