

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY May 28, 2014
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: April 23, 2014

The meeting was called to order at the N. Ridgeville Senior Center by Chairman Boose at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Dennis Boose, Cathy Ebenschweller, Kelly McCarthy, Chris Turay, Ben Gommel and Director Kevin Fougrousse

Absent: none

Chairman Boose welcomed new board member Ben Gommel.

FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

Director Fougrousse added soccer complex and surface drainage to new business. Chairman Boose added South Central Park aerator and lake platform to old business.

Motion by McCarthy, 2nd by Ebenschweller

Yes, 5 No, 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Ebenschweller, 2nd by Turay to accept February minutes

Yes, 5 No, 0

LOBBY: none

REPORTS:

COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT: Mayor recommended and Council approved Ben Gommel as Parks and Recreation Board member.

Appropriations were approved. Most of what Parks and Recreation asked for was approved, including some Capital Projects.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT: Liberty Schools new playground was installed with the help of forty volunteers. It is a big hit and a great addition. Family fun night included over 200 in attendance. Thank you Parks and Rec, Kevin, for donating the four picnic tables.

Calamity days have to be made up, so starting Monday, the school day will be 30 minutes longer at the end of the day. Half day Kindergarten classes will add 15 minutes to the end of their day also.

School update meeting will be held April 30th at 7 pm in the Education Center Community Room. This is a great opportunity to ask questions of the architects and construction manager.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Figures were enclosed thru the end of February.

DIRECTORS REPORT: See report in monthly package for additional Trust Fund March Revenue. General Fund unencumbered balance is \$42,673.05.

2014 budget was approved in March for \$306,000.00 in General Fund and 215,000.00 in Trust Fund.

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DIRECTORS REPORT cont'd:

Seven out of 10 capital projects were approved. Postponed projects include South Central Park lighting for Pavilions 3 & 5, the tennis court upgrade and construction of one additional court. Vice Chairman Ebenschweller inquired about working with the NRCS. Director Fougrousse noted he has met with the AD. He further stated he was looking into grants and was waiting to see if the schools were building any courts of their own instead of using ours.

Walking Trail project will start May 12 with 30 days to complete. Want to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony and have the Board Members and Friends of the Park in attendance.

PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT: Director Fougrousse gave an update report on current programs including Baseball / Softball with 45 teams and 582 kids signed up. Numbers are comparable to 2013 figures except E League had 53 last year and only 19 this year. Believes numbers are down because older kids graduated and moved on. Next year we will partner with surrounding cities like we do for softball. Chairman Boose thought numbers might be down because the High School kids haven't signed up yet. Director Fougrousse noted Frank Vacha has sent flyers to the schools and has talked to the AD to help promote. Chairman Boose also noted the girls softball Majors numbers were up this year. Director Fougrousse expressed his pleasure with that and also with Tots Tball having 84 out of 96 enrolled for the 3 & 4 year old program.

Fishing Derby is Saturday May 10th at South Central Park and held in conjunction with the Fire Department and the NR Fishing Club. We will be stocking the lake with trout week of May 5th. Chairman Boose inquired if fishing was postponed before the derby. Director Fougrousse replied only after the lake is restocked.

Pride Day is May 17th from 9 am till noon. Volunteers will weed flower beds, mulch, trim bushes and apply donated sand to the volleyball court. Kiwanis is helping this Saturday as they are not available on the 17th. Some other organizations are also helping on different days based on their schedules.

New Program introduced this spring is Martial Arts. Had such a great first turn out that we had to break the class into two groups.

Cleveland Stache Dash is our first ever race event for November 1st. Expect 400 – 500 runners. Sponsors include Orthopedic Associates and St Johns Westshore. The race will start and end at South Central Park walking trail. Kids can participate in a one mile fun run/walk which will be held on the new trail. Everyone participating gets a shirt, mustache and other goodies. There will be food vendors, a DJ and various contests. Great fun for everyone. Proceeds support Parks and Recreation and the city schools.

Member Turay inquired of Shady Drive concession stand staffing. Director Fougrousse reported 10 kids were interviewed and all had been hired. Three or four were really good with experience and maturity. A concessions manager was also hired. Plan on putting out a mass email to alert everyone before games start that the stand is open and operating with new staff and new menu. Equipment will be provided by Albert Guarnieri Company for the season and maintained by them for free as long as our product is purchased from them. Product prices are only pennies more compared to Sams Club. They are also willing to help set up and get us started along with Penny Smith of the Mayors office. The concessions manager has worked with budgets and scheduling before.

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GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT: Director Fougrousse reported for Gary Teel that they are getting things ready for Spring. General clean up, opening the restrooms and working on the fields which is possible due to the addition of the diamond pro. Chairman Boose asked if more diamond pro would be needed. Director Fougrousse replied yes. Chairman Boose also commented that he would put our maintenance staff up against any other city, ours does such a great job.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Boose followed up on the Fishing Clubs request that we have an aerator in South Central Parks lake. Director Fougrousse reported we have one, called a bubbler that pumps oxygen under the surface. It does need repair and that is being addressed. The Fishing Club would like to see a fountain but it isn't necessary.

Chairman Boose also inquired about a platform resolution. Director Fougrousse noted he discussed lowering the height with the Building Department. The 3' section was lowered without the Building Department advisement on code. They felt that it would be safe lowering it 6" but not 12" as asked by the Fishing Club. Director Fougrousse has contacted Bob Jasinski of the Fishing Club. Chairman Boose commented that this should help and is acceptable if city feels it is a hazard to lower it 12". He also asked what the time table would be. Director Fougrousse needs to submit a purchase order and schedule it with Elyria Fence, hoping for end of May.

NEW BUSINESS: Director Fougrousse requested \$12,110.00 from the Improvement Fund for soccer field drainage work at the Root Road Complex. The NRASL has agreed to pay the other half of the total cost of this project. See attached map. Green area's indicate current drainage. Yellow will be the new drains and water will flow from green to yellow and away from fields. Strongsville did this and said it was a dramatic change. Vice Chairman Ebenschweller asked how this work will affect the soccer season. Director Fougrousse reported it would not be done until the end of their spring season and will be ready for the fall season. I am working with Jeff Grau on this project. Member Gommel asked if this water rerouting will affect neighbors. Director Fougrousse replied no and explained the water will run toward the ditch lines and should actually benefit the neighbors. Research and TOPO's were done. Vice Chairman Ebenschweller asked that the system be explained to her. Director Fougrousse reported that there will be no trenches, the pipe is fed underground so that the fields are not disturbed too much. She also inquired of the red line on the map. He explained red shows the natural grade and water flow. He also clarified that the green drains into the yellow and yellow into the ditch and also ties into the pre-existing orange section.

Motion by McCarthy, 2nd by Gommel to approve up to \$12,110.00 from the Improvement Fund for the Soccer Complex field drainage project.

Chairman Boose inquired if price was solid. Director Fougrousse replied yes. Member McCarthy commented it was great to partnership with the NRASL. Chairman Boose noted the NRASL and Baseball Booster organizations are great groups, raise a lot of funds to spend on these types of things that you don't see.

Yes, 5 No, 0

Chairman Boose will take to City Council on May 5th.

Director Fougrousse noted his second child is due at the end of May, making members aware that there might not be a May meeting. He will be off for two weeks once the baby is born.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm