

AGENDA

CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2010

GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the June 9, 2010 regular meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Old Riverside Park Issues
2. Park Brochure Development
3. McKinley Park Plans
4. Future Promise Request
5. Ezekiel 37 Outreach Ministries (Marvelous Light Ministries) Request

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Canton Temple of Praise requesting to use Harmont Park on August 7, 2010, to hold their annual "Day in the Park" event
2. United Way Trail Donation

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

JULY, 2010

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, at the Garden Center Building.

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.

Reading of the minutes of the June 9, 2010 regular meeting. A motion was made by J. Angelo to approve the minutes as written. A second was provided by F. Morris, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

President Black offered the floor to the guests.

Ms. Sarver of the O.U.R. Neighborhood Association stated the sign the Park Commission gave them permission to have placed in the Bernard Ave. Playground was in the process of being made at this time. She stated they would like to plant around it once it is in. She also stated they have some kids who would do painting in the park. The Director told her to contact him, and they would make arrangements.

The Board thanked them for their efforts to improve the park area.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Old Riverside Park Issues - The Director reported no new information. Mr. Black stated he had been told that positive things had been heard from the state, but no approval as yet from the Federal level.
2. Park Brochure Development - The Director reported that the Engineering Department was still working on the map for the brochure.
3. McKinley Park Plans - The Board reviewed the draft plan for improvements to McKinley Park and then instructed the Director to proceed with the architect to finalize the plan and get cost estimates set.
4. Future Promise Request - The Director informed the Board that the lady from Future Promise never got back with a proper sponsor so the issue is complete.

5. Ezekiel 37 Outreach Ministries (Marvelous Light Ministries) Request - The Director reported that Marvelous Light Ministries had provided the proper paperwork and insurance for this event.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Canton Temple of Praise requesting to use Harmont Park on August 7, 2010, to hold their annual "Day in the Park" event - The Board reviewed this request, and a motion was then made by J. Angelo to approve it with an insurance requirement. A second was provided by F. Morris, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.
2. United Way Trail Donation - The Board reviewed the donation of signs for a "Born Learning Trail" from the United Way. Two locations were discussed. Westbrook was the first choice; however, the Director was instructed to try and find out if there would be any objections by veterans to the trail.

A motion to accept the donation was made by A. Black. A second was provided by F. Morris, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Donation from the Garden Club of Ohio of a Blue Star Memorial Marker for the Garden Center area. The plaque is a part of a program of the National Garden Clubs.

A motion to accept this donation was made by J. Angelo. A second was provided by F. Morris, and the motion was then passed by unanimous vote.

The Director was instructed to check with the Canton Garden Center and work out the placement of the plaque.

2. Dominion East Ohio requesting an easement in Reifsnnyder and Oak Parks for a replacement natural gas line. Dominion was requesting a 60' easement, and the Director was told Dominion was offering compensation at 10 cents /sq. ft. The Director stated that from talking to the Engineering Department, he felt that 60 feet may be too much and that 10 cents/sq. ft. was too low. He also stated he had no problem with the general location of the proposed layout of the new line.

The Board agreed that 60 ft. may be too large and that the offer of 10 cents/sq. ft. was too low. They also wanted any money generated to come to the Park System for use in the parks. Although they did not have an objection too a new easement, they would like to see the complete offer and paperwork before they approve. The Director was instructed to send a letter to the Service Director expressing their concerns.

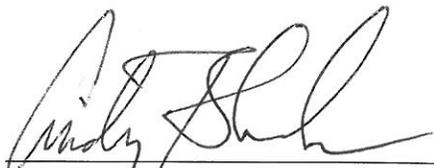
3. Ms. Mary Sanchez has requested permission to hold a public event in Brian's Park on August 14, 2010 to hold a neighborhood outreach by Gibbs Area Involved Neighbors and Redeeming the Times Ministries. However, neither of these groups is a non-profit or 501C3 organization. Ms. Sanchez had told the Director that Canton Calvary Mission was the agent for the neighborhood group and could do the requesting.

A motion was made by J. Angelo to approve a request for this event from a proper organization with an insurance requirement. A second was made by F. Morris, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

4. Mr. Black stated he was asked why the bocci courts at Weis Park were locked up and not available to the public? The Director explained that the Recreation District controlled the bocci courts. The Director was instructed to ask the Recreation District the question and advise the Board.
5. Ms. Sarver of the O.U.R. Neighborhood Association asked if she could work on obtaining a grant to get new play equipment at Bernard Ave. Playground. The Director told her he would be glad to work with her and to just call him to arrange a meeting.
6. Mr. Black asked the Director about the information that a billboard was being considered for the West Park area. He asked the Director to see if he could find out if there was any new information about this proposed sign placement.
7. Mr. Black also stated that he was aware of a proposal to place a 100 foot tall wind generator at the McKinley National Monument. He asked the Director to see what he could find out about any wind generators at any national parks.
8. Assistant Director Foltz brought the Board up-to-date on the play area installation at Nimisilla Park.

The Board instructed the Director to arrange for a ribbon cutting event for the new playground and to see if former U.S. Senator Dewine would attend along with representatives of Stark MRDD.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.



Andy Black
President



Douglas Perry
Director/Secretary