

# CANTON PARK COMMISSION

## BOARD MINUTES

MAY 13, 2009

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Mr. Lon Winberry, Vice President; Mr. Jack Angelo, Member; and Mr. Douglas Perry, Director/Secretary. Also in attendance was Ms. Chris Smith, City Councilmember.

The meeting was called to order at 4:11 p.m.

At this time a motion was made by A. Black to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2009 regular meeting as written. A second was provided by J. Angelo, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. HUD Nimisilla Playground - The Board reviewed two other layouts and pricing for the proposed playground. The Director was then instructed to proceed to purchase for the Gametime package through U.S. Communities.
2. Old Riverside Park Issues - The Director reported that there was a communication in Council to start the process of returning the old park area to the City.

Councilmember Smith reported that the CCIC had agreed to return the property.

After the property is returned to the control of the City, it would then have to be accepted by the Board as a park once again.

3. Park Brochure Development -This issue remained tabled. The Director will work on pictures in June after things are growing well.
4. Proposed Park Recovery and Rehabilitation Plan - The Director reported to the Board that he had received no written responses from Council.

Councilmember Smith asked that "removing one shelter" at Crenshaw Park be removed from the plan. The Board instructed the Director to remove that line from the Crenshaw Park section.

The Director was also instructed to forward the revised plan to the Parks and Recreation Committee of Council to try and get the plan passed in ordinance form.

5. Playground D Name History - The Board reviewed the information provided by the Director about the names that has been associated with Playground D in the past.

A motion was then made by A. Black to rename Playground D to E. Jay Welch Playground and to name the ballfield there as Dr. Harry W. Gauchat Field. A second was provided by J. Angelo, and the motion was then passed by unanimous vote.

6. Timken Company Earth Day Report - The Director reported that seven parks had work done in them by the group. There were 36 people there on April 19<sup>th</sup>, and they worked for approximately three hours. Twenty Blue Spruce were planted along with 5 pin oaks in the different parks. The group also picked up approximately fifteen 39 gallon bags of trash.

Member Angelo suggested sending this info to Mr. Herman at the Mayor's Office for possible posting on the City's website. Mr. Black will provide the Director with a name in order to send a thank you letter.

Councilmember Smith asked about getting lights on the concession building at Lee Park the Director will look into it.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Donations to Park System - The Director reported to the Board two donations recently made to the Park System:

Mr. Wayne Sims of the Edward C. Levy Co., Inc. Recently donated over 600 tons of slag for the parking lot at Willig Field.

Ms. Laura Perry donated her time to do the layout for the Canton Park System Rules and Regulations brochure.

Letters of thanks will be sent to these two individuals.

2. Use Requests:

- A. Stark County Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Outreach Project requesting the use of Nimisilla Park on June 19-21 to hold the "Juneteenth Celebration"
- B. Boy Scouts requesting the use of Crenshaw Park from June 8 to June 12, 2009 to hold a day camp
- C. PAC Neighborhood Association requesting to use Nimisilla Park on August 21, 2009, to hold their Back to School Celebration

- D. St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church requesting to use the parking lots at Weis Park during their "Summerfest" event, June 7 to June 14, 2009, for vendor parking and camping
- E. Canton Garden Center requesting to setup a tent outside the Garden Center during their Tour of Gardens event for Master Gardeners to give advice to the public from July 17 to July 19, 2009

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

- 3. Proposal for Mallonn Park from the Canton Bulldogs Baseball Team - The Board reviewed this request. Several concerns were raised with regard to their changing the purpose of the park's development. The issue was tabled. The Director was instructed to seek the opinions of the Ward Councilmember, Councilmember Carbenia, and the Recreation Board. He was also instructed to ask the new team what their timing would be for the improvements they want to do, who would be doing the work, did they have the money on hand to do the work, and to inform them that the Board would want to review each work plan in advance if they approve the requests.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

##### 1. Use Requests:

- A. Greater Canton Veterans Council requesting to use Monument and Stadium Parks on May 25, 2009, to hold their "Gold Star Families 5 K Run."
- B. Heritage Christian School requesting to use Meyers Park on May 30, 2009, to hold a part of their family carnival/car show event.
- C. Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation requesting to use Stadium and Monument Parks to hold their annual "Walk to Cure Diabetes" event.

After reviewing these requests, a motion was made by A. Black to approve them with insurance requirements. A second was provided by J. Angelo, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

Member Angelo asked about the Board's policy regarding the moving of picnic tables. He suggested the Board may want to review it later in the year. The Director will send the members a copy of the current policy.

- 2. The Board reviewed a letter from Law Director Martuccio with regard to a non-disturbance and Estoppel Agreement, "with and between the Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission, the National Football Museum, Inc., and the City of Canton. The agreement is necessary for the museum to be able to apply for a grant to upgrade their facility.

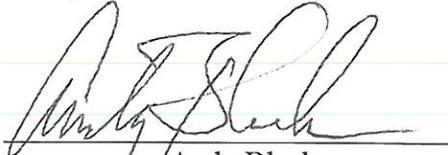
A motion was made by J. Angelo to endorse the agreement. A second was made by A. Black, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

3. The Director reported to the Board that they had been asked by the Ohio Emerald Ash Borer Task Force to approve a proclamation to encourage an understanding and awareness of the danger of the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer by the general public. They had provided a sample proclamation naming the week of May 17, 2009, as Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week.

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

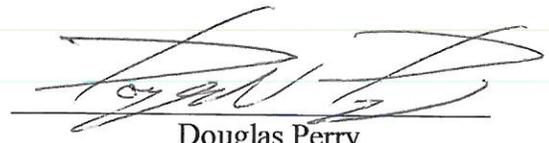
4. Member Angelo asked the Director to obtain a quote to put porta jons at Martindale Park with the intent of removing the restroom building there. The Director will obtain a quote for the next meeting.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



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Andy Black  
President



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Douglas Perry  
Director/Secretary