

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cathy Oda, Patty Vogt, Jim Cruse, Barbara Miller, Keith Grau and Denise Uhlenbrock

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrew Higgins, Deb Osborne and Michael Perando

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Stanford, Recreation Coordinator

GUEST PRESENT: None

ITEM NO. 1: CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Park Board Chair-person Cathy Oda called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

ITEM NO. 2: INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Rob Stanford introduced Barbara Miller as a new member replacing Ron Cooper. She will finish his term which is set to expire March 1, 2010. Michael Perando who was appointed to fill Kathy Ventura's vacant position was unable to attend.

ITEM NO. 3: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Jim Cruse stated that his name was misspelled in the minutes and requested that it be changed. It was moved by Jim Cruse and seconded by Keith Grau to accept the minutes from the meeting held on February 4, 2009 with the spelling correction of Jim's last name. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM NO. 4: PARK PERSONNEL UPDATE

Rob Stanford informed the board of the following personnel changes. Scott Helman, Rodney Stephenson and Jolaine Routson have all resigned. Brian Brookhart has been promoted to Working Supervisor. Doug Cantrell, a former meter reader for the Utilities' Department has filled the opening left by the passing of Jerry Henderson. Human Resources is hopeful that the remaining three positions will be filled by the end of March.

ITEM NO. 5: 2009 APPROVED POOL BUDGET

The 2009 Approved Pool budget was presented. Rob Stanford reviewed the budget identifying three main items of note. First, he reviewed the projected revenues stating that the increased revenue will be accomplished through the increased fees proposed by the Park Board in 2008. Second, he pointed out that the personnel costs were expected to increase due the increase in minimum wage. Finally, the equipment maintenance budget and Virginia Graeme Baker requirements were discussed. Rob stated that he is expecting a final quote on March 5 and expects it to be very favorable.

ITEM NO. 6: POOL GROUP RATE

Rob Stanford asked the board if they felt a group rate would be warranted. He stated that he had received comment from the YMCA that they use the Troy pool for summer camp trips partially because they offer a discounted rate. Jim Cruse made a motion with Patty Vogt seconding to offer a group rate of \$2.50 for groups of 25 or more. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM NO. 7: POOL PASS / MARKETING POLICY

Rob Stanford stated that the City had received a request for pass donation for a fundraiser and that there are no guidelines in place for handling solicitations. Rob asked the board for recommendations on a policy that would guide staff in handling such requests. After discussion, Jim Cruse made a motion to table the discussion to the next meeting. Keith Grau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM NO. 8: WATER QUALITY STUDY UPDATE

Rob Stanford informed the board that the plans to build a new water plant will change our options for treatment of the water in the hydraulic canal, Franz Pond, Echo Lake and Swift Run.

ITEM NO. 9: ENTIRE PARK RENTALS

Rob Stanford stated that a group had requested permission for a special use of Roadside Park. He stated that although the groups intended use would not likely cause damage, there are codes that prevent the desired use. Rob asked for advice on creating a policy that would allow a group to gain access to the park for special functions while protecting the community's parks from damage.

Patty Vogt made a motion to enforce current policy and not allow use of parks by private parties. The motion failed to receive a second

Denise Uhlenbrock made a motion to table the discussion to the April meeting. Patty Vogt second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM NO. 10: SKATEPARK DISCUSSION

Rob Stanford showed an aerial photo of the proposed layout and stated that it may encroach further into the sledding area than initially expected. He asked if the board had any concerns or comments that they would like addressed with the skatepark committee. Patty Vogt expressed concern of impeding the sledding at all. Jim Cruse questioned if we could convert the tennis courts into a skatepark. He felt this would be appropriate because it would eliminate our need to repair the courts and would prevent interference with sledding. Barbara Miller stated that many people including her husband still use that court and would be very disappointed to see it go away.

ITEM NO. 11: OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Cruse asked about the progress of mulching the playground at Das Park that Sandy Wolf brought to our attention at the December meeting. Rob stated that it had not been addressed and that he will follow up with parks on when that will be done.

Cathy Oda asked for a timeline on when the new section of the bike path will be completed. Rob Stanford stated that it is contingent on weather, so no timeline has been established.

Rob Stanford stated that MVRPC is coordinating a region trail count day to determine the usage of recreational trails. He gave the dates of July 26 and 29 and requested that all board members start lining up volunteers to help with this research.

Jim Cruse asked about changing the judging form for the car show. Rob requested that Jim develop a new form to present to the show coordinator to aid in developing a new form.

ITEM NO. 12: ADJOURN

Jim Cruse motioned and Keith Grau seconded to adjourn, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Minutes as prepared by Rob Stanford.