

# CANTON PARK COMMISSION

## BOARD MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2009

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Mr. Lon Winberry, Vice President; Mr. Jack Angelo, Member; Mr. Douglas Foltz, Assistant Director and Mr. Douglas Perry, Director/Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

At this time a motion was made by A. Black to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2009 regular meeting as written. A second was provided by J. Angelo, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. HUD Waterworks Playground - The Director presented the Board with a new plan for the playground now to be located at Nimisilla Park.

The Board had no suggested changes to the plan and instructed the Director to proceed developing the one he presented.

The Director was also instructed to obtain another quote for the plan so they could compare that price with a price from the U.S. Communities plan. The Director is also to stake out a proposed site at the park and let them and Councilmember West know when it was done.

2. Old Riverside Park Issues - The Director reported that the letter had been sent to the CCIC with the Board's request to have them release the property back to the City. He had not as yet received any reply.

Member Angelo reported that he had talked to Director Torres and had been told it should be no problem.

The issue remained tabled.

3. Park Brochure Development -This issue remained tabled.
4. Proposed Park Recovery and Rehabilitation Plan - The Park Commissioners had no suggestions to the proposed plan.

The Director will now send it to the Councilmembers for comment.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Use Requests:
  - A. Crisis Intervention and Recovery Center requesting to use Nimisilla Park on May 16, 2009, as a part of their Red Ribbon Celebration Committee's Red Ribbon Week called "Prevention in the Park."
  - B. Asset-Building & Life-Skills Environment, Inc. requesting to hold a City-wide cleanup event in Nimisilla Park April 25, 2009
  - C. Stark County Disc Golf Association requesting the use of Arboretum and Spiker Parks on May 16, 2009, to hold their annual "Hall of Chains" Classic Disc Golf Tournament

The Board reviewed the above requests. A motion to approve them with insurance requirements was made by A. Black. A second was provided by L. Winberry, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

2. Concept Plan for proposed Fairhope Park - The Board received and reviewed a concept plan for the proposed new park now called Fairhope.
3. State of Ohio - Federal Stimulus Initiative grant requests - The Director presented the Board with copies of four requests he had put in for the Park System in a total amount of \$2,625,000.

Other project requests were discussed. The Director stated he would try and get them entered.

4. Fulton and Stadium Park Drive Intersection Upgrade - The Board reviewed the plans for the Fulton Road/Park Drive intersection improvement.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by J. Angelo to support the project because of the increased safety and traffic flow the improvements will provide for in the movement of vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles on Stadium Park Drive, Fulton Road, and the Countywide Trail. He also noted the many events that take place in the area in connection to the nearby high school, sports complex, and the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

A second was provided by A. Black, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Use Requests:
  - A. Great Trail Girl Scouts requesting to use shelters 3 & 4 in Stadium Park on August 22, 2009, to hold their Volunteer Field Day.

- B. Cystic Fibrosis Foundation requesting to use Stadium and Monument Parks on May 2, 2009, to hold their "Great Strides Walk-a-thon."

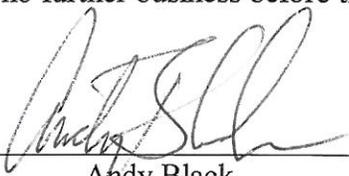
The Board reviewed the requests, and a motion was then made by J. Angelo to approve them with insurance requirements. A second was provided by L. Winberry, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

2. The Board reviewed a letter from the Solid Waste Management District in response to a letter from the Director regarding possible grant monies to help pay for the efforts the Park System makes to keep woody debris out of the waste stream. The letter explains that they have no such program.
3. The Director reported that Sergeant Swihart and CPD had recently done some great work in arresting two people who were stealing things from people's parked cars.
4. Member Angelo asked if Playground D could be renamed and asked about names previously used. The Director will investigate the names for the next meeting.
5. Assistant Director Foltz told the Board that Mr. Bill Schmidt of MultiServ Harsco donated 179 tons of slag and gave a discounted price on approximately another 478 tons of material for the Willig Field parking area. The Director was instructed to prepare a thank you letter to Mr. Schmidt.
6. Member Angelo asked if the restroom building at Martindale could be torn down?

The Director stated it could, but it was the only facility there and we do not have the funds to place port-a-jons there. He also stated that money has been asked for in capital funds many times before to build a new bathroom there, but the project has never been funded.

7. President Black asked about plans for the upcoming Timken Earth Day project on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The Director stated that a loading plan for the trees on three pickups would be provided to him by Monday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of April.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

  
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Andy Black  
President

  
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Douglas Perry  
Director