AGENDA

CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2008

GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the December 5, 2007 regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pinnacle Press

2. Board Appointments

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Trinity Gospel Temple requesting to use Nimisilla Park - Either July 27th or August 31, 2008, to hold their 13th annual Drug Free Rally

2. Coming Together Stark County requesting to use Stadium Park and the Garden Center on Thursday, December 11, 2008, to hold their "Unity Walk" event

3. Emerald Ash Borer and Gypsy Moth update

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 9, 2008

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, January 9, 2008, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Mr. Lon Winberry, Member; and Mr. Douglas V. Perry, Director/Secretary. Also present were Central Catholic students: Brett Louder and Matt Hronec.

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

At this time a motion was made by A. Black to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2007 regular meeting as written. A second was provided by L. Winberry, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pinnacle Press - Being no new information, this issue remained tabled.

2. Board Appointments - The Director informed the Board that he had received a letter from the Law Director that Ms. Thomas Jones' appointment by former Mayor Creighton to a term beginning January 1, 2008 was invalid.

   The Director stated he had informed the new Mayor that Ms. Thomas Jones was interested in serving another term, but no new appointment had yet been made by Mayor Healy.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Trinity Gospel Temple requesting to use Nimisilla Park - either July 27th or August 31, 2008, to hold their 13th annual Drug Free Rally - A motion to approve the above request with an insurance requirement was made by A. Black. A second was provided by L. Winberry, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

2. Coming Together Stark County requesting to use Stadium Park and the Garden Center on Thursday, December 11, 2008, to hold their "Unity Walk" event - A motion to approve the above request with an insurance requirement was made by A. Black. A second was provided by L. Winberry, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

3. Emerald Ash Borer and Gypsy Moth update - The Director informed the Board that the Department of Agriculture had contacted him with regard to EAB. None had been found in Stark County. They also told him that they would no longer have to use live trees to check for EAB. Traps had been developed for this purpose.

   The Director also informed the Board that he had been able to get a package to the Department of Agriculture with regard to the program to spray for Gypsy Moth. There were four areas consisting of a total of 542 acres. The Department of Agriculture then contacted the Director and were to come to Canton to check the sites. The Director told the Board that he has not, as yet, heard back from them with regard to their inspection.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. The Board received and reviewed a letter from the Canton Garden Center's Chairman of the Children's Garden Committee reporting on their successful attempt to raise money for the educational fund, "Pergola Parties for Kids" program.

2. Pro Football Hall of Fame Festival requesting to use park properties for hot air balloons to take off or land if they choose to do so during the "Balloon Classic Invitational," July 25-27, 2008. In addition, they ask to use the island at Westbrook Veterans Memorial Park for a target drop competition.

   A motion to approve this request with an insurance requirement was made by A. Black. A second was provided by L. Winberry, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

3. Mr. Rick Simmons of the Canton Youth Football League requesting a letter from the Board in support of the efforts of the J. Babe Stearn Community Center with regard to their youth sports programs.

   The Board had no objections and instructed the Director to prepare such a letter.

4. Stark County Disc Golf Club requesting to use Spiker and Arboretum Parks on March 9, 2008, to hold PDGA sanctioned tournament, their "Ice Bowl" event.

   A motion to approve this request with an insurance requirement was made by A. Black. A second was provided by L Winberry, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote

5. The Director reminded the Board that Sergeant Thristino had retired and in the past a plaque with the retiring Park Police Officer's badge placed on it had been made and then presented to the officer by the Board.

   He asked if the Board had any objections to his having this done for Sergeant Thristino. The Board expressed no objections.

6. The Director the Board that several cars of people using the Garaux shelter had windows broken and items taken while at the shelter. He told the Board that he had sent what information he had to the Police Chief and asked for whatever assistance they could provide with regard to this problem.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Andy Black
President

Douglas Perry
Director/Secretary