

# CANTON PARK COMMISSION

## BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY, 2010

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Mr. Jack Angelo, Member; newly appointed Board Member Mr. Frank Morris III; Mr. Douglas Perry, Director/Secretary; and Mr. Douglas Foltz, Assistant Director. There were also a few guests.

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

At this time Mr. Black welcomed Mr. Morris to the Board as its newest member. He also made a motion to have a plaque made thanking outgoing Board Member Lon Winberry for his service on the Board. A second was made provided by J. Angelo, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

President Black then took up the Board's organization. He stated as it has been custom, he would recommend Mr. Angelo as the second longest serving member of the Board to become the new Vice President. Mr. Angelo stated he would serve in that position. A motion was then made by A. Black to make Mr. Angelo Vice President of the Board. A second was provided by F. Morris, and the motion passed by the following vote:

A. Black - Yes  
J. Angelo - Abstain  
F. Morris - Yes

The Board minutes from the December 9, 2009 regular meeting were then discussed. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by J. Angelo. A second was provided by A. Black, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Old Riverside Park Issues - The Director reported to the Board that he had talked to Mr. Burns of the Law Department. Mr. Burns had told him that appraisal work that was required to be done involving a property swap with Welch Playground and the fire station project had been done. He also stated that other forms now had to be completed and returned to the state to see if the swap would be approved.

The Director also reported that one potential problem could be that Riverside was a dump at one time so there may be additional costs involved.

2. Donation from American Electric Power in support of the Holiday Lighting displays throughout Stadium Park - The Director presented the Board with the letter of donation from AEP.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Assistant Director Foltz reported to the Board that Mr. Don Schneider had a fountain that he would like to donate to the Park System if we wanted it. The Board expressed that they would be interested and instructed the Director to send Mr. Schneider a letter to that effect.
2. Vietnam Vets M/C requesting to use Arboretum Park and Shelter 6 to hold an Easter Egg Hunt on April 3, 2010. They also requested to have a sign placed for the event from March 29<sup>th</sup> thru April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.

A motion to approve the request with an insurance requirement was made by A. Black. A second was made by J. Angelo, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

3. The Board reviewed the temporary budget recently passed by Council. It was noted that monies had been left out of the budget for the three employees that left in 2009. Assistant Director Foltz stated that if the loss of two union workers remains, it would be very difficult to keep up with the park work. The problem will be worse if there is no summer help. The Director also pointed out that the Park System also did not get the overtime funds that were requested.

Mr. Moeglin suggested that capital funds could have been requested in the operating budget. It was also pointed out that capital funds could still be requested.

Mr. Angelo had to leave the meeting at this point.

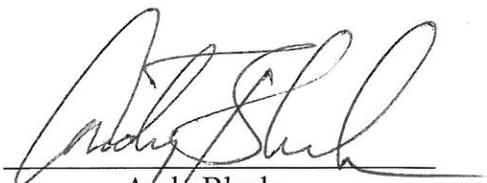
4. Mr. Black stated he had a meeting with the Development Director and the Service Director with regard to the problems with the HUD playground grant. He reported that there seemed to be confusion with regard to who was to correct the paperwork.

The Director reported that he had been contacted by the Development Director and had a meeting setup with him.

5. Mr. Derek Gordon of the Mayor's Office reported the following:
  - A. Aultman Hospital was working on a Subway Race to be held around July 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - B. A grant had been received to complete a new section of platform and lighting at the Scenic Railway Station.
  - C. There would soon be a meeting that may be good news for the effort to rehabilitate Munson Stadium.

6. Mr. Dan Moeglin reported the following to the Board:
- A. The 12 acres of property close to Mallonn Park purchased with a grant will soon be passing into City hands. He stated a letter was being prepared asking the Park Commission to take the property as a park.
  - B. He told the Board that the Fairhope Project would have finish grading in the spring. He also stated he thought the sled riding hill was not high enough and may try to have adjustments made to it. He also said the ponds were now at what would be considered normal pool and that he was working on purchasing gates. It was also noted that trees may be planted there in connection with the Timken Company's Earth Day efforts this year.
  - C. Mr. Moeglin stated that the Westside Trail Project was close to being done with just a couple of trouble spots to be finished. The Eastside Trail Project still needed some paperwork completed.
  - D. He stated he was still looking at grant possibilities for properties close to the Mallonn, Fairhope, and Martindale areas.
  - E. Mr. Moeglin told the Board that the Fulton Road and Stadium Park Drive intersection project was pretty much ready to go for this spring.
  - F. Mr. Moeglin also presented the Board with four projects that funds would be requested for from the State Capital Improvement fund. They include projects at the Fairhope Project, Monument Park, Martindale and Mallonn Parks, and Bup Rearick Park.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.



Andy Black  
President



Douglas Perry  
Director/Secretary