

AGENDA

CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2005

GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the November 7, 2005 regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Summer workers starting salary
2. City gas wells
3. Repository and Women's Expo request to add a monument at Westbrook Veterans Memorial Park

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Reappointment of Mr. Andy Black to another three year term
2. Presentation by Councilperson West and Mr. Curtis Perry with regard to Joy Fest
3. Review of recent training by Sergeant Thristino
4. Canton Garden Center 2006 schedule
5. Use requests:
  - A. Holly Hills Baseball and Softball requesting to use the ball fields at Arboretum and Martindale Parks for the 2006 season April 1 thru August 1
  - B. Great Trail Girl Scouts requesting to use Waterworks Park with extra tables for a Summer Fun Days camp from June 26 thru June 30, 2006

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

# CANTON PARK COMMISSION

## BOARD MINUTES

DECEMBER, 2005

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, December 7, 2005, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Mr. Steve Lamiell, Vice President; and Mr. Douglas V. Perry, Director/Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by President Black at 4:12 p.m.

At this time a motion was made by A. Black to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2005 regular meeting as written. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Summer workers starting salary - The Director informed the Board that per their instruction he had talked to the Service Director, and it was agreed that a starting salary for summer workers in 2006 of \$7.00/hr. was workable.

The Board agreed that \$7.00/hr. would be alright and so instructed the Director.

2. City gas wells - The Director informed the Board that he had met with the Law Director, the Water Pollution Control Director, Lisa Miller, and Bruce Williams of the Planning Department and representatives of Great Lakes Energy Partners with regard to gas wells on Park property.

The Director informed the group of the wells that he was aware of that had been on Park properties. Most were going back to the 1940's.

Planning gave Great Lakes a list of City owned properties. They will look into them and come back to the City with any properties that they may be interested in drilling upon.

3. Repository and Women's Expo request to add a monument at Westbrook Veterans Memorial Park - Ms. Margie Centrone submitting the last of the wording for the new monument for Westbrook Veterans Memorial Park. After reviewing the additional wording, a motion to approve it was made by A. Black. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Reappointment of Mr. Andy Black to another three year term - The Board recognized the reappointment of Mr. Black to another term on the Board.
2. Presentation by Councilperson West and Mr. Curtis Perry with regard to Joy Fest - Mr. Perry addressed the Board and explained how the plans they had for clean up and fallen apart this year. He stated they would be bringing a plan for the 2006 event for the Board's review at a later date.

Mr. Black stated that no one wanted the event to stop, but the Board wanted some issues addressed.

Mr. Perry also complained that their group had to do some clean up in the park prior to their event. Mr. Black stated the parks would do everything they could to have the park in good shape as we would for any other event.

Mr. Perry asked about fencing off an area to control the crowd and be able to charge a small fee to get in. The Director stated that may present a problem. Mr. Hunt, Safety Director, agreed and stated the Board may want to look into that idea before approving it.

Councilmember West stated he felt the activity was having growing pains. He also asked about making more electric available in the park. The Director stated he would look into that, but it would be good to know how much additional power is required.

Councilmember West also stated he was still looking into another area for the Park System to use as a storage area to make more room available at Nimisilla Park. He mentioned an area to the north of the Cook Lagoon area. The Director stated he would look into the area.

At this time the Board opened the floor to Ms. Lynda Parker, current President of the Canton Garden Center. Ms. Parker reported to the Board that she had worked out a program with the Jackson High School Horticultural Program to take care of all the gardens at the Garden Center next year. She was trying to get more kids involved with the area. She also stated they hoped to increase their children's programs at the Children's Garden from six events to twelve next year. In addition, she stated they were trying to get a web site started for their organization.

She also asked about the security of items stored downstairs as the Board opened the building to private functions.

The Director stated that at one time there was a lock on the gate to the downstairs. The Board agreed that this should be put back on with a couple of keys given to the Garden Center Organization.

3. Review of recent training by Sergeant Thristino - Sergeant Thristino submitted a brief report on the Counter-Terrorism and Suicide Bomber Symposium he had recently attended. The Board reviewed the Report.
4. Canton Garden Center 2006 schedule - The Board reviewed the submitted schedule and noting no problems, a motion to approve it was made by A. Black. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.
5. Use requests:
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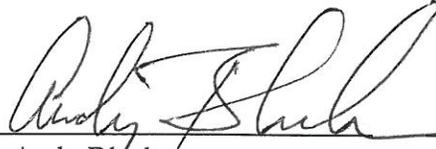
The Board reviewed these two requests, and a motion was then made by S. Lamiell to approve them with insurance required. A second was made by A. Black, and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

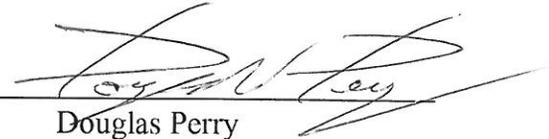
1. The Director informed the Board that the little building at Harmont Park that the Mitey Mites placed there to sell concessions has become a hazard and that nothing appears to have been done with it since our letter to them of June 2, 2005.  
  
Mr. Black instructed the Director to prepare a letter for his signature telling the Mitey Mites that the building must be removed before the end of the year. If not we would do so and invoice them for the cost.
2. Use Requests:
  - A. Masonic Learning Center for Children requesting to use Monument and Stadium Parks on Saturday, September 30, 2006 to hold their annual Walk/Run fund raiser to help children with dyslexia.
  - B. Stark county Department of Job & Family Services requesting to use the Garden Center building on Saturday, April 29, 2006 to hold their event for Child Abuse/Neglect Awareness month.

After reviewing these requests, a motion was made by A. Black to approve them with an insurance requirement on use A. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



Andy Black  
President



Douglas Perry  
Director/Secretary