

CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.
MMOTE PARK - COMMUNITY CENTER
635 GORDON STREET

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Keith Grau, Deb Osborne and Andrew Higgins

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Stanford, Recreation Coordinator

GUEST PRESENT: None

ITEM NO. 1: CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Park Board Chairperson Cathy Oda called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

PARK TOUR:

The Board walked around the park. Repairs needed to the building were discussed and the CDBG timeline was discussed. Additional items discussed were the asphalt drive around the building, repair or remove shuffle board courts, painting the flag pole and getting a new flag and playground improvements.

ITEM NO. 2: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Patty Vogt noted that the Van-Dells was misspelled and requested it be changed. It was moved by Jim Cruse and seconded by Mike Perando to accept the minutes from the meeting held on September 2, 2009 with the spelling correction. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM NO. 3: TENNIS TOURNAMENT & TRIATHLON

Rob Stanford stated that we went up from 42 participants in 2008 to 69 in 2009 in the tennis tournament, making it a big success. He stated that the first annual Triathlon had 169 athletes and raised approximately \$3,000. It was such a success that Speedy Feet has already committed to do it again next year and keep it as the finale for the series.

ITEM NO. 4: HAYRIDE

Rob Stanford stated that the hayride is to be held October 20th at Roadside Park with 2 sessions 12:00 - 2:00 PM and 5:30 - 8:00 PM. He recognized The Garden Place for allowing us to borrow decorations and straw, Kroger for donating \$25 and FOS for donating markers. He stated that he is still waiting to hear from Wal*Mart and a few others. Jim Cruse and Mike Perando volunteered to help with the evening time slot. Patty Vogt and Denise Uhlenbrock offered to help with the afternoon time frame.

ITEM NO. 5: PARKS UPDATE

Rob Stanford stated that other than the playground equipment for Das park which will be discussed in item 6, there are no major projects with the parks.

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

Rob Stanford updated the board on the purchase and installation of equipment for Das Park. The community build is scheduled for October 17th. He stated that the City has gone out to bid on the equipment for Kiwanis Park.

ITEM NO. 7: ICE RINK DISCUSSION

Rob Stanford distributed the results from an OPRA list serve question he submitted regarding ice rinks. The results were almost unanimous in recommending that it only be attempted if it would be compressor aided. The agencies that responded said that the winter in this area of the country is not consistently cold enough to sustain the ice. The board discussed this and decided that they would make a recommendation to commission to pursue this. They have commitment from several volunteers to operate that rink and are hopeful that they will be able to get a donation to purchase a Nice Rink. This would mean that there is little risk in attempting this other than the time expended by the volunteers.

ITEM NO. 8: POOL REPORT AND DISCUSSION

Rob Stanford passed out numbers for the pool showing the decrease in attendance and corresponding decrease in revenue. Due to the time, it was decided to review the numbers and discuss possible marketing option or fee changes until the next meeting.

ITEM NO. 9: OTHER BUSINESS

Rob Stanford stated that the City has received a grant from ODNR to help with the design and site preparation for a skatepark as well as a second grant to install a boat ramp at Giles Park.

Rob Stanford stated that he has attended training to become a Certified Playground Safety Inspector and will know the results of his exam sometime this month. At that point he will start evaluating the City's playgrounds.

ITEM NO. 10: NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The next meeting date was set for November 4th to be held at 7:00PM in the Municipal Government Building

ITEM NO. 11: ADJOURN

Barbara Miller motioned and Mike Perando seconded to adjourn, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Minutes as prepared by Rob Stanford.