

AGENDA

CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2006

GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the October 4, 2006 regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Coming Together Stark County "Winter Walk" Activity

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request from Gary and Chris Burwell for access over park property
2. Plain Local Baseball & Softball Association requesting to use the fields at Covered Bridge and Oak Parks for fall ball, August and September, 2007
3. Director requesting to attend the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association annual conference in February, 2007. Also for Doug Foltz to attend, if possible

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

NOVEMBER, 2006

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, November 1, 2006, at the Garden Center Building.

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m.

First order of business was the minutes of the October 4, 2006 regular meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by A. Black. A second was provided by Ms. Thomas Jones, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Board noted the presence of Ms. Elise Dougan, President of the Canton Garden Center, and asked if she had business before the Board.

Ms. Dougan presented the Board with their request for 2007 dates at the Garden Center building.

There were two changes noted. The group has requested the building be available on the Mondays of their Children's Pergola parties in case of bad weather and use of the building on the weekend of their Tour of Gardens event which would require overtime for the building.

A motion to approve the requested dates was made by A. Black. A second was made by Ms. Thomas Jones, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Coming Together Stark County "Winter Walk" Activity - The Board reviewed the request from Coming Together Stark County. A motion was then made by Ms. Thomas Jones to approve the request with the following provisions: the usual liability insurance requirement, definite information regarding the use of the Garden Center building, and with regard to an open fire, clean wood must be used and details as to who will put out and clean up the fire location. Any additional required permits must also be obtained. A second to the motion was provided by A. Black, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request from Gary and Chris Burwell for access over park property - The Board reviewed the request made by the Burwells. After a discussion, it was suggested that an informal request be made of the Law Department to get their thoughts with regard to this request. This issue was tabled.
2. Plain Local Baseball & Softball Association requesting to use the fields at Covered Bridge and Oak Parks for fall ball, August and September, 2007 - A motion to approve this request was made by A. Black. A second was made by Ms. Thomas Jones, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.
3. Director requesting to attend the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association annual conference in February, 2007. Also for Doug Foltz to attend, if possible - The Director informed the Board that he had requested the necessary funds in the 2007 budget, but if they did not get approved, he would once again obtain the registration fees through the Canton Garden Center and pay for the rest himself.

A motion to approve the request was made by A. Black. A second was made by Ms. Thomas Jones, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Received a thank you note for the Commission's support of the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" event.
2. The Director provided the Board a drawing of the proposed design for the bridges to be installed in connection to the Stark County Trail System through Stadium and Ink Parks. The drawing was provided by the City Engineer along with three construction material choices to consider: painted, weathering or galvanized steel.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Thomas Jones to approve the design and the use of painted steel in the construction. A second was made by L. Winberry, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

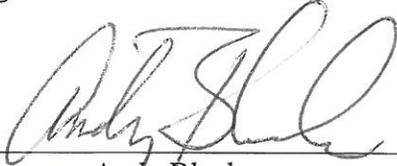
3. The Director updated the Board on the following projects:
 - A. Playground Grant - Money expected anytime from December through late spring.
 - B. West Park Ballfields - Backstops and green monsters up - posts for home run fence in.

- C. City Bond Issue - Basic plan for Willig Field Redevelopment done - Budget figures obtained for architectural and engineering work.
 - D. The road between the two sections of Roshong Park has been blocked off for a six month trial period.
4. Ms Thomas Jones brought up a conversation between Mr. Morrow, President of the Market Heights Neighborhood Association, and the Director regarding the procedure and insurance requirements necessary for his organization to use park properties for public events.

Ms. Thomas Jones requested that a letter be sent to Mr. Morrow recapping the conversation. The Director stated that it would be done.

At this point, the Director noted that Mr. Winberry's appointment would end on December 31, 2006. He asked Mr. Winberry if he would be wiling to serve a full three year term. Mr. Winberry stated that he would be so willing. The Director stated he would inform the Mayor.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.



Andy Black
President



Douglas Perry
Director/Secretary