

# CANTON PARK COMMISSION

## BOARD MINUTES

MARCH, 2010

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, March 10, 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 several guests.

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

At this time President Black called on former Vice President Lon Winberry and presented him with a plaque thanking Mr. Winberry for his time in service to the Canton Park System as a member of the Board.

The Board then noted for the record that there was no February, 2010 meeting of the Board. The meeting had been canceled due to weather.

The January, 2010 regular meeting minutes were next to be discussed. A motion was made by J. Angelo to approve them as written. A second was made by A. Black, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Old Riverside Park Issues - The Director reported that there was still an effort to utilize this old park in an exchange effort connected to the new fire station. The process was still ongoing so the issue would remain tabled.
2. Park Brochure Development - The Director reported nothing new at this time so this issue remained tabled.
3. Park Police Issues - Mr. Angelo reported that he had talked to the Police Chief and the CPPA President, and the Board would be able to pick from the top five bidders for the position to work for the Park Commission.

Mr. Black asked if the trial program did not again work out, could the Board pull the plug? Mr. Angelo stated that both the Board and the Union could do so with a special memorandum of understanding.

4. Garaux Quotes - Mr. Foltz reviewed the quotes he had obtained for getting the outside walls of the Garaux building covered.

Mr. Angelo stated he liked the idea of using a metal siding.

A motion was then made by J. Angelo to hire Cavella & Hair to side the building with metal siding. A second was provided by F. Morris, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

5. Bup Rearick Park Improvements - The Director reported that two grant requests have been filed for these improvements. He was still working out a few bugs with them. He also stated that Mr. Henry from the Engineer's office packaged the grants and that it would be sometime in the summer before awards would be made to grant winners.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Canton Joint Recreation District use requests - Ms. Nadine Sawaya, Director of the Canton Joint Recreation District, addressed the Board. She stated that the Recreation District wanted to donate the following to the Park System in 2010:

- A. A playground area at Willig Field
- B. A shelter at Weis Park
- C. New surfacing at several play areas
- D. Tennis court resurfacing at Stadium, Weis, and Schreiber

A motion was made by J. Angelo to accept the donations and approve the Recreation District to have the donations installed. A second was provided by F. Morris, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Sawaya also informed the Board that Willig Field currently had 16 tournaments scheduled for 2010 with some being on the national level. She informed the Board that the U.S. Women's Olympic Softball team was scheduled to come to Canton in June. They would be using Willig to practice and were to play a game at Munson Stadium.

She also told the Board that we had a chance to bring in the Men's "A" National Softball tournaments in 2011. This would bring into Canton 28 to 48 teams from all over the country. She stated, however, that in order to be able to bring them in, the National Amateur Softball Association of America has requested permission to sell beer at the event. She said that they would hold the permit, beer could only be bought and drank in a controlled area, and they would provide both private security and some off-duty Canton Police. They would also be providing liability insurance. Ms. Sawaya told the Board that without beer sales, we would not be able to obtain the event.

Mr. Black and Mr. Angelo both expressed concern about the sale of beer and wanted it understood that if the Board approved this request, it would only be considered as a one time special event and should not be considered as a change in the policy of the Board to prohibit such drinks in the Park System. The Director reminded the Board that such one time events on special occasions had been approved, but on an extremely limited and controlled basis.

A motion was then made by F. Morris to approve this one time request under the conditions proposed. A second was provided by A. Black, and the motion then passed with the following vote:

Mr. Black - Yes  
Mr. Angelo - Abstain  
Mr. Morris - Yes

At this time President Black decided to offer Councilmember Griffin the opportunity to talk with regard to issue No. 5 on the new business agenda.

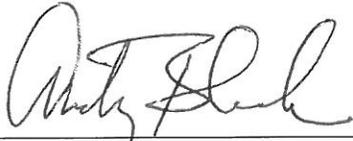
Councilmember Griffin just stated Councilmember Dougherty and he just wanted to make sure that the Park System was looking at grants.

Mr. Morris stated he was becoming educated about grants. The Board and the Director all stated they would look at grants and appreciated Council's support when it came time for funds to develop plans or have matching funds.

2. Trinity Gospel Temple requesting to use Nimisilla Park on July 31, 2010, to hold their annual "Drug Free Rally" - A motion was made by J. Angelo to approve the above request with an insurance requirement. A second was provided by F. Morris, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.
3. Service Director Price requesting the Park Commission take control and management as a park of the 12 acre parcel recently obtained by the City adjacent to Mallonn Park - After a brief discussion, a motion was made by J. Angelo to accept control and management of the 12 acre parcel near Mallonn Park. A second was provided by F. Morris, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.
4. Aultman Health Foundation requesting to use Stadium Park on July 24, 2010 as a part of their Subway Challenge Series 2 Mile and 5 Mile Race - A motion to approve this request with an insurance requirement was made by J. Angelo. A second was provided by F. Morris, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.
6. Canton Garden Center requesting weekend use of Garden Center for Flower Show and use of Garaux building for garage sale - The Director explained that the Canton Garden Center was requesting some overtime on the weekend of their flower show so that one of their member clubs could do a flower show that would be free and open to the public. They also request use of the Garaux building on May 13, 14 and 15 to hold a garage sale.

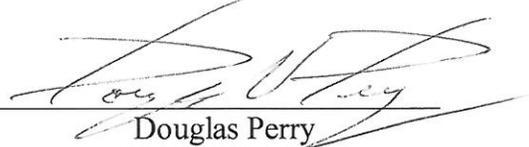
At this time, a motion was made by J. Angelo to accept the proposal made by Local 2937 to open, setup, tear down, clean and close the Garden Center building by using a two hour split scheduled overtime maximum. A second was provided by F. Morris, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



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Andy Black  
President



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Douglas Perry  
Director/Secretary