

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

APRIL, 2010

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Mr. Jack Angelo, Vice President; Mr. Douglas Perry, Director/Secretary; and Mr. Douglas Foltz, Assistant Director. There were also a few guests.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

The first item of business was the minutes of the March 10, 2010 regular meeting. A motion to approve them as written was made by J. Angelo. A second was provided by A. Black, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

President Black took note that there were guests and asked them if they were there for an issue on the agenda. They stated they were there to answer any questions with regard to the Josette Beddell Memorial Foundation request. President Black moved to the first item of new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Josette Beddell Memorial Foundation request to use Stadium Park on June 26, 2010 to hold a 5k run/walk - The Board took up this request. The Director read the request to use the park and a shelter from the foundation. The gentleman from the foundation stated they were a 501C3 organization to help those with breast cancer.

A motion was then made by J. Angelo to approve their request. A second was made by A. Black, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

The Board then returned to the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Old Riverside Park Issues - The Director reported that he had been told that a different property was now being looked at for the Welsh playground conversion.

A short discussion took place, but with nothing to act upon at this time, the issue remained tabled.

2. Park Brochure Development - The Director reported that he had taken new pictures of Willig Field and also got a couple spring flower pictures that could be used in the brochure. He also stated that he had talked to a printer and was told it could take up to 20 hours of layout work. The Director said he felt that was a lot to ask of a volunteer who did not do this work for a living and was trying to do it around their other responsibilities. He said he would like to just work with a printer to get the job done. The Board had no problems with the Director's request.
3. Park Police Issues - Member Angelo stated the CPD Officer would start on April 19th and that an agreement that he had written for the Board's consideration was in the Law Department for review. He also stated the officer's time would be kept through the Community Policing Office. He said the Park System may have to obtain a mount for the patrol car for a computer that he was trying to get for the officer to use while patrolling the parks.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. ABLE requesting to hold a park and neighborhood cleanup at Nimisilla Park on April 24, 2010 - The Board considered the above request, and noting that it was a park cleanup event, discussed waiving fees and the insurance requirement.

A motion was then made by J. Angelo to approve the request without fees or an insurance requirement. A second was made by A. Black, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

3. St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church requesting to use the parking areas at Weis Park from June 5th through June 14, 2010 in connection with their annual "Summerfest" event - A motion to approve this request was made by J. Angelo. A second was made by A. Black, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.
4. Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation requesting to use Stadium and Monument Parks on September 25, 2010, to hold their annual "Walk to Cure Diabetes" event - A motion to approve this request was made by J. Angelo. A second was provided by A. Black, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.
5. Canton Joint Recreation District requesting permission to remove the pine trees around the Weis Park tennis courts and replace them with more suitable trees - The Director reminded the Board that the Recreation District had made such a request regarding trees around the shuffleboard courts at Weis Park a couple of years ago and that worked out well. The pines around the tennis courts leave sap, cones, and needles all over the courts.

A motion to approve this request was made by A. Black. A second was made by J. Angelo, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. President Black stated he would like to see a plan put together with a rendering of possible improvements to McKinley Park. The rendering could then be used to seek funding to improve the park. He felt this needed to be done because the new Federal Building across the street was nearing completion and improving the park at this time made sense.

Mr. Angelo suggested a landscape architect could do a drawing for a lot less money. The Director stated he would check into both.

2. Member Angelo reported that he held a meeting with regard to the effort to establish a fund to provide for funds to maintain the JFK fountain. The goal that was set was \$25,000. He also mentioned that Coon Restoration had started work on rebuilding the concrete ring around the fountain. In addition, new landscaping was to be donated. Mr. Angelo felt that maybe a rededication should be done when all the work was completed.
3. The Director reported that the Recreation Director and he had responded to several inquiries with regard to people donating to replace the play climber at Garaux that was destroyed by an arson fire. The Recreation Director would take donated money and use it to replace the equipment.

In addition, the Director informed the Board that Ricco had suggested a classic rock and roll concert that he would do as a fund raiser for the equipment. He had suggested a couple of locations. The Director thought the Palace Theater and would try to make arrangements if the Board had no objections. The Board expressed no objections.

4. The Director informed the Board that voting for the Best of Stark County had started for 2010 and hoped everyone would vote for Stadium Park.
5. Assistant Director Foltz informed the Board that both the siding and floor projects had started at the Garaux building and that both would be done soon.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



Andy Black
President



Douglas Perry
Director/Secretary