

CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, January 6, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.
MGC - 2ND FLOOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
201 WEST WATER STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cathy Oda, Patty Vogt, Jim Cruse, Keith Grau, Michael Perando
Denise Uhlenbrock, Deb Osborne and Andrew Higgins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Miller

STAFF PRESENT: Doug Harter, Street/Parks Superintendant

GUEST PRESENT: None

ITEM NO. 1: CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Park Board Chairperson Cathy Oda called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ITEM NO. 2: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The November 2009 minutes were approved with no discussion. There was no meeting held in December 2009 due to lack of attendance.

ITEM NO. 3: RECREATION DEPARTMENT WINTER/SPRING PROGRAMS

Doug reported on Rob's behalf that there will not be a Winter/Spring Program Guide of activities. The four programs that were planned to be offered were self-defense, cheerleading, Father/Daughter dance and fitness classes.

Unfortunately, the costs for catering at the Plaza have doubled from last year. Resulting in us needing to charge \$45 to \$50 per father/daughter couple and \$20 per additional child in order to break even. A survey of last years participants indicated that they would not be willing to pay that much.

There were recommendations made by board members to check with the YWCA and doing a carry-in. The YWCA would only charge for the help they would need to provide. They would also do the advertising for the event.

Another suggestion was to check with Piqua Junior High School.

More discussion would continue at the February meeting.

ITEM NO. 4: PARKS UPDATE AND REPORT

Doug reported that crews were busy removing split rail fence the bike path. Due to the continuous vandalism, city commission had directed him to do so.

Work on the Mote Park Community Center building would begin sometime toward the fall 2010.

Crews would be starting on the Hance Pavilion project around the first of February. There is some in-house work to be done in the back rooms of the pavilion; all other work would be done by contractors.

ITEM NO. 5: POOL MARKETING DISCUSSION

Rob's memo was distributed to members; the memo detailed ways to increase attendance and reduce subsidy.

There was no action taken by the board. They wanted to table the pool discussion until Rob's return.

There were several ideas that we brought up, and they want to discuss at the next meeting, including; Close pool a half hour early every day, pay life guards to be on-call, not there until needed, manager should also do life guard duty, therefore cutting staff needs, get member list from Tecumseh, heard they are closing, have certain hours for lap-pool, drawing more adults, payment plans for memberships

ITEM NO. 6: SKATEPARK

Rob's memo stated the grant has been retracted. The steering committee will meet in either January or February to discuss the next steps.

There was no discussion by the board; it is their feeling at this time the pool issues are more important than the skate park.

ITEM NO. 7: OTHER BUSINESS

Equipment for Kiwanis Park was delivered on December 17th and is scheduled to be installed this spring.

ITEM NO. 8: NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The next meeting date was set for February 3rd to be held at 7:00PM in the Municipal Government Building

ITEM NO. 9: ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Minutes as prepared by Doug Harter