

AGENDA

CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2008

GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the October 8, 2008 regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. HUD Waterworks Playground
2. Willig Field Project
3. Donations in support of Holiday Light Display
4. Park Brochure Development

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Director requesting to attend the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association's annual conference in Columbus, January 11 thru January 14, 2009
2. Director announcing the "Holiday in the Park" first night light up for Thursday, November 20, 2008, 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

NOVEMBER 12, 2008

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, November 12, 2008, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Lon Winberry, Vice President; Mr. Jack Angelo, Member; and Mr. Douglas V. Perry, Director/Secretary. There were also many guests.

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

At this time a motion was made by J. Angelo to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2008 regular meeting as written. A second was provided by L. Winberry, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. HUD Waterworks Playground - Mr. Angelo, noting that the Board had just received a legal opinion, information from the Director, and that there was not yet a City ordinance or money available to proceed, made a motion to table the issue. Mr. Winberry agreed, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

A discussion began regarding the issue after the motion. Ms. Zawacky asked when the opinion was issued and was told that it was received by the Park System on November 4, 2008.

Ms. Ross-Freeman asked what effect the Council resolution regarding the placement of the playground had on the process. It was explained that the informal Council resolution was an expression that a majority of Council was of the opinion that the play area should be located in Nimisilla Park and thus was a recommendation to the Park Board.

Councilmember West stated that it was not the Park Board's fault that the project had been delayed. It was Council's. He stated he had asked for the ordinance to be released from committee last week. He stated that Councilmember Casar said he would release it in a couple of weeks. Councilmember West stated he would ask Council as a whole to pull the ordinance out of Committee next Monday.

Councilmember West presented the Board several letters of support for the playground to be located in Nimisilla Park.

Mr. Angelo stated that he felt the Board should take its time to consider all the information they were receiving.

Ms. Zawacky asked why accessible play areas were not built everywhere. Could not equipment she felt was not being used at Compton School be moved to a park.

Mr. Angelo stated that money was always the reason things could not be done, and he would hate to see the Compton School area lose anything.

Councilmember West stated the Northeast area was in line for four million in HUD grants for housing upgrades and other possible grants for a football field and walking trail.

A lady who stated she worked for an MRDD group home across the street from Nimisilla Park voiced her support for the park as the location for the play area.

Mr. Angelo asked what the ages of her residents were? She stated they were adults.

Mr. Stone stated he wanted the playground in Nimisilla Park and thought it would be a catalyst for the area. He also presented the Board with a couple of letters.

There was general discussion about Nimisilla Park history, money issues, and other support voiced for the playground to be in Nimisilla Park.

2. Willig Field Project - The Director reported a VIP meeting scheduled to show the facility. He also reported on getting prices to have the parking lot paved.
3. Donations in support of Holiday Light Display - The Director reported that the requested legal opinion had not been received.

Councilmember Carbenia stated the committee had met, and they were going to look for corporate donors. The group was just getting off the ground.

4. Park Brochure Development - The Director reported that he had taken some fall pictures for possible use in a brochure; otherwise, there was no other activity on this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Director requesting to attend the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association's annual conference in Columbus, January 11 thru January 14, 2009 - A motion was made to approve this request by L. Winberry. A second was provided by J. Angelo, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.
2. Director announcing the "Holiday in the Park" first night light up for Thursday, November 20, 2008, 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - The Board noted the schedule for the event provided by the Director.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. The Board was informed of the donation of a Trek Police Patrol bike by Ms. Sue Williams of Massillon for use of the Park Police.
2. Canton Garden Center requesting dates for their use at the Garden Center Building for 2009.

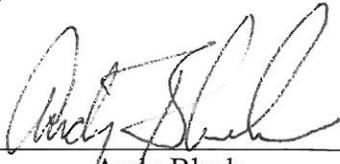
A motion was made by J. Angelo to approve the requested schedule. A second was provided by L. Winberry, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

3. Councilmember Carbenia reported that an ordinance regarding a bathroom structure for Mallomn Park was still in committee. He also stated he was looking into having a building built by donated time.

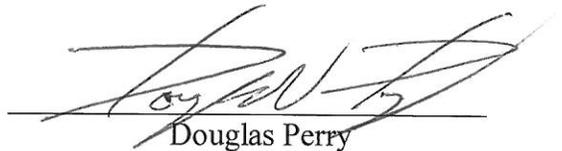
Mr. Carbenia said he was also looking into a security camera and was looking forward to getting a pole set to get electric into the park.

The Director reported that a playground plan had been worked out with Mr. Carbenia, a grant had been obtained, and the equipment was on order.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.



Andy Black
President



Douglas Perry
Director/Secretary