

**AGENDA**

**CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010**

**GARDEN CENTER BUILDING**

**4:00 P.M.**

Reading of the minutes of the September 8, 2010 regular meeting

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Old Riverside Park Issues
2. Park Brochure Development
3. Possible Dominion Easements Reifsnnyder, Oak and Martindale Parks
4. Park Police Evaluation

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. FY 2011 Budget
2. Director Perry requesting approval to allow muskrat and racoon trapping in the parks for the 2010-2011 trapping season
3. Director Perry requesting approval to attend the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association's annual conference February 8 through 11, 2011 in Cincinnati
4. S.N. Warner Family Association requesting to use Monument, Stadium and Waterworks Parks on Memorial Day 2011 to hold the Pvt. Heather Warner 5K Memorial Run and Family Fun Walk
5. Letter from Ms. Jane Burt requesting park tree limbs be removed that are hanging over her property

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

## CANTON PARK COMMISSION

### BOARD MINUTES

OCTOBER , 2010

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, October 20, 2010, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Mr. Jack Angelo, Vice President; Mr. Frank Morris III, Member; Mr. Douglas Perry, Director/Secretary; and Mr. Douglas Foltz, Assistant Director. There were also a few guests.

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

Reading of the minutes of the September 15, 2010 regular meeting. A motion was made by J. Angelo to approve the minutes as written. A second was provided by F. Morris, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Old Riverside Park Issues - The Director reported that he had no new information on this issue and asked the Board if they had heard anything. Mr. Angelo stated he had not heard anything, but would check with Councilmember Smith.

It was noted that the fire station project at Welch Playground had begun so things must be ready to proceed. The Director stated the last he had heard was that the City was still waiting for approval for the property conversion. Mr. Morris stated that the Mayor had told him everything was alright. Mr. Gordon of the Mayor's Office thought the transfer of the Riverside property back to the Park System just needed the paperwork through Council.

2. Park Brochure Development - The Director informed the Board that he had talked to the City Engineer's Office and had been told they were going to start working on the map soon.
3. Possible Dominion Easements Reifsnnyder, Oak and Martindale Parks - The Director reported that he had not heard anything in regard to the easements. The Board members and Mr. Gordon stated they did not have new information either. The Director was instructed to check with Mr. Chessler of the Law Department to see if he could find out the status of the easements.

4. Park Police Evaluation - The Board had tabled this issue from the last meeting to allow J. Angelo time to review the paperwork prepared by the Director. Mr. Angelo stated that it may be premature to see how the program is working. He explained that the CPD may lose 8 or 9 officers next year, and he was not sure the Chief would have someone to bid to the park position. Mr. Black stated that was not the deal that was presented to the Board when the program began and that there were two people sitting at a Board meeting saying that would not happen.

Mr. Angelo said it was early and things can change, if people get hired, and the Safety Director would have input. In any case, Officer Shaffer would be with the Park System until next bid time, around April of 2011.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. FY 2011 Budget - The Director provided the Board with the 2011 budget request he had submitted. He told them that it had been requested that a 4% cut from the 2010 adjusted budget be made to the Park System budget. After he completed the budget, he found that the requested cut would require around a \$125,000 reduction in his request. He did not see how that could be done without layoffs to the staff. Mr. Angelo stated that he has done the Police Department's budget and would like to get with the Director and Assistant Director to review the submitted budget to see where cuts could be made to it.
2. Director Perry requesting approval to allow muskrat and racoon trapping in the parks for the 2010-2011 trapping season - A motion to allow the trapping of muskrat and racoon in the Park System for the 2010-2011 trapping season was made by A. Black. A second was then provided by F. Morris, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.
3. Director Perry requesting approval to attend the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association's annual conference February 8 through 11, 2011 in Cincinnati - The Director stated with the budget being what it was he would be willing to pay his own expenses as he had in the past to attend the conference. As in the past, the registration fee would be covered by the Canton Garden Center fund.

