

CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, October 1, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.  
MGC - 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM  
201 WEST WATER STREET

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cathy Oda, Patty Vogt, Ron Cooper, Jim Cruse, Kathy Ventura, and Deb Osborne

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Denise Uhlenbrock, Keith Grau, and Andrew Higgins

**STAFF PRESENT:** Rob Stanford

**GUEST PRESENT:** None

**ITEM NO. 1: CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Park Board Chair-person Cathy Oda called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

**ITEM NO. 2: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

It was moved by Ron Cooper and seconded by Jim Cruse to accept the minutes from the meeting on September 3, 2008 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM NO. 3: POOL RECAP**

Rob Stanford updated the Board on the success of the 2008 pool season. He stated that total revenue was up by \$4,000, memberships & lessons were down, while daily admission and concessions sales were up. He also informed the board that the increase in revenue was offset by an increase in utility usage due to leaks in the pool. With the leaks in the pool fixed and the planned improvements to the Locker Rooms, Rob said that he was very confident that the pool will have a better year next year.

**ITEM NO. 4: PROPOSED 2009 POOL FEE SCHEDULE**

A proposed fee schedule (Attached) was presented by Rob Stanford. These fees were very similar to what the Board had approved earlier in 2008 that were not implemented. Rob informed the Board of the revenue goals proposed during a management meeting and stated that these fees would allow us to attain those goals.

Ron Cooper motioned to recommend the rates as presented in the attached fee proposal. Jim Cruse seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM NO. 5: PROPOSED 2009 FACILITY RENTAL FEE SCHEDULE**

A proposed fee schedule (Attached) was presented by Rob Stanford. The board had proposed similar changes earlier in the year, but they were not implemented. Rob pointed out some key changes to the prior proposal. The Fountain Park Dining Hall fees were increased with the refurbishing this year providing justification for the increase. A significant policy change in the way Mote Park is rented was discussed. Currently, the two rooms can be rented separately or together. Due to the inherent issues with having multiple groups use the common areas facility and the availability of the Fort Piqua Plaza, it was felt best to only rent the entire facility.

Rob informed the Board of the revenue goals proposed during a management meeting and stated that these fees would not reach this goal and that it would require an additional increase to attain the goal. The board was opposed to any further increase.

Kathy Ventura motioned to recommend the rates as presented in the attached fee proposal. Debra Osborne seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM NO. 6: BIKE PATH UPDATE**

Rob Stanford informed the board that the contracts for the new section of the bike path are being finalized and that they should start work shortly after they are signed.

**ITEM NO. 7: WATER QUALITY STUDY**

Rob informed the Board that approximately 43 people attended the first meeting on the water quality study being performed on the Hydraulic Canal, Echo lake, Franz Pond and Swift Run. The next meeting will be on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**ITEM NO. 8: PARK AMMENITEE NEEDS**

Rob Stanford informed the Board that the Parks and Recreation Department is planning to host a Mini-Triathlon and that the triathlon committee thought it would help fundraising efforts if we said the money would go to a certain project. The board was asked what projects they would like to be considered if efforts were successful. There will be further discussion at the next meeting.

**ITEM NO. 9: OTHER BUSINESS**

Kathy Ventura asked if we were aware of a broken branch in a tree at the South end of Fountain Park. She offered to get a more specific location and Rob said that he would have Parks look into it.

Kathy Ventura inquired about the repair of the asphalt on the Rivers Edge section of the Bike Path that was originally scheduled for early September. Rob Stanford said he would get an updated time line and follow up with the board.

**ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURN**

Ron Cooper motioned and Kathy Ventura seconded to adjourn, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

Minutes as prepared by Rob Stanford.