

**MINUTES  
CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015  
CANTON PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICES  
8:00 A.M.**

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in a special meeting on November 23, 2015.

Attendees:

Board Members: President - Andrew Black, Member – Julie Sparks

Staff Members Present: Park Director – Derek Gordon, Office Manager – Theresa Gang, Recreation Director – Greg Mytinger,

Community Members: Don Peterson III – CJRD Board Member, Reporter – M.E. Shultze

The meeting was called to order at 8:04am by President Black.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. March 15, 2016 – Primary Election Ballot Initiative – After a lengthy conversation about the outcome of the November 3, 2015 park levy and the new option available to seek a merged levy on the March 15, 2016 ballot, Commissioner Black motioned to authorize the Law Department to amend and/or submit additional legislation to Canton City Council to file a five year, five mill levy on the March 16, 2016 Primary Election commencing in 2017 for the purposes of funding the Canton Park Commission operations and absorb the operations of the Canton Joint Recreation District by the December 16, 2015 filing deadline. Commissioner Sparks seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Director Gordon stated that the action was necessary to allow for all possible options on the March 2016 ballot to be considered by City Council following the joint public meeting to discuss the matter which will be held on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm in the City Council Chambers. The Commission also asked Director Gordon to seek confirmation from the Law Department, Stark County Board of Elections, and the Ohio Secretary of State about this new levy option for the Spring election and any other options that may be available to change the ballot language. The Commission also requested representation from the Board of Elections at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Commissioner Black motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40am. Commissioner Sparks seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

1. Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Special Joint Meeting w/ Canton Joint Recreation District - 5:30pm @ City Council Chambers
2. Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Master Plan Stakeholder Meeting – 6:00pm @ Canton Park and Recreation Offices

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Andy Black, President

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Derek Gordon, Director