

**CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL - COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cathy Oda, Kevin Pryfogle, Patty Vogt, Jim Cruse, Edna Stiefel, and Steve Frazier

STAFF PRESENT: Gary Huff and Doug Harter

GUESTS PRESENT: Richard Donnelly, Al Cooper, and Russ Fashner

ITEM NO. 1: CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

ITEM NO. 2: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting held on January 4, 2012 was accepted as written. The motion was moved by Edna Stiefel and seconded by Jim Cruse.

ITEM NO. 3: DOUG HARTER - ADOPT-A-PARK

Doug Harter discussed the adopt-a-park program. Edna Stiefel inquired on how the citizens of Piqua would know about program? Doug mentioned that the adopt-a-park will be on the Piqua website, APTA, and possibly the Piqua Daily Call. He also mentioned that he has made phone calls to youth groups. It was discussed that a list of guidelines on adopting a park would be a good idea. Doug informed that he has looked at how other cities are managing there program. Gary Huff mentioned that maybe a group wouldn't want to adopt the whole park but maybe a flower bed or maybe the playground equipment, etc. Gary informed that he is getting request into adopt-a-park, so the sooner we can put the program in place the better. Gary also mentioned that his plans are to adopt a lot of things out in the city, not just the parks. Doug had a couple signs made up to get the Park Boards input on. Many ideas were brought up but nothing was decided on. Doug informed the Board they would continue to work on the signs.

ITEM NO. 4: OTHER BUSINESS - STRATEGIC PLAN MEETING DATE

The Park Board agreed to meet on Thursday, February 16, 2012, to have a Strategic Plan Meeting at 7:00 PM. Each member was reminded to bring 10 ideas on how to improve and enhance the Piqua parks.

Kevin Pryfogle asked if we had looked into hiring any pool managers or pool employees. Doug said they have not, but they would be advertising soon. Doug had said that City was sending out letters to last years employees.

Edna Stiefel thanked Doug and Gary for taking care of the Heritage Green park sign that was faded. Edna also said someone had told her the steps in Fountain Park by the Hance Pavillion were in very bad shape. It was mentioned that maybe they should just be torn out.

Jim Cruse inquired on a swing at Mote Park that was taken down. Doug informed the Board that the swing was sent out to be fixed.

Cathy Oda inquired on the mile markers on the fence that was taken down and asked if they could be put back up. Doug said they could be put back up.

Gary informed us that the Miami County Municipal Court had considered moving their court and one of the ideas was moving to the Mote Park building. Patty Vogt commented she was against it. She thinks the courts should keep away from the families, kids, and recreation areas.

Doug Harter informed the Board that the City is seeking grant money to make repairs and repaint the pool slide and parts of the recreational trail.

Al Cooper thanked the City for the clean up done after it rains and the water washes the trees and branches onto the bike path.

ITEM NO. 7: DATE & LOCATION

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

ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M. moved by Kevin Pryfogle and seconded by Steve Frazier.

Minutes as prepared by Tammy Wright