

CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, February 4, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.  
MGC - 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM  
201 WEST WATER STREET

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cathy Oda, Patty Vogt, Jim Cruse, Kathy Ventura, Keith Grau,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Andrew Higgins, Deb Osborne, Ron Cooper and Denise Uhlenbrock

**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 Jim Cruse and seconded by Keith Grau to accept the minutes from the meeting held on December 10, 2009 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM NO. 3: 2009 APPROVED BUDGET**

The 2009 Approved Parks and Recreation budgets were presented. Rob showed that the funds requested for repair to the Fountain Park wading pool repairs had in fact been cut and that the pool will be closing as discussed in an earlier meeting. Patty Vogt questioned whether we would be making any repairs to Hance Pavilion this year. Rob Stanford informed the board that Hance is slated to receive significant improvements in 2010, but that the majority of the funds available in 2009 will be directed toward the Mote Park Community Center.

**ITEM NO. 4: SENIOR PROGRAMMING COLLABORATION**

Rob Stanford updated the board on the collaboration between the YMCA, Council on Rural Services, the City and the YWCA. He asked that board members help advertise the open house and attend if possible.

**ITEM NO. 5: RECREATION PROGRAM REVIEW**

Rob Stanford gave a brief overview of the years recreation program offerings and attendance. He stated that there were several programs with good attendance, but that most programs had a less than desirable response. He asked for additional program ideas and for suggestions on marketing. Jim Cruse was hopeful that we could offer programs at the new Skate Park once it is built. There were no other suggestions.

**ITEM NO. 6: SKATE PARK UPDATE**

Rob Stanford informed the board that the skate park steering committee had met on January 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss location and basic funding issues. Information on pre-cast features that may be more cost effective and would have a longer warranty were presented. The next committee meeting was to be held on Monday, February 9 at 6:30 at the Wood Street Community Center.

**ITEM NO. 7: PARK AMMENITY NEEDS**

Rob stated that he was still waiting on reports back from companies to determine if a pool feature would be an option. Kathy Ventura requested that resurfacing of the Fountain Park basketball be added to the projects being considered. Jim Cruse recommended seeing if those updates could be done in such a way that the court could be turned into an ice rink in the winter. This would accomplish two of our recommendations.

**ITEM NO. 8: OTHER BUSINESS**

Jim Cruse asked about the progress of mulching the playground at Das Park that Sandy brought to our attention at the December meeting. Rob stated that staffing and weather had prevented them from addressing the issue, but that it will be addressed as soon as possible.

Kathy Ventura asked if any plans had been made to fix the collapsed area of bike path along the canal through Fountain Park. Rob stated that he did not remember seeing anything on the 5 year plan to address that, but that he would look into it.

Rob Stanford stated that the date for the Car Show had be set for August 1, 2009 and that any board support for this program would be greatly appreciated. He also informed the board that the E-gov software that we planned to purchase in order to allow online reservation of shelters and registration for programs may not be able to meet our needs. He will know more by the next meeting. Finally, Rob stated that the he is involved in a group that is trying to promote the use of our regional recreation trails. He asked for volunteers to help with a trail count day. The board requested additional information. Rob offered to forward the information he receives at his next meeting.

**ITEM NO. 9: ADJOURN**

Kathy Ventura motioned and Jim Cruse seconded to adjourn, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Minutes as prepared by Rob Stanford.