

AGENDA

CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2008

GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the June 11, 2008 regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Nimisilla Park Lay Area
2. Park System Rules & Regulations
3. Possible Tree Commission
4. Water Park
5. Willig Field Project
6. HUD Waterworks Playground
7. Donations in support of Holiday Light Display
8. Park Brochure Development
9. Junior Order of United American Mechanics Donation
10. Bell Tower Rebuild

NEW BUSINESS:

1. OPRA Fall Section Meeting

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

JULY 9, 2008

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

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Mr. Lon Winberry, Vice President; Mr. Jack Angelo, Member; and Mr. Douglas V. Perry, Director/Secretary; and guests.

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m.

A motion was then made by A. Black to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2008 regular meeting as written. A second was provided by J. Angelo, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

President Black then opened the floor to the guests from the Canton Garden Center.

The Director reported that the Canton Garden Center had requested an additional weekend use of the building on Saturday, October 4, as part of the Garden Clubs of Ohio Landscape Design Program. The activity should not take more than a couple of hours.

Mr. J. Angelo made a motion to approve the use request. A second was provided by A. Black, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Popa, Canton Garden Center President, also presented the Board with a letter stating that the Club could not head up the effort to raise funds for the Holiday Light Displays.

The ladies then stated that they were also no longer able to keep up with the weeding of the flowerbeds. They said their membership could not physically do all the work, and they no longer had the funds to contract for it to be done. They asked if the Park staff could do more.

The Director and President Black explained that the Park staff could not assure all the weeding. The Board was seeking volunteers to help with the Veterans Park.

There was conversation about the Canton Garden Center getting help through the courts and seeking their own volunteers. The use of the Canton Quarterly was brought up by Mr. Angelo, and the Director suggested they use public access TV, both for looking for volunteers and promoting their events.

Mr. Black talked about how the Earth Day volunteers could possibly help do some things when they get together in April.

The Director stated he would instruct the staff to keep the weeding in mind on rain days when other work could not be done.

Ms. Popa then asked if she could ask about item 10 under Old Business, the bell tower rebuild.

The Director stated that he had met with the Verdin Company representative and was waiting for a quote from them.

The Director also stated that the controller now in use was not a 14 bell controller, and he felt that it should be as the tower has 14 bells. The new strikers would be the way to go for the future, and the player was in pretty good shape.

Ms. Popa stated that the Canton Garden Center was dedicated to restoring the tower and was considering setting up a fund to accept donations.

At this point the ladies thanked the Board for its time and left the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Nimisilla Park Lay Area - The Director informed the Board that he had done as instructed and looked at areas south of the Old Timers Club for a possible new lay area.

He stated he looked at one block that had the fewest buildings on it. It consisted of 27 lots with 17 owners. Many of the owners were listed as ETAL which means there are many more owners.

The Director also pointed out that the block he looked at was only about 1/3 of the area needed to replace the Nimisilla area. There would be many, many more owners and buildings to remove to get the same amount of area.

Mr. Black reported that he had not as yet spoke to Mr. Torres.

2. Park System Rules & Regulations - The Director reported that he had received no new information from the Law Department. The issue remained tabled.
3. Possible Tree Commission - The Director provided the Board with a letter that the Law Director sent to City Council requesting authorization to prepare a final draft for Council review. There was no other new information.
4. Water Park - The Director reported that Mr. Foltz had informed him that the Committee was at an impasse, and he thought the issue was going back to Council.
5. Willig Field Project - The Director reported that the project was slowly proceeding. Sidewalks had been installed, and the final grading on the fields began. However, June was reported to be the sixth wettest on record and that slowed things down.

6. HUD Waterworks Playground - Mr. Black reported he had talked to the Service Director about the grant, and he was going to try and arrange a meeting with Council.
7. Donations in support of Holiday Light Display - Since the Canton Garden Center could not head up the effort to get donations, Mr. Winberry and Mr. Angelo suggested Mr. Foltz work on the issue for a couple of weeks.

The Director stated it would be nice to have a person recognized in the community to contact potential donors.

Mr. Black stated he would contact Beaver Excavating and AEP.

The Director was asked if he had pictures of the displays. The Director stated he did and would print some out for Mr. Black's use.

Mr. Winberry suggested asking Mr. Foltz if he knew someone.

8. Park Brochure Development - The Director stated that not a lot had been done on this issue. He had started a list of parks to highlight, pictures to use, and information that might go on the brochure.

He also stated his daughter was soon to graduate with a degree in communications, and he may ask her to do some work on the idea.

9. Junior Order of United American Mechanics Donation - The Director reported that the gazebo and playground equipment being donated by this group was on order. He stated they had requested approval to have a sign placed stating that the items were donated by their group.

The Board was concerned about the size of such a sign.

