

CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, May 7, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.
MGC - 2ND FLOOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
201 WEST WATER STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cathy Oda, Denise Uhlenbrock, Kathy Ventura, Keith Grau, Jim Cruse, Deb Osborne, Andrew Higgins and Patty Vogt

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Cooper

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Stanford

GUEST PRESENT: Kirk Zieseimer

ITEM NO. 1:

Park Board Chair-person Kathy Ventura called the meeting to order.

ITEM NO. 2: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Rob Stanford stated that Patti Vogt emailed him to correct the minutes to show that she voted against the Pool Advisory Committee.

It was moved by Andrew Higgins and seconded by Jim Cruise to accept the minutes from the meeting on April 2, 2008 with the correction that the Pool Advisory Committee passed with an 8 to 1 vote. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM NO. 3: LEATHER ASSOCIATES PARK

At the last meeting board members were given a packet of information and asked to review it prior to this meeting. Following a discussion, it was decided to explore the idea further. The board agreed that we would be more successful if we get the backing of a community service organization. This would give better name recognition to the project and will allow donations to be tax deductible. It was suggested that a representative present this to Kiwanis and suggest Kiwanis Park as one of the potential locations.

It was moved by Andrew Higgins and seconded by Cathy Oda to take this to Kiwanis for sponsorship. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM NO. 4: UPDATE ON FEE INCREASES

Rob Stanford informed the Board that the City Commission tabled all fee increases for all departments pending a review of fees and services offered by the city.

ITEM NO. 5: UPDATE ON PARK MAJOR MAINTENANCE

Rob Stanford informed the board that a metal roof was chosen to repair the Fountain Park Dining Hall. The roof was acquired at a great savings over retail and will minimize maintenance, stand up to a great deal of abuse, and should save money over the life of the roof. He stated that since work was being done on the Dining Hall the focus of this year's resources would be directed toward this facility as opposed to the Pavilion and that the Pavilion will be the focus of another year.

ITEM NO. 6: UPDATE ON POOL MAINTENANCE

Rob Stanford informed the board that the pool maintenance is going well and that staff would start filling the pool on Thursday.

ITEM NO. 7: LEASINGVENDOR SPACE ON CITY PROPERTY

Rob Stanford updated the board on two individuals wanted to rent space on public property. The first was a vendor wanted to place a Shaved Ice hut near the bike path. This vendor decided to use a different location. The other vendor was a gentleman wanting to place a bait vending machine at Upper Fountain Park and near Swift Run.

A motion was made by Patti Vogt and seconded by Jim Cruise to charge him the cost to prepare the sight for this service, plus \$25 per month to cover electric and use of the space.

Rob Stanford is to contact the vendor and see if he will accept those terms prior to presenting it to Council

ITEM NO. 8: OTHER BUSINESS

Kathy Ventura requested a trash can be placed in the open field near Hardman field so that the baseball teams practicing there would have a place to throw their trash.

Kathy Ventura also asked about the gate from the Canal to Swift Run. Rob Stanford said that he thought it was a Water Dept. issue and that they were aware of it. He was pretty sure either they couldn't get the part or it was a labor issue.

Denise Uhlenbrock expressed concern for the amount of cigarette butts found in the park, especially around the benches. She stated that there are signs on the building that prohibit smoking, but that there were no signs in the park itself, despite there being an ordinance against smoking. She requested signs be posted

Cathy Oda asked if there was a problem with the tennis courts at Fountain Park. She stated that they seemed to hold water and be wet for a long time after it had last rained. Rob Stanford said he would look into it, but had never dealt with the Premier surface before, so was not sure of its properties.

ITEM NO. 11: ADJOURN

Cathy Oda motioned and Jim Cruse seconded to adjourn, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Minutes as prepared by Rob Stanford.