

AGENDA

CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2006

GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the August 9, 2006 regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mitey-Mite Program
2. New Park Area and its naming

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Coming together Stark County requesting to use Stadium Park in December to hold a "Winter Walk" to celebrate all of the holidays and celebrations that occur in the month of December
2. Daniel Schiltz family requesting the Park Commission accept a tree and bench as a donation to Weis Park in the name of Dan Schiltz

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

SEPTEMBER, 2006

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, September 6, 2006, at the Garden Center Building.

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

Mr. Black then took the time to recognize and welcome Mr. Winberry. Mr. Winberry was appointed by Mayor Creighton effective September 1, 2006, to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Lamiell.

At this time a motion was made by M.T. Jones to approve the minutes of the August, 2006 regular meeting as written. A second was made by L. Winberry, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mitey-Mite Program - The Director reviewed for the Board the several issues that had been an issue during the past season. Trash left on fields, key to concession building at Lee Park not provided, locks cut off at Lee Park bathrooms, and unpaid invoice for lock replacement at Lee and key replacements at Stark and Maryland Parks.

Mr. Dave Miday of the Mitey-Mite program was then given the floor. He told the Board that he had contacted the Director in the spring with regard to keys for Lee Park and was told that keys were already issued. After the teams had been playing for a week and he could still not find keys, he cut the locks off the building and replaced them with his locks, and he issued keys to people he felt needed them.

Mr. Miday also talked about the other problems at the park - the damage, basketball hoop, some of the people using the park.

The Director reminded the Board that all locks on park property were park locks until a couple of years ago. The Mitey-Mites and coaches are always told not to leave anything of value in the concession building; however, they continued to leave items inside the building. The Board at that time told the Mitey-Mites that they would no longer repair the building as the Mitey-Mites were causing some of the problems. At that time they were required to provide their own lock for the

concession building and provide the Park office a key. The bathrooms were also locked up a couple of years ago due to repeat damage. The Director noted that since there had been no damage in the bathrooms this year, it was looking alright to leave them open again. Mr. Black questioned if the bathrooms should remain locked. The Director thought not, and Mr. Miday agreed stating people would use the dugouts if they are not open. Ms. Thomas Jones asked Mr. Miday where he got the authority to cut locks and issue keys to people for a building that did not belong to him. Mr. Miday took responsibility for cutting the locks and said it was a mistake that would not happen again. He also said that the locks at Lee would come off right away, and he would mail a check with in the morning for the invoice.

Ms. Thomas Jones then stated that she expected our rules and procedures to be followed and that communications would improve. Mr. Miday stated that it would improve.

2. New Park Area and its naming - The Director presented the Board with a lease agreement between the Canton City Schools, the City of Canton, and the Park Commission. The lease would be for a new park at the west side of the fairgrounds for an area a little more than nine (9) acres.

The Board reviewed the lease, and a motion was then made by M. T. Jones to accept both the lease and control and management of the property as a park. A second was made by L. Winberry, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The issue of the request from Councilmember Carbenia to name the new park area the "Richard A. Mallonn Memorial Park" was reviewed.

Ms. M.T. Jones questioned if it was appropriate to name a park area after anyone upon the request of one individual.

It was discussed that members of the Board were not really aware of Mr. Mallonn's public service record or what he had done in the way of support of service to parks or environmental issues in general or the Canton Park System in specific.

The Board will continue to table the request.

Mr. Black will send a letter to Councilmember Carbenia expressing the Board's concerns and asking for more information with regard to Mr. Mallonn.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Coming together Stark County requesting to use Stadium Park in December to hold a "Winter Walk" to celebrate all of the holidays and celebrations that occur in the month of December - The Board reviewed the above request. The issue was tabled. The Board instructed the Director to hold the date, but they wish to see a complete plan before they consider granting an approval.

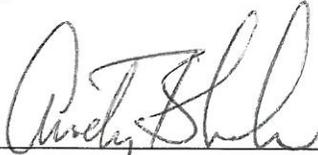
The Board instructed the Director to notify them of the Board's request to see a final plan at their October meeting for their review.

2. Daniel Schiltz family requesting the Park Commission accept a tree and bench as a donation to Weis Park in the name of Dan Schiltz - The Board reviewed the request, and a motion was then made by L. Winberry to grant a tentative approval. Final approval will be considered after any wording that is to be on the bench is reviewed and approved by the Board. A second was made by M.T. Jones, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

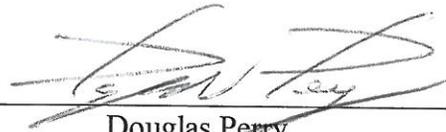
OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Trinity Gospel Temple requesting to use Nimisilla Park either on July 28th or September 1st, 2007, to hold their 12th Annual Drug Free Rally and Gospel Jazz Concert - A motion to approve this request with an insurance requirement was made by A. Black. A second was made by M.T. Jones, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.
2. The Director informed the Board that an 11-1/2 foot tall dinosaur was coming to the Children's Garden. He provided pictures to review.
3. The Board next took up the issue of deciding on a new Vice President. Mr. Black made a motion that Ms. Thomas Jones become the new Vice President. Mr. Winberry provided a second to the motion. Ms. Thomas Jones stated she would serve as Vice President. The motion then passed by unanimous vote.
4. Mr. Black instructed the Director to invite former Board Member Steve Lamiell to the next Board meeting so that they could publicly thank him for his service.

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



Andy Black
President



Douglas Perry
Director/Secretary