A motion was then made by A. Black to approve the placing of a plaque stating that the equipment came from their group. A second was provided by J. Angelo, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. OPRA Fall Section Meeting - The Board discussed the upcoming meeting. The Director stated he could not attend as he had another commitment. He stated that Doug Foltz would go. Mr. Winberry stated that he also may go and would let the Director know. A motion was then made by J. Angelo to approve the attendance at the OPRA Fall Section meeting of Mr. Foltz and Mr. Winberry. A second was provided by A. Black, and the motion was then passed by unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. The Crisis Intervention and Recovery Center requesting to use Stadium Park as a part of their "Out of the Darkness" walk on September 13, 2008, and they request the use of Waterworks Park on September 6, 2008 to hold a "Red Ribbon Week" event.

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

The Director was asked by Mr. Angelo that if the Park Police Sergeant was working to schedule him so that he would be around for the walk.

2. Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation requesting to use Stadium and Monument Parks on September 20th to hold their annual "Walk to Cure Diabetes" event.

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

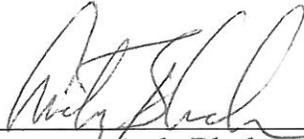
3. The Director reported that the Park System received a total of \$55,00 in capital money for 2008.
4. The Director reviewed with the Board some information and quotes for a prefab concrete structure that Councilmember Carbenia had asked the Director to obtain for possible use at Mallonn Park. Some issues with the building were discussed. Mr. Black and Mr. Angelo stated they would like to meet with the Councilman. Mr. Black would provide some dates and times the week of July 21st so that the Director can setup a meeting.
5. The Board reviewed an agreement between themselves and the Safety Director that would have the new Park Police Sergeant commissioned as a peace officer. The Safety Director would "hear" any complaints against the officer with regard to "peace officer powers."

After reviewing the agreement, a motion was made by A. Black to approve it. A second was provided by J. Angelo, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

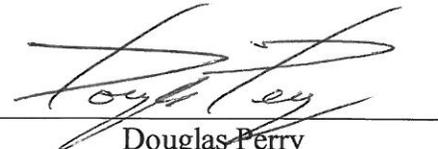
6. The Board received and filed a letter of thanks from the Celtic Club for the use of Mallonn Park as a part of the Stark County Irish Scottish Festival and Gaelic games event.

7. Board Member Angelo stated he would like to commend the Park staff for the work done at the HOF Garden off of Fulton Road in Stadium Park. It looks great.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Andy Black
President



Douglas Perry
Director/Secretary

AGENDA

CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2008

GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the July 9, 2008 regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Nimisilla Park Lay Area
2. Park System Rules & Regulations
3. Possible Tree Commission
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6. HUD Waterworks Playground
7. Donations in support of Holiday Light Display
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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Living Hope Christian Fellowship requesting to use Stark-Wayne Schrader playground on August 30, 2008 for a Neighborhood Fun-Day

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA

CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2008

GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the May 14, 2008 regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pinnacle Press
2. Nimisilla Park Lay Area
3. Park System Rules & Regulations
4. Possible Tree Commission
5. Water Park
6. Willig Field Project
7. HUD Waterworks Playground
8. Donations in support of Holiday Light Display
9. Park Brochure Development
10. Canton/Stark County Convention and Visitors Bureau - Possible move into Garden Center Building

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Use Requests:
 - A. Pregnancy Support Center requesting to use Shelter 5 and the walking track in Stadium Park on September 27 2008, to hold their annual "Walk for Life" fund raiser
 - B. Jackson Friends Church requesting to use Nimisilla Park every Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., June 18 thru August 20, 2008, to hold an outreach project
 - C. Canton Joint Recreation District requesting to use the Stadium Park pond on May 16, 2009 to hold the eighth annual fishing derby
2. Stark County Disc Golf Club requesting to have placed new tee signs at the disc golf course in Spiker and Arboretum Parks

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BOARD MINUTES

JUNE 11, 2008

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Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Mr. Lon Winberry, Vice President; Mr. Jack Angelo, Member; and Mr. Douglas V. Perry, Director/Secretary; and guests.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

A motion was then made by J. Angelo to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2008 regular meeting as written. A second was provided by L. Winberry, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

President Black, noting the guests, opened the floor to them.

Ms. Shannon Barr and Ms. Kaylee Cappello, both recently graduated Glen Oak students, presented the Board with a check to the Canton Garden Center's park fund in the amount of three hundred and six dollars. The young women raised the money by selling green and gold wrist bands that said "Go Green." They wanted the money to go somewhere where it would be used to improve the environment.

The Board thanked the ladies for their efforts, and Mr. Black stated the money could be used to plant some trees.

At this time President Black called Mr. Mike Swihart forward. Mr. Swihart is the newly appointed Sergeant of the Park Police. Mr. Black administered the oath of office to Sergeant Swihart at 4:10 p.m.

The Park Commissioners welcomed Sergeant Swihart to the Park System.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Black noting that Councilmember West was at the meeting decided to start the old business section with item number two

2. Nimisilla Park Lay Area - Councilmember West reviewed with the Board his desire to find a place to move the Park System lay area so that a football/soccer field could be established in Nimisilla Park.

He stated he had asked former Service Director Concatto and current Service Director Bernabei to look into the issue, and he believed Mr. Bernabei asked the Park Commission to look into it.

