

AGENDA

CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2004

GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the October 6, 2004 regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Service Director request for the Park Commission to cut and maintain the grass areas at the train station
2. Picnic table policy

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Director requesting to attend OPRA Conference in Cincinnati in February, 2005

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

NOVEMBER, 2004

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, November 10, 2004, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Mr. Tom Ascani, Vice President; Mr. Steve Lamiell, Member; and Mr. Douglas V. Perry, Director/Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

A motion was then made by A. Black to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2004, regular meeting as written. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Service Director request for the Park Commission to cut and maintain the grass areas at the train station - Being that no further information has been submitted with regard to this issue, it remained tabled.
2. Picnic table policy - The Director submitted a proposed picnic table and bleacher use policy for the Board's review.

There was much discussion between the Board and Councilmembers Mallonn and Carbenia with regard to this issue.

The idea of charging for the use of these items was brought up. Councilmember Mallonn stated that Council has made a statement that free use of the Civic Center should come to an end. Mr. Lamiell brought up the possibility of charging for things like the HOF festival.

The issue was tabled, and the Director instructed to see what was going to happen with HOF events at the Civic Center next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Director requesting to attend OPRA Conference in Cincinnati in February, 2005 - The Director stated that since he had paid his own way to the last two conferences, he had not as yet decided to attend this one, but was requesting permission to go if he did decide to. The registration fee would be paid through the Garden Center fund.

A motion to approve this request was made by A. Black. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Heston of the Children's Garden Committee requesting that the Board put up an additional security light for the Garden area - Due to current budget concerns, this issue was tabled.
2. Holly Hills Baseball & Softball requesting to again use the fields at Arboretum and Martindale Parks for the 2005 season, April 1st thru August 1st - A motion to approve this request was made by A. Black. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.
3. The Director informed the Board that the Rotary Project at King Park and the Canton Garden Center Children's Garden Project in Stadium Park were both progressing. In addition, the West Park Project to try and save the ball fields had started.
4. The Director reminded Mr. Ascani that his term was ending on December 31 and asked him if he would be willing to serve another term - Mr. Ascani stated he had not decided yet so the issue was tabled until the December meeting.
5. The Director informed the Board that all departments had been asked to rework their budgets by November 12 to account for a reduction already made by the Budget Director. He told them that it looked like the System would lose all summer help next year and one full-time employee. Councilmember Carbenia stated he thought that an additional cut beside the one already made had to now be made to the budget.

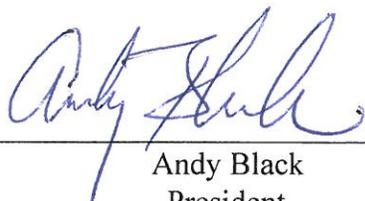
The Director stated that if that were so, the System would have to lose a second full-time employee.

There was a long discussion regarding how to make the reductions should they have to be made at this time. All sections of Park operations were discussed.

The Director stated he needed to know in what direction the Board wished him to proceed if cuts were necessary.

The Board instructed the Director to look into letting an Operator II go if it was necessary, and if it became necessary for two employees to be cut, to look into closing the Garden Center building and with it the Garden Center Manager position. He was also instructed to get the straight information on the budget prior to taking any action.

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



Andy Black
President



Douglas Perry
Director/Secretary