A motion to approve the request was made by J. Angelo. A second was provided by F. Morris, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

4. S.N. Warner Family Association requesting to use Monument, Stadium and Waterworks Parks on Memorial Day 2011 to hold the Pvt. Heather Warner 5K Memorial Run and Family Fun Walk - The Director explained that this activity is the same one that had been done the past couple of years under the Veterans Council. Mr. Warner just wanted to handle it himself.

Mr. Angelo made a motion to approve the request with an insurance requirement and proof of either non-profit or 501C status. A second was provided by F. Morris, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

5. Letter from Ms. Jane Burt requesting park tree limbs be removed that are hanging over her property - the Board reviewed pictures provided by Ms. Burt showing the trees in question. Mr. Foltz explained that the trees are along the property lines in that area, and the Park System had cut and trimmed trees in the past. He also stated the Director and he had an arborist scheduled to inspect the trees next week. It was suggested at one point that the trees just be taken down, but a motion was made by J. Angelo to go ahead and do to the trees what the arborist recommended. A second was provided by F. Morris, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. The Pregnancy Support Center requesting to use shelter 5 and the track at Stadium Park on September 10, 2011, to hold their annual "Walk for Life" fund raiser. A motion was made by A. Black to approve the request with an insurance requirement. A second was provided by J. Angelo, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.
2. Possible Welch Playground improvements - The Director told the Board that Mr. Foltz and he had been invited to a meeting with the Safety and Service Directors regarding the Mayor's desire to make improvements to Welch Playground. Several ideas were discussed, and Mr. Foltz and the Director were working a budget figures for a future meeting with the Safety Director.

The Board was asked to comment to \$20,000 of its special park fund toward the effort.

The Board had no objections to improving the park and using \$20,000 of the special fund to do so, but wanted to see a plan and that the necessary additional funding was in place.

The Director and Assistant Director were instructed to prepare a top ten capital improvements project list for their review for the next meeting.

3. The Director reminded the Board that the First Night Light-up would be on November 18<sup>th</sup> with activities beginning at 6:00 p.m. The lights would come on at 6:30 p.m. He told the Board that Mr. Foltz and he would begin working on the details within the next week.
4. The Director informed the Board that he had received a call from a representative of the Ohio Plan about a meeting with regard to the City's playgrounds. The Ohio Plan is the insurance carrier for the City. The gentleman had told the Director that he had looked at twelve of the playgrounds and had problems with nine of them. The Director stated he would bring the information from the meeting to the next meeting.

5. Councilmember Brian Horner addressed the Board. He thanked the Board for the assistance given to the Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association and stated the boulevard looked great.

He also asked that the Board consider the placing of dog cleanup bag dispensers on the boulevard and showed some examples.

6. Mr. Cote and Ms. Sarver of the O.U.R. Neighborhood Association next addressed the Board. They thanked the Park System for providing the paint for their park cleanup day. They said they had 12 kids and 6 adults and got the swings, fence, and backboards painted. In addition, they informed the Board that the Recreation District had committed to providing them with new post and goals for the basketball court next year and got them new swings and basketball nets for their cleanup this year.

They asked the Board to try and have the basketball court re-paved next year.

7. Mr. Angelo asked who recently cleaned up the landscape spot in Monument Park. Mr. Foltz responded that it was the West Park Neighborhood Association.

8. At this time Mr. Morris made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues with only the Board members present. A second was provided by J. Angelo, and the motion then passed by the following vote:

Mr. Black - Yes  
Mr. Angelo - Yes  
Mr. Morris - Yes

A motion was made by A. Black to return to open meeting. A second was provided by J. Angelo, and the motion then passed by the following vote:

Mr. Black - Yes  
Mr. Angelo - Yes  
Mr. Morris - Yes

A motion was then made by F. Morris to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. A second was made by J. Angelo, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

  
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Andy Black  
President

  
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Douglas Perry  
Director/Secretary