

CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, December 10, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.  
MGC - 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM  
201 WEST WATER STREET

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cathy Oda, Ron Cooper, Jim Cruse, Denise Uhlenbrock, Keith Grau, Andrew Higgins and Deb Osborne

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Patty Vogt and Kathy Ventura

**STAFF PRESENT:** Rob Stanford

**GUEST PRESENT:** Sandy Wolf

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

Park Board Chair-person Cathy Oda called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

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

It was moved by Ron Cooper and seconded by Deb Osborne to accept the minutes from the meeting on October 1, 2008 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM NO. 3: WINTER/SPRING 2009 PROGRAM BROCHURE**

The new program brochure was passed out and the programs were reviewed. Ways to increase awareness of the programs including the What's Happening in Piqua Access Show, one call now phone service and additional publicity through the Daily Call were discussed. Rob Stanford will research these options further

**ITEM NO. 4: PYBSA LEASE DISCUSSION**

Proposed changes to the lease agreement with PYBSA were discussed. These changes include requiring a financial audit, allowing the City to appoint an oversight committee and some modifications to their by-laws. Ron Cooper inquired whether these modifications would also be made to Soccer and Football leases. Rob Stanford informed the board that it was the City's intent that these changes will be made to all associations the next time the lease is up for renewal.

**ITEM NO. 5: UPDATE ON 2008 NATURE WORKS GRANT APPLICATION**

Rob Stanford informed the Board that we did not receive grant funding for the proposed spray park and restroom at Fountain Park and that the City would not be able to do the project without those funds.

**ITEM NO. 6: IMPACT OF NEW POOL STANDARDS ON POOLS**

Rob Stanford informed the board that a new pool and spa safety act was enacted that will affect both of the City pools. He informed them that this is a federal mandate that everybody must comply with by December 19, 2008 or before re-opening if a seasonal pool. He stated that Spear Corporation was consulted to determine what changes would be necessary to comply with this new code.

Spear Corporation determined that it would cost approximately \$70,000 to make the necessary compliance upgrades and to fix the leaks in the underground

plumbing at the Fountain Park pool. Rob informed the board that considering the age of the pool and the inherent issues associated with these repairs that it was not recommended that the improvements be made. Following a few questions the board agreed that it should not be fixed and questioned what would replace it. A few possibilities were recommended. The future use of this space will be a future topic.

Rob stated that the final details of what improvements will be required for compliance at the Pitsenbarger pool are still being determined. It appears as though the necessary improvements will be minor.

**ITEM NO. 7: BIKE PATH UPDATE**

Rob Stanford informed the Board that the contractor was unable to complete the entire bike path before the weather prevented them from paving. He said that the entire section west of the river was completed with the exception of signage, striping and seeding. He stated that the east side of the river has been cleared and most of it has gravel, but that pavement, striping and seeding will be done in April of next year as well as final improvements to the bridge. He stated that the trail is projected to be completed and open to the public in April of next year.

**ITEM NO. 8: WATER QUALITY STUDY**

Rob Stanford updated the board on the water quality study time line. He stated that all meetings and data collection have been completed and that a preliminary report will be presented to the City in mid December with a final report presented in January.

**ITEM NO. 9: PARK AMENITY NEEDS**

At a previous meeting the Board had discussed fundraising opportunities through the car show and proposed mini-triathlon. The board continued its discussion trying to identify an improvement to dedicate these funds to. Possible options including playground equipment at Kiwanis Park, a new play feature at the pool, a dog park, an outdoor ice rink and a skate park were discussed. It was determined that information on costs for these proposals needed to be obtained before a decision could be made. Rob Stanford will research these costs and present them at the next meeting.

**ITEM NO. 10: OTHER BUSINESS**

Sandy Wolf showed photos of the playground equipment at Das Park. These photos illustrated the exposed concrete foundation at the base of the equipment. She requested that something be done to address this before someone was hurt. Rob stated that he would notify parks maintenance about the concern and provide an update.

**ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURN**

Ron Cooper motioned and Andrew Higgins seconded to adjourn, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Minutes as prepared by Rob Stanford.