

**CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL - COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cathy Oda, Kevin Pryfogle, Patty Vogt, Steve Frazier, Denise Uhlenbrock, Cheryl Burkhardt and Edna Stiefel

STAFF PRESENT: Doug Harter

GUEST PRESENT: Al Cooper, Karen McNeil, Pan Ford, Cindy Person, Council On Rural Services Representative, and AmeriCorps Representative

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 April 4, 2012 was accepted as written. The motion was moved by Edna Stiefel and seconded by Kevin Pryfogle.

ITEM NO. 3: DOUG HARTER - 5K WALKS

A representative from the Council of Rural Services requested approval for a 5K walk for the organization's employees "Dash for Wellness" on Friday, May 11, 2012 from 1 to 3 pm. The walk begins at R.M. Davis Parkway and turns around at French Park. There should be approximately 50 to 100 walkers. The motion for approval was moved by Steve Frazier and seconded by Patty Vogt.

A representative from the AmeriCorps asked for approval of a 5K Fun Run/Walk on June 23, 2012 starting at 9 a.m. The walk will begin at R.M. Davis Parkway, go east for 1.5 miles and return to R.M. Davis. This is a \$20 fee to raise funds for their work with troubled teens. The motion to approve was moved by Kevin Pryfogle and seconded by Steve Frazier.

Cindy Pearson of the Southview Neighborhood asked for approval for a "Pack the Path" event on June 2, 2012 at 9 a.m. beginning at French Park. It is to raise awareness of health benefits. The cost is one can good for the Bethany Center. Information on health will be available, a nurse will be on hand and blood pressure checks will also be available.

ITEM NO. 4: OTHER BUSINESS

Al Cooper of the Southview Neighborhood brought up a few items. One item was about the playground equipment for Mote Park is not ordered yet. Second, they will need volunteers to erect the equipment. Then about the graffiti on the new shelter at Mote Park. Doug Harter stated that the City will purchase Spar Varnish to paint on the damaged areas. Al Cooper offered to apply the varnish. Also, Al requested all those attending the picnic at Mote after the City-Wide

Clean-Up please park at lower Mote or Summit Street because there will be a wedding reception at the hall.

Some items were addressed about Fountain Park Dining Hall. It is in need of new tables and chairs. Patty Vogt asked if something could be done to the cement floor to improve the appearance. A new backdoor and frame was installed at a cost of \$2000. Next meeting we need to re-examine the charges, rules and security deposit amount for the park rentals (Mote, Fountain Park Dining Hall, Hollow Park, and Hance Pavilion). There were 352 rentals in 2011.

Pam Ford and Karen McNeil, representing PPP, asked permission to prune grasses at Lock Nine Park and plant in the large pots. The motion to approve was moved by Edna Stiefel and seconded by Patty Vogt.

They also asked for approval to replace a tree station from Veterans Park at Christmas time. The motion to approve was moved by Patty Vogt and seconded by Steve Frazier.

Pam Ford asked if a light could be installed at Lock Nine. Mr. Harter informed her that new light fixtures were in the works. A broken electric box has been fixed and missing concrete wall caps will be replaced by a single cement slab. She also said that the water fountain needs painted.

Karen McNeil presented the board members with an example of the manner in which a City in Alaska keeps track of their volunteer hours. This is important for a grant requests at times. Cheryl Burkhardt suggested we consider Google Document. It is free and would make recording quite easy. The board will consider this subject at the June meeting.

Edna Stiefel asked for a pool report from last year. Mr. Harter informed the board he is no longer in charge. Amy Havenar is now overlooking the pool operations.

Doug Harter sent out 150 letters to businesses requesting sponsorship for summer concerts at Hance Pavilion, to date he has only one check for \$100.

Edna Stiefel thanked Mr. Harter for the repair of the Shawnee Park fence and the quick clean-up of the large tree branch that fell at Kiwanis Park. Edna Steifel asked about several items. The first item was about the steps behind Hance Pavilion. Mr. Harter is getting bids on this. Also, she would like to see if a light could be put a Kiwanis Park. She asked Doug Harter about the mulch as well. Doug Harter said that the City is now making it and it will take several weeks. She also asked about the weed at the Kiwanis playground. Mr. Harter hopes to be able to tear up the mulch and replace with better mulch. Mrs. Stiefel asked about the Corvette Car Show at Fountain Park on June 16, 2012. It was brought to the Boards attention that someone in the City already game them permission. The money will go to the Heritage Days Committee. She also asked about the brush at Giles Park. This will be cleaned up at a later date. Edna reported Western Ohio Fence will have the Kiwanis Park fence installed in two months.

ITEM NO. 5: NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION

Next meeting will be held at the City Pool on June 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The Board will request a 2011 report of the pool and would like Amy Havenar to be in attendance.

ITEM NO. 6: ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M. moved by Edna Stiefel and seconded by Cheryl Burkhardt.

Minutes as prepared by Tammy Wright