

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

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Gary Huff and Doug Harter

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Richard Donnelly, Al Cooper, and Patrick Hayes

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

Meeting called to order at 7:03 P.M.

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

The minutes from the meeting held on February 1, 2012 was accepted as written. The motion was moved by Edna Stiefel and seconded by Kevin Pryfogle.

**ITEM NO. 3: DOUG HARTER - BIKE PATH CLEAN-UP**

Doug Harter provided an informational handout from a citizen for ideas for a bike path clean-up. There was a discussion among the committee on how to encourage a city-wide clean-up.

The Park Board's made a motion to go ahead and get the adopt-a-park program approved by the City Commission. The motion was moved by Kevin Pryfogle and seconded by Jim Cruse, all in favor. Michelle Herndon will head-up a sub-committee to prepare a draft of guidelines for the Park Board to approve and build on.

There was a discussion on the strategic plan regarding utilizing the Hance Pavilion. The Park Board discussed starting a concert in the park once a month with local bands. Doug Harter will work on donations from businesses to pay for the cost of the bands. This would be free to the public but accept donations to the Park Board. The motion was moved by Edna Stiefel and seconded by Patty Vogt, all in favor.

**ITEM NO. 4: OTHER BUSINESS**

Patrick Hayes with the Buckeye Trail Association spoke to the Park Board regarding trail markings. He would like to see 2"x6" Blue Blaize markings for long distance hikers. The spacing between markings should be viewable from one to the other and always at intersections and where the trail splits. The national trail comes through Ohio including Piqua. This could be a possible tourist attraction. The motion was moved by Kevin Pryfogle and seconded by Jim Cruse, all in favor. Mr. Hayes and Doug Harter will get together and work this.

Richard Donnelly, retired City employee, is going to try to get a skate park up and going. The possible location is at Pitsenbarger Park behind the BK Root Beer Stand. It's an open area, easy view, far from homes, and has plenty of parking. Mr. Donnelly has been in contact with the architect that did the Urbana Skate Park which is 121 x 127 in size. Mr. Donnelly will obtain the information and the financing for this. The zoning needs to be checked. There was a motion to move forward by Jim Cruse and seconded by Michelle Herndon, all was in favor.

There was a motion to approve the strategic plan made by Kevin Pryfogle and seconded by Edna Stiefel, all in favor.

Al Cooper with the Southview Association discussed a kick off meeting to purchase equipment for Mote Park. They have some interest but need size requirements and requests. They plan to have a meeting for the public to find out what the public interest is. The meeting is going to be held at Mote Park on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM. All the requests are to go through the Park Board prior to installation.

Al Cooper asked about the graffiti on the new shelter at Mote Park. The Board offered some suggestions. Kevin Pryfogle will try to get something donated.

Jim Cruse asked about mower tires. Doug Harter will look into it.

Kevin Pryfogle asked if there was any new information regarding the pool. Doug Harter will give an update during the next meeting.

Edna Stiefel stated that there are weeds at Kiwanis Park in the fence row between the park and houses.

Patty Vogt asked about the door at Fountain Park Dining Hall. Doug has a quote of \$4,000 and up but he will continue to work on it.

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

The next regular meeting will be set for April 4th, 2012 to be held at 7:00 P.M. at the City Hall Commission Chambers.

**ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M. moved by Kevin Pryfogle and seconded by Edna Stiefel.

Minutes as prepared by Tammy Wright