

AGENDA

CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2005

GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the December 1, 2004 regular meeting.

Mayor's appointment of Mr. Jim Speakman to the Commission

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Shelter and Garden Center charging Issues - Need for Park fund to place fees
2. Picnic Table Policy
3. Bonuses and longevity changes for Park Commission management employees

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Bill Murphy regarding Fireman's Memorial
2. Use requests:
 - A. Canton Community Kidsummit Against Drugs requesting to use Crenshaw Park on Saturday, June 18, 2005, to hold their annual family picnic
 - B. Canton YMCA requesting to use Stadium Park on Friday, April 8, 2005, to hold an event during the "Week of the Young Child" national event
 - C. Received letter from Ms. Betty Smith of Multi-Development Services of Stark County

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY, 2005

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, January 12, 2005, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Mr. Steve Lamiell, Member; and Mr. Douglas V. Perry, Director/Secretary; and Mr. Jim Speakman, new appointee to the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

A motion was then made by A. Black to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2004, regular meeting as written. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

At this time President Black welcomed Mr. Speakman to the Board.

Addressing the organization of the Board, Mr. Black nominated Mr. Lamiell to become Vice President replacing Mr. Ascani. A second to the nomination was made by Mr. Speakman.

The organization was approved by unanimous vote of the board and will be as follows:

Andy Black - President
Steve Lamiell - Vice President
Jim Speakman - Member

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Shelter and Garden Center charging Issues - Need for Park fund to place fees - Mr. Black opened the meeting to those in attendance so that they could comment if they chose to do so.

Ms. Lynda Parker, current President of the Canton Garden Center, asked the Board to review their decision and the effect on the Canton Garden Center and its club members.

Mr. Black review the Board's actions to again charge for use of the Garden Center covering the condition of City finances and the need to properly maintain the Park System.

Mr. Perry reviewed the last agreement with the Canton Garden Center from 1969 wherein the individual Garden Clubs could use the building two times per year without charge. He also pointed out that they have not had to pay since the Board had decided not to stop charging about thirteen (13) years ago.

Ms. Slusser spoke next stating that there should have been more notice, the fee was too high, no non-profit could afford it, the building would be empty. She said she felt the Board acted badly.

Ms. Judy Stump of the Quilt Guild then spoke. She stated she felt the whole process was done wrong. They have been using the building for years and were very taken back to come in and find out that there was now a charge. She asked if consideration was given to a discount for groups using the building every month. Another from her group stated that she was upset because she lived outside the City, but her husband worked inside and so paid City taxes. She felt she got nothing for paying those taxes.

Mr. Boutros, the Garden Center Manager, was asked how many groups used the building every month. He stated very few.

Mr. Black stated he felt the fee was reasonable, but that the Board was in a hurry to get something in place for the first of the year. He said the Board had not talked about volume discounts or different charges for non-profit, charitable organizations.

There was some discussion with the members of the Guild about how they could raise the money to pay for the use of the building. They had suggested giving a quilt to the Board to be sold for fees. Mr. Speakman suggested that the Guild would be better to sell the quilt themselves and thus raise funds for themselves.

At the end of the discussion, Mr. Black made a motion to waive all fees at the Garden Center for the months of January and February to give the Board time to consider the concerns raised at the meeting. A new target date for charging at the Center would be March 1, 2005. S. Lamiell made a second to the motion, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

2. Picnic Table Policy - Being no further information on this issue at this time, it will remain tabled.
3. Bonuses and longevity changes for Park Commission - The Director informed the Board that the City had approved a one time five hundred dollar bonus and restarted longevity payment increases for management, non-bargaining unit employees. These and other issues are covered within City Ordinances 255/2004 and 256/2004.

A motion was made by A. Black to approve the provisions of Ordinances 255/2004 and 256/2004 for Park Commission management/non-bargaining unit employees effective retroactively to the effective date of the said ordinances. Employees effected to be Douglas Perry, Douglas Foltz, Frank Thristino, and Bonnie Vincent.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Bill Murphy regarding Fireman's Memorial - Mr. Murphy presented to the Board a drawing of a proposed memorial to Stark County Firefighters. The proposed location was in Stadium Park just north of and including the parking area near the Timken Gatehouse.

There was general discussions regarding the plan, funding, and the nature of the group's organization. Several concerns were discussed with the proposed location and in relation to that issue to the potential use of the facility.

The estimated cost of the facility was reported to be \$200,000 by Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Black suggested to Mr. Murphy that he meet with the Director to discuss the project in detail and then bring back a final plan for the Board's consideration.

The Board as a whole had no objections to the concept of such a memorial being on park property and would look forward to seeing a final plan for their consideration.

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The Board considered these two request together.

A motion was made to approve them with insurance requirements by A. Black. A second was made by J. Speakman, and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

3. The Board received and filed a thank you letter from Ms. Betty Smith of Multi-Development Services of Stark County for the Park Commission's assistance in obtaining some picnic tables for use in their community efforts.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Use Requests:

- A. Seneca District Boy Scouts of America requesting to use Arboretum Park and its shelters to hold their annual Day Camp, July 17th thru July 22nd, 2005.

- B. Stark County Department of Job and Family Services requesting to use the Garden Center Building on Sunday, April 30, 2005, to hold an event to commemorate "Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness Month."
- C. Cystic Fibrosis Foundation requesting to use Stadium and Monument Parks on Saturday, May 7, 2005, to hold their annual "Great Strides" walk.
- D. Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation requesting to use Stadium and Monument Parks on Saturday, September 10, 2005, to hold their annual "Walk to Cure Diabetes" event.

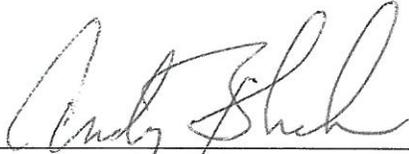
All uses were considered together. A motion was then made by A. Black to approve them all with insurance requirements. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

- 2. The Director informed the Board that Councilmember West had asked him about the possibility of the System moving out of the area we now use as a storage area in Nimisilla Park so it could be put into grass and opened for general public use.

The Board noted that they have approved no final plans with regard to a redevelopment of the park and currently had no other area to move the items now stored there.

The Director was instructed to inform Councilmember West that at minimum the only way they would consider such a substantial move would be if an acceptable replacement area was made available ahead of time.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Andy Black
President



Douglas Perry
Director/Secretary

Douglas V. Perry
Director/Secretary

Andy Black
President

Tom Ascani
Vice President

Steve Lamiell
Member

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

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January 18, 2005

Mr. Richard A. Mallonn II
Canton City Auditor
City of Canton

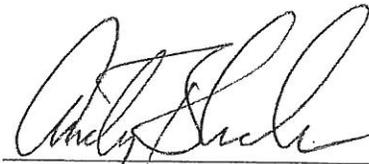
Dear Mr. Mallonn:

At their meeting held on January 12, 2005, the Park Commissioners did approve the provisions of City Ordinances 255/2004 and 256/2004 regarding payment of a lump sum bonus and provisions regarding payment of longevity for its management, non-bargaining unit employees as follows:

Douglas V. Perry
Douglas V. Foltz
Frank Thristino
Bonnie Vincent

These changes were approved retroactively to the effective date of the above ordinances.

Respectfully,



Andy Black
President



Douglas Perry
Director/Secretary

AB/DP/bv

cc: Canton City Treasurer
Canton Civil Service Commission
Human Resources
Minutes
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