

CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.  
PITSENBARGER SPORTS COMPLEX - SHELTER  
1421 SOUTH STREET

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Barbara Miller, Andrew Higgins, and Denise Uhlenbrock

**STAFF PRESENT:** Rob Stanford, Recreation Coordinator; Doug Harter, Streets and Parks Superintendent

**GUEST PRESENT:** Northparks Neighborhood Association Representatives - Paul Stiefel, Edna Stiefel, Jim Hemmert, Dick Haynes, Joe Drapp, Alan Miller  
Landon Brockman

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

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

**GUEST PRESENTATIONS/CONCERNS**

Landon Brockman presented three options for a potential Eagle Scout Project. The first proposal involved paving a path to the west entrance of Hance Pavilion and placing a fountain between the two entrances that face the Dining Hall. The second proposal was to replace the chain link fence with a wrought iron style that would be more appropriate for the building. The third proposal would be to clean the concrete pillars around the building. He stated that he can try to do any single project or any combination of the three. Deborah Osborne made a motion to recommend to City Commission that Landon be allowed to proceed with his Eagle Scout Project. Mike Perando seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Representatives from the Northparks Neighborhood Association expressed concern about the removal of playground equipment at Das Park and Kiwanis Park. The issue of safety was discussed. Rob Stanford informed them that two playground manufacturers have been contacted to determine what is required to meet standards and what costs would be for replacement. He stated that the city has some funds available and that they are exploring all needs prior to making any determinations on removal or replacement of equipment.

**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 June 3, 2009 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM NO. 3: PATH USER COUNT DAY**

Rob Stanford asked for an update from the board on recruitment of volunteers. Mike Perando was able to line up several people and was hopeful that he could get more.

**ITEM NO. 4: RECREATION PROGRAMS REPORT**

Rob Stanford presented numbers for Recreation Department Summer Programs. He stated that we had 18 people for the Quickstart Tennis Program, which was disappointing compared to the 60 that Troy and Tipp City received. He stated that enrollment for summer camps was low as well. He stated that out of 8 camps only two, cheerleading and tennis are likely to have enough participants. He encouraged everyone in attendance to help sell tickets for the final Dayton Dragons game on Sunday, August 2. He ended by reminding everyone of the Car Show on August 1 and encouraged people to attend and possibly volunteer.

**ITEM NO. 5: PARKS UPDATE**

Doug Harter stated that he is aware of concerns with the Bike Path washing out and the playground equipment discussed earlier. He asked if there were any other concerns. No comments were made.

**ITEM NO. 6: POOL UPDATE AND TOUR**

Pool attendance numbers were presented showing that despite our increased fees and the slow economy numbers at the pool have been positive. Paid daily admission is up, but membership is down slightly. Overall attendance is down about 600 people, which is approximately 8%. Rob Stanford stated that they have been unsuccessful at locating the suspected leak, but that he believes it is in the circulation system, in an area which is extremely difficult to test.

**ITEM NO. 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

Victor Brockman stated that his son was the scout that repainted the totem pole at fountain and asked for permission for him and his son to pull the weeds around the pole. Doug Harter gave him permission.

Patty Vogt asked if we were going to designate a project that the proceeds from the car show will go to this year. Rob stated that the way the funds are budgeted, we should state that it is going toward playground equipment.

Deb Osborne expressed concern that people were not aware that the Fountain Park Wading Pool was being closed. She asked why it wasn't mentioned at Commission Meetings or in the newspaper.

**ITEM NO. 8: NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

It was determined that the next meeting will be August 5 at Fountain Park at 7:00pm. This is the final day of the tennis program and there will be a carnival feel. Board members were asked to come early if they are willing to help out with this. The program starts at 6:00. The meeting will follow.

**ITEM NO. 9: ADJOURN**

Jim Cruse motioned and Mike Perando seconded to adjourn, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Minutes as prepared by Rob Stanford.