

AGENDA

CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2007

GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the January 10, 2007 regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Received & filed - Thank you from the Pro Football Hall of Fame for Park System efforts during the 2006 events.
2. Canton Joint Recreation District requesting to provide a new play area for the Shelter 3 & 4 area in Stadium Park.
3. Use requests:
  - A. Cystic Fibrosis Foundation requesting to use Stadium and Monument Parks on Saturday, May 5, 2007, to hold their annual "Great Strides Walk-A-Thon" event.
  - B. Canton Negro Oldtimers requesting to use Nimisilla Park on June 23, 2007, to hold their annual "Handicap and Senior Citizens Community Picnic."
  - C. Mr. Terry Lewis requesting to use Stadium Park on Saturday, March 17, 2007, to hold a "St. Patrick's Day 5k" race.
4. Ohio Department of Agriculture requesting to set up three Emerald Ash Borer detection trees within the Park System in 2007.
5. Possible Park Commission Employee salary and other benefit provision revisions.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

FEBRUARY, 2007

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, February 14, 2007, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Ms. Marilyn Thomas Jones, Vice President; and Mr. Douglas V. Perry, Director/Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m.

Reading of the minutes of the January 10, 2007 regular meeting. A motion was made by A. Black to approve the minutes as written. A second was made by M. Thomas Jones, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business discussed at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Use requests:

- C. Mr. Terry Lewis requesting to use Stadium Park on Saturday, March 17, 2007, to hold a "St. Patrick's Day 5k" race - The Board noted that Mr. Terry Lewis and Mrs. Sally Lewis were present to discuss his request so they moved this item forward on the Agenda.

Mr. Lewis reviewed his request with the Board explaining how and why he is involved with the races.

The Board discussed the fact that there was no not-for-profit organization involved with this race. They also discussed the fact that other than running, no sales or other for-profit activities would take place in the park. In addition, the race promotes exercise and a healthy lifestyle which is something the Board also supports.

A motion was then made by A. Black to approve the request with an insurance requirement if the City has approved the use of other City resources in support of the race. A second was made by M. Thomas Jones, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

1. Received & filed - Thank you from the Pro Football Hall of Fame for Park System efforts during the 2006 events - The Board reviewed the letter from the Hall of Fame.
2. Canton Joint Recreation District requesting to provide a new play area for the Shelter 3 & 4 area in Stadium Park - The Director explained that the Recreation District wanted to install a play area at this location because this is where they were holding their summer day camps. Mr. Black asked if our crews would be involved. The Director explained that we would assist with the installation.

A motion to accept and approve the installation of the play area was made by A. Black. A second was made by M. Thomas Jones, and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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The Board reviewed the above requests, and a motion was then made by A. Black to approve both with insurance requirements. A second was made by M. Thomas Jones, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. Ohio Department of Agriculture requesting to set up three Emerald Ash Borer detection trees within the Park System in 2007 - The Board reviewed this request. The Director explained that the Emerald Ash Borer had not made it into this area as yet.

A motion to approve the request was made by A. Black. A second to the motion was made by M. Thomas Jones, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

5. Possible Park Commission Employee salary and other benefit provision revisions - The Director explained that the City had approved a schedule of increases for Management Employees of the City: a 4% increase effective January 1, 2007, a 3% increase effective January 1, 2008, and a 3% increase effective January 1, 2009.

A motion to approve this schedule for Park Commission Management Employees was made by A. Black. A second was provided by M. Thomas Jones, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Hall of Fame Festival requesting to use Park System bleachers and for balloons to take off or land on park property, if necessary, for the Balloon Fest. In addition, the Balloon Fest is requesting approval to place a target on the island at Westbrook Veterans Memorial Park for a competition if conditions allow.

A motion to approve these requests with an insurance requirement was made by A. Black. A second was provided by M. Thomas Jones, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

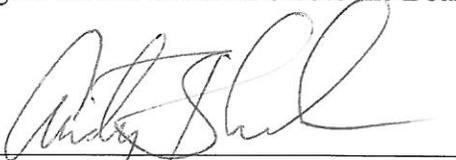
2. Buckeye Council - Boy Scouts of America requesting to use Crenshaw Park on July 23-25, 2007, to hold an outdoor adventure activity for kids 7 to 10 years old.

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

3. The Timken Company requesting to hold an Earth Day event in the Park System on Sunday, April 22, 2007.

A motion to approve this event and whatever resources necessary was made by M. Thomas Jones. A second was made by A. Black, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

  
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Andy Black  
President

  
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Douglas Perry  
Director/Secretary