

**CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL - COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cathy Oda, Kevin Pryfogle, Patty Vogt, Jim Cruse, Edna Stiefel, Michelle Herndon, and Denise Uhlenbrock

**STAFF PRESENT:** Gary Huff, Doug Harter, and Chris Schmiesing

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

Meeting called to order at 7:07 P.M.

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

The minutes from the meeting held on December 7, 2011 was accepted as written. The motion was moved by Patty Vogt and seconded by Edna Stiefel.

**ITEM NO. 3: PARKS REPORT**

Doug Harter discussed the building plaques, memory wall, trees for memorials. Gary Huff responded to the idea of a bench donated. There was a discussion for the Park Board to come up with ideas and present them to the commission.

Doug informed the Park Board that the City is applying for an \$18,000 grant for the pool. This grant is available for all of the Miami County.

Cathy Oda asked about appointing members from the Neighborhood Association on the Park Board. Gary Huff suggested an offer for them to attend meetings but not to vote.

Edna Stiefel mentioned that the North Parks Association wants to replace the fence at the Kiwanis Park in the spring.

It was discussed about all improvements need to go through the Park Board.

**ITEM NO. 4: GARY HUFF-ADOPT-A-PARK, STRATEGIC PLAN, RECONGNITION FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Gary Huff reviewed what the Adopt-A-Park program is and the present ideas. There was discussion on possible other ideas for adoption (examples: ball fields, streams, etc.).

Michelle Herndon asked about the money budgeted for signs. Gary Huff assured her that there is money available for signs. The liability coverage and waiver forms need to be followed up on.

Denise Uhlenbrock moved to get started as soon as possible on this program. This program will be placed on the agenda to vote on during the next meeting.

Gary Huff discussed the strategic plan for the parks. Gary will facilitate based on the Park Board recommendations on a 5 year park plan. Gary wants the board and the city officials to work together on ten priorities for the next 5 years.

There was discussion on how should the Park Board recognize volunteers. Edna Steifel mentioned the use of SPIRIT. Doug Harter mentioned the use of the City webpage. Cathy Oda mentioned certificates given at the Commission meeting.

**ITEM NO. 5: CHRIS SCHMIESING - SIGN FOR MOTE SHELTER**

Chris Schmiesing presented the sign named "Upper Mote Shelter". Chris asked for permission for a sign recognizing businesses that donated. A motion to approve by Michelle Herndon and seconded by Denise Uhlenbrock.

**ITEM NO. 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

Chris Schmiesing provided an overview on the electric to Mote Park shelter. Jim Cruse made points against it due to the cost and visual.

A motion was made by Michelle Herndon to approve and seconded by Patty Vogt.

In favor were Denise Uhlenbrock, Kevin Pryfogle, Michelle Herndon, and Patty Vogt. Jim Cruse was against and Edna Steifel abstained. This will go to Commission for recommendation.

Edna Steifel mentioned the trees in Fountain Park. The City is waiting on the money in the budget to be bid out again this year. There are 16 trees that need to come down. There was also discussion on the mulch lacking around the playground equipment.

It was brought to Doug Harter's attention that the letters are faded out on the Heritage Park sign. Doug Harter will check into it.

**ITEM NO. 7: DATE & LOCATION**

The next regular meeting will be set for February 1st, 2012 to be held at 7:00 P.M. at the City Hall Commission Chambers.

**ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M. moved by Jim Cruse and seconded by Kevin Pryfogle.

Minutes as prepared by Tammy Wright