

AGENDA

CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2004

GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the January 14, 2004 regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Possible Park Levy
2. Habitat for Humanity suggesting a property swap involving Mini Park Number One
3. Ohio Department of Transportation requesting additional right-of-way in Waterworks Park as part of the I-77 project improvements to the Tuscarawas Street bridge

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Received City Engineer's annual bridge report for 2003 regarding Park System bridges
2. Resolution of support for a grant request by the City of Canton asking Clean Ohio funds for the construction of a part of the County-Wide Trail System on park lands
3. Use requests:
  - A. Boy Scout Day Camp requesting to have a bonfire on Thursday night, July 22
  - B. Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation requesting to use Stadium and Monument Parks on Saturday, September 11, 2004, to hold their annual "Walk to Cure Diabetes" event

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

## CANTON PARK COMMISSION

### BOARD MINUTES

FEBRUARY, 2004

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, February 4, 2004, at the Garden Center Building.

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

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

A motion was then made by A. Black to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2004 regular meeting as written. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Possible Park Levy - There was no new information at this time with regard to this issue. Tabled.
2. Habitat for Humanity suggesting a property swap involving Mini Park Number One - The Director informed the Board that he had talked to Councilperson Diamond, and she had indicated to him that she had no problems with the City obtaining the lot in her ward for some park use, but did not feel it would make a good spot for a playground.

The Board also reviewed a letter from Councilperson Zachary regarding the lot in her ward. She states she is not convinced the swap is in the best interest of the neighborhood.

The Board instructed the Director to inform Mr. Johnson that this issue would remain tabled with the Park Commission until there was more agreement with the plan. In addition, to inform him that if the owners of the Market lot are interested in donating the lot in any case to the Park System, the Board may be interested.

3. Ohio Department of Transportation requesting additional right-of-way in Waterworks Park as part of the I-77 project improvements to the Tuscarawas Street bridge - The Board reviewed the request for an additional amount of right-of-way for this project.

Seeing no adverse effect on the park, a motion to approve the request was made by A. Black. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Received City Engineer's annual bridge report for 2003 regarding Park System bridges - The Board noted receipt of this report. Mr. Black asked the Director about the north walking track bridge in Stadium Park. The Director told the Board that a price was being developed to replace the bridge. He also stated a couple of problems were already in the works and would be taken care of as the weather allows. A couple of other problems would require outside assistance, and he would have to talk to the Service Director about it.
2. Resolution of support for a grant request by the City of Canton asking Clean Ohio funds for the construction of a part of the County-Wide Trail System on park lands - The Board reviewed a resolution approving of an application by the City for a Clean Ohio Trails fund grant and the construction of the trail section proposed in the resolution.

A motion was made by A. Black to approve the resolution. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

### 3. Use requests:

- A. Boy Scout Day Camp requesting to have a bonfire on Thursday night, July 22
- B. Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation requesting to use Stadium and Monument Parks on Saturday, September 11, 2004, to hold their annual "Walk to Cure Diabetes" event

The Board reviewed these two requests together. A motion was then made by A. Black to approve use A as long as no damage is done to park facilities, and they follow any necessary rules and have all necessary permits from the Fire Prevention Bureau. Also to approve use B with an insurance requirement.

A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

At this point Mr. Ascani questioned the use of public facilities and the spending of public dollars for any organization, charitable or otherwise, in fund raising activities. He felt that the City should be reimbursed for expenses in these cases and that the Administration should consider this issue.

It was agreed by the Board that a letter should be sent to the Mayor asking that this issue be given consideration.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Stark Social Workers Network asking to use Nimisilla Park for a series of dates, June thru August, 2004, to hold day camps.

A motion was made by A. Black to approve this request with an insurance requirement. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

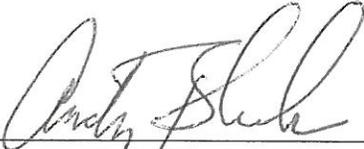
2. The Director asked the Board if they wanted to continue to pursue private donations through the Canton Garden Center for Stone Garden improvements.

Mr. Lamiell asked if the Park System could put the program together. The Director indicated we could do so. The Director stated he would send a letter to the Canton Garden Center President asking if they were willing to continue to be involved, and if the answer was yes, he would proceed from there.

3. The Director informed the Board that he had a call from Mr. Wolbert who was involved with Leadership Stark County. The Director stated they had talked about how Leadership could be involved with the Park System in a project over the summer. The Director will keep the Board advised as this inquiry progresses.
4. The Director informed the Board that the Service Director indicated that capital monies would be tight for 2004. The Director asked the Board their thoughts on how he should proceed with the Park System's needs. The Board instructed the Director to submit a full list of what he felt should be submitted, and let the process work to see what gets funded.

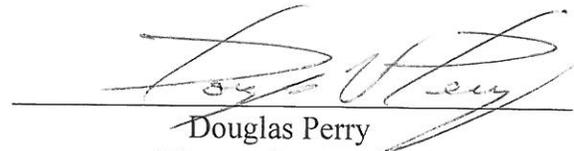
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Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



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Andy Black  
President



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Douglas Perry  
Director/Secretary

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**

**FEBRUARY 4, 2004**

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes, through the Clean Ohio Trails Fund, and

WHEREAS, these state funds will be available for only two more years (2005-06), and

WHEREAS, the Stark County Park District has agreed to provide in-kind assistance to construct 5 miles of the Canton Downtown Connector Trail from the former Mother Gooseland north through Waterworks Park, Monument Park, Stadium Park, Arboretum Park, and Covered Bridge Park, and

WHEREAS, this project would provide an important new pedestrian/bike linkage from the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad to the McKinley National Museum and Monument, Discover World, the Canton Garden Center, and the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and

WHEREAS, this trail will facilitate tourists' travel between high profile attractions and will showcase the city's major parks, and

WHEREAS, this trail project would coincide with the Tuscarawas Street improvement project scheduled to begin in 2005, and

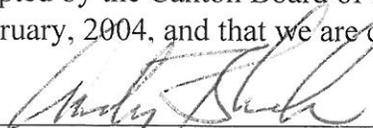
WHEREAS, the City of Canton desires financial assistance under the Clean Ohio Trails Fund Program

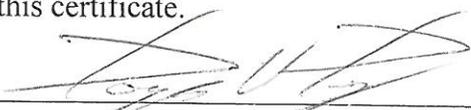
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Canton Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

That the Canton Board of Park Commissioners approves of the filing of an application by the City of Canton for Clean Ohio Fund financial assistance to fund and construct said trail on park lands.

**CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING**

We, the undersigned, hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Canton Board of Park Commissioners at a meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004, and that we are duly authorized to execute this certificate.

  
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Andy Black  
President

  
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Douglas Perry  
Director/Secretary