

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

FEBRUARY, 2012

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at the Garden Center Building.

Present were; Mr. Andy Black, President; Mr. Wuyanbu Zutali, Member; and Mr. Douglas V. Perry, Director/Secretary. There were also several attendees at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p. m.

President Black stated that Member Prater would be late to the meeting due to a medical issue with his mother.

The first item of business was the reading of the minutes of the January 11, 2012 regular meeting and of the January 13, 2012 special meeting.

A motion was made by A. Black to approve them both as written. A second was provided by W. Zutali, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Old Riverside Park Issues – The Director reported nothing new with regard to this issue. Mr. Zutali also had nothing new to report other than he knew paperwork had been filed. The issue remained tabled.
2. Park Brochure Development – The Director reported that the map was being worked on but was not finished as yet. The issue remained tabled.
3. Possible Dominion Easements Reifsnnyder, Oak, and Martindale Parks – The Director reported that there had been some movement with easement language but that no final easement request had been submitted.
4. Recycle/Ad Proposal – The Director told the Board that Mr. Gordon called and stated he could not be at the meeting. He had told the Director that bin designs were being worked on. Mr. Black asked if there was anything new with regard to locations? The Director stated Mr. Gordon did not mention locations. The issue remained tabled.
Mr. Zutali asked if there was anything new with regard to the Clear Channel proposal? The Director stated there had not been so the issue had been dropped from the agenda.
5. Possible transfer of Crenshaw Park Property to SARTA – The Director reported that Mr. Gordon told him that a firm had been hired to put a plan together. Being no further information the issue remained tabled.
6. Informal City Council Resolution regarding Nimisilla Park – The Director reported that he had not heard anything new from either the Service Director or Councilmember West.

7. HOF Expenses – Mr. Black stated that Mr. Peterson of the Recreation Board would be providing a letter to be signed by both Mr. Peterson and himself to be sent to the Chamber. Mr. Black stated that the Service Director had told him that the administration would not be involved at this point and time.
8. Dine Proposal for Children's Rides in Park – The Director reported he had nothing new with regard to this issue. The issue remained tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Canton Garden Center requesting a special rental rate for Garden Center of Ohio classes to be held at the Garden Center – The Director reported that the Canton Garden Center had requested of the Garden Club of Ohio organization to bring their training classes to Canton. They request the Board to consider allowing them to pay a reduced amount of fifty dollars per day for the three days the classes would be held at the Garden Center.

After a short discussion a motion was made by A. Black to approve the request. A second was provided by W. Zutali and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

2. Stark County Disc Golf Association requesting to use Arboretum and Spiker Parks on Saturday May 5, 2012 to hold both the Senior Olympics and Canton Masters Disc Golf Tournaments – A motion was made by A. Black to approve this request with an insurance requirement. Also to waive the usual fees for the Association's continued support in the maintenance of both the parks and the course. A second was provided by W. Zutali and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.
3. Proposal to create a “cut through” on Mt. Vernon Boulevard NW near Cleveland Ave to accommodate a new business on the corner – At this time the President of the Mt. Vernon Neighborhood Association stated that the association would like to see a neighborhood friendly business on that corner and had no objections to a cut through on the boulevard. Their only concern is that they would not like to see any commercial signage placed on the boulevard. The Board expressed no major objections to the project. However, Mr. Black stated before he would consider approving the proposal he would like to see it staked out for viewing, would like to know who would then have control and maintenance of the cut through, what would the set backs be, and that he would then like to consider landscaping issues.

The Director stated he would forward those items on and also let Councilmember Barton know what was going on. The issue was tabled.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. The Director reported a save the date item for Saturday June 2, 2012 for the dedication of the Middle Branch Trail. He said more information would be coming as plans were made but there would be activities at North Canton, Plain Township, and Martindale Park.

2. Use Requests:

A. Trinity Gospel Temple requesting to use Nimisilla Park on July 28th, 2012 to hold their annual Drug Free Rally.

B. Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church requesting to use Stadium Park and Shelter 5 on July 14, 2012 to hold a 3 mile walk fund raiser.

C. Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce requesting approval for hot air balloons to be able to take off or land on Park property during their scheduled Festival Events. They also request approval to place a target on the island at Westbrook Park for use in a target competition.

A motion was made by A. Black to approve the above requests with the usual proof of insurance requirement for uses A and B. A second was provided by W. Zutali and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

Member Prater arrived at the meeting at this point.

Mr. Black then made a motion for the Board to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. A second was provided by W. Zutali. The motion was then passed by the following vote:

Mr. Black – Yes, Mr. Zutali – Yes, Mr. Prater – Yes.

Sometime later a motion was made by A. Black to return the Board to open session. A second was provided by W. Zutali and the motion then passed by the following vote:

Mr. Black – Yes, Mr. Zutali – Yes, Mr. Prater – Yes.

Being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p. m.



Andy Black, President



Douglas V. Perry, Director/Secretary