

CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.  
HOLLOW PARK - DINING HALL SHELTER  
820 SCOTT DRIVE

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Keith Grau, Barbara Miller and Andrew Higgins

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

**GUEST PRESENT:** Bill Uhlenbrock

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

Park Board Chairperson Cathy Oda called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

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

It was moved by Jim Cruse and seconded by Mike Perando to accept the minutes from the meeting held on August 5, 2009 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM NO. 3: FALL RECREATION PROGRAM GUIDE**

Rob Stanford distributed the new Parks and Recreation Fall Program Guide. He reviewed the programs and accepted any comments.

**ITEM NO. 4: PARKS UPDATE**

Doug Harter stated that there are no large projects underway in the parks. He stated that most of his summer help has left and that the Heritage Festival will require most of their resources for the next couple of weeks.

**ITEM NO. 5: POOL UPDATE**

Rob Stanford informed the Board that he has confirmed that there is a leak in the pool. He stated that they have established that it is in the return line, but due to the location and design of the plumbing, it would be very difficult to test without digging up concrete to expose the plumbing.

Rob also stated that August was not a good month for the pool. He stated that we finished over 2,000 daily admissions and over 5,000 member visits behind 2008, leaving us down well over 7,000 visits from last year.

The board agreed to wait until the next meeting to discuss the pool after all final numbers are confirmed.

**ITEM NO. 6: DAS AND KIWANIS PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PURCHASE**

Rob Stanford updated the board on the purchase of equipment for Das and Kiwanis Parks. He stated that City Code requires us to bid any purchase over \$25,000 and that it has been determined that although U.S. Communities undergoes a bidding process to get there pricing, City Code does not allow us to use that pricing in place of submitting a bid request ourselves. This new development limits us to the following options:

- Purchase less than \$25,000 worth of equipment, this will only allow for the completion of one park, but will allow us to have it installed by the end of the year.
- Submit a request for bids. This will secure the same pricing and allow us to purchase both playgrounds. Unfortunately, this would delay the purchase enough that we would not be able to install it this year.
- Wait until a change in City Code is implemented. Again this will allow us to secure the same pricing but will delay the purchase beyond the installation timeline.

**ITEM NO. 7: ICE RINK DISCUSSION**

Some information on rinks was passed out and Bill Uhlenbrock spoke on his experience with creating a temporary ice rink at his house. Rob Stanford asked if the rink would be able to run by volunteers, as staff levels would prevent this from being staffed. Rob stated that he would find out what he could about the standards for a temporary rink and the liability associated. Some potential dates and times of operation were discussed and the board agreed to help determine what level of support we can expect from volunteers.

**ITEM NO. 8: OTHER BUSINESS**

Patty Vogt announced that the Van-Dells have been booked and confirmed to perform at next year's car show.

Jim Cruse asked if we had numbers back from the bike path user count and survey. Rob stated that we have not received information back, but that he expects to have them prior to next month's meeting.

Rob Stanford stated that Landon Brockman has gotten back with us and is looking to move forward with his Eagle Project. It will be to install a recirculating fountain and surrounding patio.

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

It was determined that the next meeting will be October 7 at Mote Park at 7:00pm.

**ITEM NO. 10: ADJOURN**

Mike Perando motioned and Denis Uhlenbrock seconded to adjourn, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Minutes as prepared by Rob Stanford.