

AGENDA

CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2006

GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the September 6, 2006 regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. New Park Area naming
2. Coming Together Stark County "Winter Walk" Activity

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree Ordinance, Green Commission Concept
2. Grant Request "Fairhope Preserve"
3. Ms. Velma Matthews requesting funds to plant flowers in Nimisilla Park
4. Use Requests:
 - A. Plain Local Baseball & Softball Association requesting to use ballfields at Covered Bridge, Oak Park, and Arboretum Parks for their 2007 season
 - B. Canton Joint Recreation District requesting to use Shelters 3 & 4 in Stadium Park and Weis Park from June 11 - August 10, Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to hold their summer camps
 - C. American Red Cross requesting to use Stadium Park first come first serve shelter and the soccer field area to hold their annual "Duck Race" on Sunday, June 24, 2007

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

OCTOBER, 2006

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, October 4, 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 4:03 p.m.

At this time Mr. Black called on Mr. Steve Lamiell to step forward. Mr. Black presented Mr. Lamiell a plaque from the Park Commission thanking him for his service on the Park Board. The entire Board joined Mr. Black in thanking Mr. Lamiell.

Returning to the agenda items, Mr. Black made a motion to approve the minutes of the September, 2006 regular meeting as written. A second was provided by Ms. Thomas Jones, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. New Park Area and its naming - The Board returned to the request to name a new park area the "Richard A. Mallonn Memorial Park." The Director informed the Board that as a result of a request from Councilmember Carbenia, he had looked into the names of existing parks and provided that information.

The Board also reviewed an informal resolution of City Council asking the Board to consider naming the new park as listed above.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by A. Black to name the new park area the "Richard A. Mallonn Memorial Park." A second was provided by L. Winberry, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

2. Coming Together Stark County "Winter Walk" Activity - The Director informed the Board that this group had not as yet provided a completed plan as requested by the Board. He suggested the issue remain tabled. Ms. Thomas Jones expressed that she had concerns when requests such as these are not submitted in a complete form and are submitted on short notice.

The issue remained tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree Ordinance, Green Commission Concept - The Board reviewed a note from the Director with regard to recent activities concerning an effort to pursue the City becoming a "Tree City."

The issues were: should a tree board be a green commission with a larger scope? Should either of these become a part of the Park Commission or the Park Commission become a green commission.

There was a long discussion of these ideas. The Board had many concerns about how some of these ideas would develop. They were concerned about having the necessary support, staffing, and funding to be able to carry forward any of these ideas. Enforcement was also discussed.

In the end, the Board expressed that they were very much for the promoting of proper tree care, removal, and planting, and may indeed be interested in being involved toward that end in some manner and possibly outside the Park System. They would be willing to look at a proposal should one be developed.

2. Grant Request "Fairhope Preserve" - The Director presented to the Board a Clean Ohio Grant request that City Engineer Dan Moeglin had submitted that could lead to the establishment of a new park area. The entire area is 56.67 acres with approximately 10 acres being used for a basin area to provide some treatment of storm water and regulate the rate of discharge into the stream.

The Board was interested in the possibility.

3. Ms. Velma Matthews requesting funds to plant flowers in Nimisilla Park - The Board reviewed Ms. Matthews request for \$150 in funds to buy flowers to plant in Nimisilla Park.

After a brief discussion, the Director was instructed to inform Ms. Matthews that they appreciated her efforts to plant flowers in Nimisilla Park; however, they had no such program to provide funds for this activity. Also, to advise her that she should talk to the Neighborhood Association about her project as they have the ability to apply for funds for projects such as hers.

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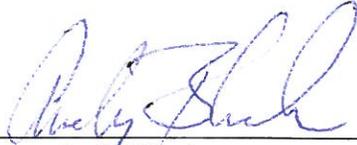
The Board reviewed the above requests. A motion was then made by A. Black to approve them. With request A, they can have the Arboretum Park field only if we receive confirmation from the group that has been using it that they no longer want it. Also, an insurance requirement is required with use C. A second was provided by Ms. Thomas Jones, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

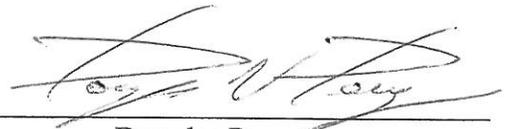
1. Seneca District Boy Scouts requesting to use Arboretum Park from Sunday, July 15 thru Friday, July 20, 2007 to hold their day camp - A motion to approve this request with an insurance requirement was made by A. Black. A second was provided by M. Thomas Jones, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.
2. The Daniel Schiltz family submitting the wording to be on the bench they are donating to Weis Park - "In Loving Memory of Daniel Schiltz."

A motion to approve this wording and grant final approval was made by L. Winberry. A second was provided by M. Thomas Jones, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



Andy Black
President



Douglas Perry
Director/Secretary