

CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, July 7, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.  
Kiwanis Park

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cathy Oda, Michelle Herndon, Deb Osborne, Denise Uhlenbrock, Keith Grau and Jim Cruse

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Andrew Higgins, Patty Vogt

**STAFF PRESENT:** Rob Stanford, Recreation Coordinator,

**GUEST PRESENT:** Brad Boehringer, Kevin Pryfogle, Dave Comolli, Cindy Comolli, Regina Favorite, Susan Hartley and Bill Vogt

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

Cathy Oda called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

It was moved by Deb Osborne and seconded by Jim Cruse to accept the minutes from the meeting held on June 2, 2010 with the addition of Regina Favorite to the list of guests present. The motion carried unanimously.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

Introductions were held for the new Park Board Member and guests present.

**ITEM NO. 3: RECREATION UPDATE**

Rob Stanford stated that the July 1<sup>st</sup> Dayton Dragons game was a sell out and that there are still tickets available for the August 8<sup>th</sup> game. He stated that the Triathlon would be Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> and asked for volunteers. Finally he reminded everyone of the car show and asked for their support in promoting it and volunteering the day of the event.

**ITEM NO. 4: POOL UPDATE**

Rob Stanford distributed a report showing number of daily passes and memberships sold to date along with correlating revenues and attendance numbers. For comparative purposes the equivalent numbers for 2009 and 2008 were also included. He stated that attendance is down despite seemingly good weather.

Kevin Pryfogle asked if we had tried a special discount promotion to spur attendance. Rob Stanford reported that the Park Board recommended a \$1 day in 2009 and it was met with minimal success.

Deb Osborne recommended offering some form of competition as they typically draw large crowds.

Dave Comolli asked what the daily cost to operate the pool is. Rob Stanford stated that he did not have that figure with him, but that roughly 50% of the costs are the labor. Michelle Herndon asked who sets the minimum staffing requirements. Rob Stanford stated that it was set by Ohio Revised Code.

**ITEM NO. 5: PARKS UPDATE AND REPORT**

Doug Harter reported that the renovations at Hance Pavilion are almost complete with the final stages of work currently being complete in the dressing rooms.

Bill Vogt suggested that someone from the Parks Department inspect Hance Pavilion after every rental to ensure it is not damaged and if so, to charge the rental a damage fee.

Doug Harter informed the board that his staff has now been split into geographic regions to better facilitate mowing and other maintenance. Jim Cruse stated that the condition of the parks has greatly improved since this change.

Rob Stanford notified the board that MVRPC is again planning a regional trail use count day and that Piqua plans to participate. The dates will be Wednesday, July 28 and Sunday, August 8. He stated that Jim Hemmert would be in charge of this event and that he is seeking volunteers.

**ITEM NO. 6: LEVY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chairperson, Denise Uhlenbrock, gave an update to the board as to their progress. Rob Stanford presented answers to several of the committee's questions and asked the Park Board to provide additional guidance to the Levy Committee. After discussion the Park Board made recommendations for changes to the survey and asked that the Levy Committee reconvene to approve them. It was discussed that a special meeting of the Park Board should be convened to provide final approval of the survey, once the Levy Committee meets to approve changes. This will prevent further delay of the committee's efforts

**ITEM NO. 7: PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS**

Rob Stanford stated that new case law has caused a change in the liability resulting from offering shelter reservations regardless of fees charged. In the past the City has reserved several open air shelters free of charge. By not charging a fee it limited the City's liability. This is no longer the case. The City opens itself to liability just by taking a reservation. Rob stated that this liability can be avoided by having the shelters used on a first come first served basis, with reservations no longer being accepted. He asked the Park Board to recommend whether the Hollow Park Dining Hall should be offered on a first come first serve basis, or if we should reinstate a charge for use of the facility. He stated that the charge would aid in the maintenance of the building and help offset any expenses incurred if a claim of liability were made. After Discussion, Jim Cruse made a motion to recommend to City Commission that a fee of \$50 be charged for the rental of the Hollow Park Dining Hall. Michelle Herndon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM NO. 8: OTHER BUSINESS**

Brad Boehringer asked if the City website had been updated with new pictures of Das and Kiwanis Parks. Rob Stanford stated that the picture for Das was updated that the quality of picture available for Kiwanis were not sufficient and that new pictures need to be taken. Brad also asked if the City had been able to determine if there is a water source available at Kiwanis Park for a drinking Fountain. Rob Stanford stated that he not received word back on that, but that he would follow up.

Dave Comolli asked if Doug was aware of paint blemishes on the new Kiwanis equipment.

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

A special meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 14 at 7:30pm at the Fountain Park Dining Hall to discuss the survey and distribution plan proposed by the Levy Committee.

The next regular meeting was set for August 4 to be held at 7:00pm at Hance Pavilion

**ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Minutes as prepared by Rob Stanford