

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

JUNE, 2010

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: 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 4:17 p.m.

The first item of business was the reading of the minutes of the May 12, 2010 regular meeting. A motion to approve them as written was provided by J. Angelo, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

Vice President Angelo noted that there was a guest with issue Number 3 under New Business and offered him the opportunity to proceed with his issue.

3. Recreational Services Internal Assessment - Mr. Jim Reinhart presented the Board with a survey with regard to any possible issues with regard to the delivery of recreational services in the Canton Community. He stated the Recreation District Board wanted to get those in leadership positions opinions. He said he would be seeking a meeting with both the Director and the Assistant Director. The Board had no questions and stated they would do the survey and get them back to him.

The Board then returned to the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Old Riverside Park Issues - The Director reported nothing new on this issue. Mr. Angelo reported that some issues regarding the building of the new station were beginning to go through Council.
2. Park Brochure Development - The Director reported that the City Engineer's Office was working on a map layout for the brochure.
3. JFK Memorial Fountain Rededication - Mr. Angelo and the Director reported that the rededication activities went well and had a pretty good crowd. Mr. Angelo asked if thank you letters could go out to the donors. The Director stated it would be done.

4. Park Policing Agreement - the Board discussed the letter of understanding from the Safety Director with regard to having a Canton Police Officer patrol the parks.

The Board had no issues with the letter, and a motion was made by F. Morris to accept it. A second was provided by J. Angelo, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Canton Joint Recreation District requesting to use the Stadium Pond for their 10th annual Fishing Derby on May 21, 2011 - The Board reviewed the above request, and a motion was then made by F. Morris to approve. A second was provided by J. Angelo, and the motion was then approved by unanimous vote.
2. Westminster Community Church requesting to use Mallonn Park on Saturday, August 21, 2010, to hold their annual Neighborhood Association Picnic - The Board reviewed the above request, and a motion was then made by F. Morris to approve it with an insurance requirement. A second was provided by J. Angelo, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Angelo asked the Director to update the Board on the Nimisilla Playground Project.

The Director reported that it was planned to dig out the area necessary next week and for the contractor to follow soon after to install the equipment. He pointed out, however, that all plans were dependent upon the weather.

2. American Cancer Society requesting to use Stadium and Monument Parks to hold their 10th annual "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk" on October 24, 2010.

A motion was made by F. Morris to approve this 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 Rod Meadows was working on an improvement plan for McKinley Park to be used for future grant requests.
4. The Director reported a use request by a Mr. Bradley Chambers for an organization called Ezekiel Outreach Ministries for Brian's Park on June 25th, and Nimisilla Park for July 14, 15 and 16 to hold outdoor "revivals;" however, Mr. Chambers' organization is not an organized church, not-for-profit, or 501C3 at this time. The Director has informed Mr. Chambers that he would have to get a sponsor organization in order to get approval for his events.

A motion was made by F. Morris to approve the June 25th request if a proper sponsor organization makes the request. A second was provided by J. Angelo, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

The Board tabled the July requests until the next meeting.

5. The Director reported that a Ms. Tori Fontes requested the use of Stadium Park to hold a 3k Walk/Run event and Waterworks Park to hold a basketball tournament on July 17, 2010. The name of her organization is Future Promise, but is not a 501C3 or not-for-profit organization as yet.

The Board tabled the request and will consider it at the next meeting if a proper sponsor organization makes the request.

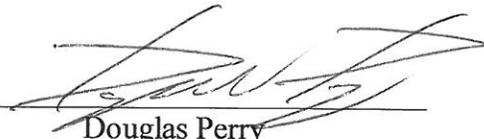
6. Councilmember Griffin asked if there had been any damage at Mallonn Park. The Assistant Director informed Mr. Griffin that he knew of nothing serious so far this year. Last fall, however, there was some turfing, posts pulled, trees damaged, and the porta john was tipped over.

Mr. Griffin reported that there was a lady in the neighborhood keeping an eye on the park.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.



Andy Black
President



Douglas Perry
Director/Secretary