

CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, May 6, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.  
MGC - 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM  
201 WEST WATER STREET

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cathy Oda, Patty Vogt, Barbara Miller, Keith Grau, Deb Osborne and Michael Perando

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jim Cruse, Andrew Higgins, and Denise Uhlenbrock

**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 7:02pm.

**ITEM NO. 2: INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Rob Stanford introduced Michael Perando as a new member replacing Kathy Ventura.

**ITEM NO. 3: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

It was moved by Michael Perando and seconded by Patty Vogt to accept the minutes from the meeting held on March 4, 2009 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM NO. 4: PARK PERSONNEL UPDATE**

Rob Stanford informed the board of the following personnel changes. Alex Steinbrunner, a former meter reader for the Utilities' Department will be our fourth Parks employee starting next week. Human Resources expects the final position to be filled by an outside candidate and are hopeful that it will be filled by the end of May.

**ITEM NO. 5: POOL MARKETING POLICY**

After a great deal of discussion on the value of using free passes for marketing the facility, Patty Vogt made a motion with Deb Osborne seconding it that the pool should not give away free pool passes, seasonal or individual day, as part of its marketing plan this season, but that it should be discussed again next year. The motion carried unanimously.

It was also recommended that the pool designate a day or portion of a day where we allow patrons to get in for \$1 admission. This would serve as a community appreciation day and would hopefully introduce new people to the facility who will become regular patrons. Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> was recommended.

**ITEM NO. 6: ENTIRE PARK RENTALS**

Rob Stanford informed the board that he had submitted a request for information about other agencies policies through OPRA and that the City's Law Director had also submitted a request through MVRMA. He requested that this topic be tabled until the next meeting to provide time to receive the responses.

**ITEM NO. 7: SKATE PARK UPDATE**

Rob Stanford informed the board that it is the City's intention to submit an RFP late this summer in order to identify a potential builder. This will help facilitate the budget process for next year.

**ITEM NO. 8: FATHER'S DAY ART EVENT**

Rob Stanford informed the board that the Recreation Department has agreed to sponsor the Father/Daughter Hop Scotch competition to be held at the Piqua Arts Council's Chalk the Walk event to be held on Sunday, June 21. He encouraged everyone to attend to help show support for the event.

**ITEM NO. 9: BIKE PATH CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS**

Rob Stanford stated that progress on the new bike path was going well and that the dedication ceremony had been set for Friday, June 5 at 10:00am.

Rob Stanford also updated the board on the repairs to the bridge and the plans to repair the washed out section of River's Edge as soon as the asphalt plant opens.

**ITEM NO. 10: BIKE TO WORK DAY**

Rob Stanford provided the details of the upcoming Bike to Work Day event and encouraged the board to attend and help promote the event.

**ITEM NO. 11: PATH USER COUNT DAY**

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.

Mike Perando said that he would like to help on July 26 and felt that the Shawnee neighborhood association would be able to provide several other volunteers.

It was also recommended that we contact schools about students who need community service

**ITEM NO. 12: SUMMER PROGRAMS**

The new Summer Program Guide was distributed and reviewed.

**ITEM NO. 13: POOL IMPROVEMENTS**

Rob Stanford updated the board on the planned improvements to the pool. He stated that the locker room ceilings and floors will be cleaned and sealed, the lighting in the locker rooms will be replaced, weather permitting the pool bottom will be painted and that we will be replacing the block wall restroom partitions with standard partitions.

**ITEM NO. 14: OTHER BUSINESS**

Mike Perando asked about the proposal PYBSA has submitted to build fields on the property formerly used as Armco Park. Rob Stanford informed him that the plans were being reviewed, but that he was not sure what stage it was in the approval process.

Deborah Osbourne stated that it appears as though the surfacing around the playground at Das Park has already washed away and questioned if we had a more permanent fix planned. Rob offered to get with the Parks Department and get an update.

Deb Osbourne also asked who was responsible for the maintenance of the grass outside of the fieldhouse fence. She was concerned that it was not getting mowed. Rob Stanford stated that to the best of his knowledge it was the Board of Education property, but that he would get verification.

Cathy Oda asked if the Municipal Pool had Adult Swims. Rob Stanford stated that during the mandatory safety breaks only adults were allowed to swim.

**ITEM NO. 15: ADJOURN**

Keith Grau motioned and Mike Perando seconded to adjourn, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Minutes as prepared by Rob Stanford.