Mr. Black stated that the Director had been looking into some suggested locations both in and around the Service Center.

The Director then reviewed his report regarding the properties and the cost estimates to purchase and fence the areas.

After the report Councilmember West asked about an area south of the Old Timers Club. Mr. Black asked that the Director look into that area, and he would talk to Mr. Torres at Community Development about any other potential areas.

1. Pinnacle Press - The Director provided the Board with copies of a proposed license agreement of June 9, 2008, with Pinnacle Press regarding their accessing their property through Willig Field.

The Board reviewed the agreement, and a motion was then made by J. Angelo to authorize the Director to sign the agreement for the Board. A second was provided by A. Black, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

3. Park System Rules & Regulations - The Director reported nothing new at this time, and the motion remained tabled.
4. Possible Tree Commission - The Director provided the Board with a copy of the proposed City Tree Ordinance for their review. The issue remained tabled pending Council action.
5. Water Park - The Director reported that Doug Foltz had said that there was nothing new to report at this time as a recent meeting had been cancelled. The item remained tabled.
6. Willig Field Project - The Director reported that the building was almost complete. He also reported that there had been slow progress on the field work. The oversight engineer was having trouble getting a completion schedule from the contractor. The Director told the Board he had a conversation with the Service Director about it and would keep both the Service Director and the Board advised.
7. HUD Waterworks Playground - The Director informed the Board that he had not received a reply from an email to Councilmember Casar with regard to a meeting with Mr. Black and himself. Mr. Black was to try and contact the Councilman himself. Mr. Black reported that he had not as yet contacted the Councilman, but would do so. The issue remained tabled.

8. Donations in support of Holiday Light Display - The Director provided the Board with lists of both possible business and foundation donors and a draft of a letter to them.

Mr. Angelo suggested a couple of other companies that do a good bit of business with the City. Mr. Black said he had a couple of suggestions for the letter. Mr. Winberry asked about who should run the effort. He suggested the employee who built the displays, the Assistant Director, or possibly a lady or committee of ladies from the Canton Garden Center.

After some discussion, the Director was instructed to contact the Canton Garden Center to see if they had a lady or group of ladies that would be willing to handle the donation effort.

9. Park Brochure Development - The Director reported that he had not done too much with this item due to the time of year. He had checked on some pricing, and it was looking like \$2500 for 5,000 copies; however, that was just an estimate until we knew just what was to be ordered. The Director also stated that \$2500 was more than eight times the money received in 2008 for outside printing. He also suggested that since there were at least two major projects and a possible new park area in the works at the present time, it may be best to wait awhile to be able to include them in the brochure.

Mr. Angelo suggested that maybe the layout work could be done by a Stark State student to save some money.

10. Canton/Stark County Convention and Visitors Bureau - Possible move into Garden Center Building - The Director reported that he had received a letter from the Bureau, and they were no longer interested in a move into the Garden Center building.

The Director also told the Board that he had tracked down the deed for the property the building was on and there was a restriction that the area be used only for a public park, but it did not specifically mention the building.

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The Board reviewed the requests, and a motion was then made by A. Black to approve them with insurance requirements on uses A & B. A second was provided by L. Winberry, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

2. Stark County Disc Golf Club requesting to have placed new tee signs at the disc golf course in Spiker and Arboretum Parks - The Board reviewed the sample sign provided by the Club. A motion was then made by J. Angelo to approve their request. A second was provided by L. Winberry, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

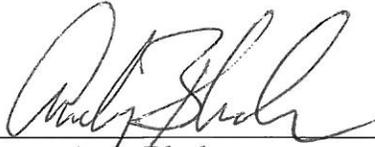
1. The Director reported that he had heard of a plan to expand the Polar Express to run from December 10-22 this year. The Board had no issues with the Park System supplying and manning the North Pole for the event.
2. The Director reported that the price received to update the bell tower in Stadium Park was \$24,750. The Canton Garden Center was helping to see about raising the money. The Director was asked to try and obtain another quote.
3. The Director reported that the Junior Order of United American Mechanics donation had been finished with the donation of equipment at over \$42,000.00.
4. The Director reported that he had attended a meeting with the Pike Township Trustees with regard to a possible park development. The trustees and crowd were still very interested in the park concept. They were to send a letter to that regard to the Mayor.
5. The Director reported that the City Engineer said he was working on soil testing at Martindale Park with regard to a possible new bridge, and there was a meeting on June 11th with regard to the County Trail going under the Tuscarawas Street bridge.
6. Member Angelo reported that a recent Vice sweep in Stadium Park resulted in six arrests.
7. Sgt. Swihart reported that he had talked to the Vice Unit, and they had more activities planned with some possible new ideas.

He also reported that he was working on obtaining a bike and was willing to do some bike patrol work.

8. President Black reported to the Board that the Mayor had talked to him about the possibility of combining the Parks and Recreation Departments. It may require the dissolving of both commissions.

Mr. Black asked the Director to provide him with the dates and times of the next couple of Recreation Board meetings as he may go review the idea with them.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Andy Black
President



Douglas Perry
Director/Secretary