

CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.  
FOUNTAIN PARK - SHELTER  
1300 FOREST AVENUE

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Deb Osborne and Andrew Higgins

**STAFF PRESENT:** Rob Stanford, Recreation Coordinator; Doug Harter, Streets and Parks Superintendent; Dana Curtis, JUMP Summer Employee

**GUEST PRESENT:** None

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

Park Board Chairperson Cathy Oda called the meeting to order at 7:15pm. The start of the meeting was delayed while Park Board members assisted in the end of season tennis carnival for the summer QuickStart Tennis League.

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

It was moved by Mike Perando and seconded by Jim Cruse to accept the minutes from the meeting held on July 1, 2009 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Dana Curtis briefed the group on how the bike count went. The numbers were very positive. She stated that rain played a factor in the difference between the Sunday and Wednesday turnout.

**ITEM NO. 4: POOL DOLLAR DAY RECAP**

Rob Stanford informed that the attendance at the dollar day event was lower than expected. Despite the fact that attendance was low, the event could be considered a success as it did bring in a lot of new patrons that only came because of the event. It was discussed that the event was not heavily marketed for the fear that attendance would be more than the facility could handle. It was decided that we will discuss this event and other pool marketing plans at the October meeting.

**ITEM NO. 5: RECREATION PROGRAMS REPORT**

Rob Stanford asked the fellow members if they had any ideas for fall programs and there were a few good ideas. Denise Uhlenbrock brought up hockey and offered her husband's time to help with that program. Doug Harter asked about horseshoe leagues. Rob Stanford mentioned that the trend seems to be going away from horseshoes in favor of Cornhole. Rob will pursue a Cornhole League at Echo Hills.

**ITEM NO. 6: PARKS UPDATE**

Doug Harter informed the group that Classic Products has agreed to donate roofing materials for our shelters and that we have a volunteer lined up to provide the installation. Doug also suggested the idea of "Adopt a Park." He proposed that we approach businesses in Piqua to "Adopt a Park" and help fund improvements needed at the park. Mike Perando suggested that we do a community Park Clean-up Day, similar to the river cleanup organized by P.O.W.W. He felt the Neighborhood Associations would play a large role in this.

**ITEM NO. 7: POOL UPDATE**

Rob Stanford presented some attendance numbers. He stated that our attendance year to date is down over 5,000 patrons. He stated that he felt this was almost entirely due to the weather and had little to do with the economy or our increased rates. Denise asked about rental bookings. Rob stated that the number of rentals are down and that the decrease in rentals is likely a combination of the new rates and the economy. He informed the board that due to our increased rates our revenue compared to last year is very comparable and that our staff costs have been less, so the overall impact to the pool budget is still positive. Rob also pointed out the significant reduction in participants in our swim lessons. The board requested that we consider changing our rates for lessons when we discuss the marketing plan for the pool in October.

**ITEM NO. 8: OTHER BUSINESS**

Patty Vogt asked if new shower curtains had been hung in the pool locker rooms. Rob informed her that 7 curtains were hung up in the women's locker room and that after one week only 2 of them remained. Patty question how often the locker rooms were inspected and suggested having the manager go in every half hour to check the restroom/locker rooms.

Jim Cruse asked Rob to provide a recap of the Car Show that took place on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Rob presented figures and stated that it was a huge success.

Barb Miller expressed a concern about not having enough time to review the minutes prior to the meeting and asked to get them a week prior. Rob agreed to email them a week prior to the meeting.

**ITEM NO. 9: NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

It was determined that the next meeting will be September 2 at Hollow Park at 7:00pm.

**ITEM NO. 10: ADJOURN**

Mike Perando motioned and Jim Cruse seconded to adjourn, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

**PARK TOUR**

After the meeting the Park Board walked through the park to make recommendations. It was found that the drinking fountain near the dining hall was not functioning properly. The group also noticed fresh graffiti on the

door to the dining hall as well as some of the siding. One member requested that we put mulch under the swinging benches to cover up the mud. Finally, it was suggested that we convert the basketball court into an ice rink for the winter. Denise offered to speak with her husband about what it will take to do so.

Minutes as prepared by Rob Stanford.