

AGENDA

CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2007

GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the May 9, 2007 regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. O'Jay's Weekend Request
2. Letter to Council from Ms. Poorman, Director, Community, Economic Development & Planning Department, regarding HUD Playground Grant

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Service Director Concatto regarding Water Park Development
2. Canton-Stark County Convention & Visitor's Bureau Award

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

JUNE, 2007

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at the Garden Center Building.

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

At this time a motion was made by A. Black to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2007, regular meeting as written. A second was provided by L. Winberry, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. O'Jay's Weekend Request - The Director informed the Board that no new information had been received with regard to this request.
2. Letter to Council from Ms. Poorman, Director, Community, Economic Development & Planning Department, regarding HUD Playground Grant - Letter received and filed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Service Director Concatto regarding Water Park Development - The Director informed the Board that the Service Director had contacted him and postponed his visit.

At this point in the meeting, Ms. M. Thomas Jones, Vice President, arrived for the meeting.

2. Canton-Stark County Convention & Visitor's Bureau Award - The Director presented to the Board an award for runner up in the category of Best Outdoor Recreation Site. The award was a result of a month long, online vote that had over two thousand responses.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Parks & Recreation Month - The Director asked the Board to pass a resolution in support of the Benefits of Parks and Recreation and July as Parks and Recreation month.

A motion was made by M. Thomas Jones to approve such a resolution. A second was made by A. Black, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

2. Letters received and filed:
 - A. From Mr. Frank Jones, a copy of a letter sent to the Market Heights Neighborhood Association signed by several neighbors against the closing of East Harvard Ave. at Roshong Police Memorial Park.
 - B. From the Canton Joint Recreation District, a copy of a letter sent to the Mayor and City Council regarding the proposed new water park.
 - C. From Ms. Linda Spencer to the Park Commission regarding the need of a dog park in Canton.
3. Letter from Pinnacle Press with regard to the Willig Field project - The Board discussed this letter and instructed the Director to gather more information for the Board - tabled.
4. American Red Cross requesting to sell food at their Duck Race event - A motion was made by M. Thomas Jones to approve the request as long as they cleaned up the litter and had any necessary health permit. A second was made by A. Black, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.
5. Use Requests:
 - A. Canton Temple of Praise requesting to hold their "Day in the Park" event in Harmont Park on August 18, 2007.
 - B. The Best Kept Secrets Ministries requesting to hold a gospel talent show and tent service at Nimisilla Park on August 25 & 26, 2007.
 - C. Canton Joint Recreation District requesting to use the Stadium Park pond on May 17, 2008, to hold the 7th Annual Fishing Derby.
 - D. Jackson Friends Church requesting to cook and offer food to park users at Playground D and Nimisilla Park on Tuesday evenings in the months of June, July and August, 6-9 p.m.

- E. Glory Bound Christian Assembly of God requesting to use a Martindale Park shelter on six summer Wednesday evenings, 7-8 p.m. to hold children's activities.
- F. City Lanes requesting to use Green Acres Park to setup a volleyball net and invite people to play each Saturday from June 16 thru August 25, 2007.

The Board considered the above requests, and a motion was then made by A. Black to approve them with insurance requirements, litter cleanup, and in the case of tents or food sales or giveaways, any necessary permits. A second was made by L. Winberry, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

- 6. The Director informed the Board that he had received a check from the Stark Community Foundation in the amount of \$1,000 from the Dean G. and Jane G. Lauritzen Philanthropic fund to be used for Monument Park.

A motion was made by A. Black to accept the donation. A second was made by M. Thomas Jones, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

The Director was instructed to send a thank you letter for the donation and one after the money was used in the park.

- 7. Sergeant Thristino recommending Park System employee Leonard Migliozi for some honorable mention for finding and turning in a wallet that contained two hundred and five dollars in cash. The wallet was returned to the owner.

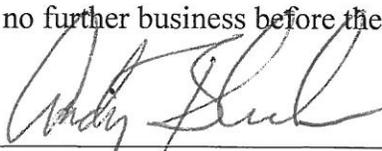
The Board instructed the Director to prepare a letter commending Mr. Migliozi.

- 8. The Director informed the Board that a pickup truck had been lost due to fire during a seeding operation at Mallonn Park. Straw worked its way between the cab and body and caught fire. The crew tried to put it out, but could not, and the truck was lost before the Fire Department could do so.
- 9. Noting that Ward 2 Councilperson Tom West had arrived at the meeting, President Black asked Mr. West if he had remarks for the Board.

Mr. West stated that he was there to inform the Board that the A.B.L.E. Organization would be the non-profit sponsor for the O'Jay's weekend and that the request would be on the way shortly.

He also talked about the process that made improvement monies available for the parks.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Andy Black
President



Douglas Perry
Director/Secretary