

CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, February 6, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.
Street and Parks Dept. Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cathy Oda, Kevin Pryfogle, Edna Stiefel, Michelle Herndon and Jim Cruse

STAFF PRESENT: Doug Harter

GUEST PRESENT: Al Cooper, Joyce Smith, Don Cavender

ITEM NO. 1: CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:06 P.M.

ITEM NO. 2: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting held on January 9, 2013 and some corrections were noticed by Cathy Oda. The minutes should state Cathy Oda nominated and declined and Jim Cruse nominated and accepted. The motion for corrections was moved by Cathy Oda and seconded by Kevin Pryfogle. All in favor.

ITEM NO. 3: JOE HINDS - YMCA 5K RUN

Joe Hinds did not attend. The motion to approve the 5K Run was moved by Kevin Pryfogle and seconded by Edna Stiefel.

ITEM NO. 4: JOYCE SMITH - 5K RUN

Joyce Smith asked for permission to use the bike path for a 5K run in honor of her daughter, Amber Detrick. She explained that the money will stay in the community. This year the money will go toward the Forest Hill Cemetery "Angel of Hope" monument fund. The motion to approve was moved by Edna Stiefel and seconded by Kevin Pryfogle. All in favor.

ITEM NO. 5: DOUG HARTER

• **Metal Detectors in Parks**

There is a current ordinance in place not allowing metal detectors in the Piqua City Parks. Don Cavender presented using metal detectors showing how to dig up items and cover ground. Doug Harter stated the problem is that people will not cover the holes and there would be holes all over the place. The Park Board will discuss changing the ordinance to allow metal detecting. Edna Stiefel asked how many people in the area do metal detecting. Don Cavendar stated maybe five people. Jim Cruse asked how other cities regulate or check people that tear up the grass and leave holes. Don Cavendar stated they don't and all the other cities in the area allow it other than Piqua. Doug Harter said that he will call neighboring cities to get information from them. The Park Board discussed ideas on permits, fines, rules, omitting ballparks, and limiting the type of devices. The Park Board will get additional information and discuss at a different time.

• **Rate Increases**

Doug presented information discussed at the last meeting about rental increases. If there is a charge put in place for an open shelter the City would lose coverage and liability. The City will close in the Hollow Park Shelter with iron fencing.

ITEM NO. 6: JIM CRUSE - CITY COMMISSION WRITTEN REPORT

All the Boards are supposed to give a presentation at the Commission meeting on the first Monday of each year. Doug will compile all the 2012 minutes.

ITEM NO. 7: OTHER BUSINESS

Doug Harter applied for two grants to finish the landscaping at the Skate Park. Doug also stated that the Park Ranger donations are at \$11,500.00 and he is working on setting up trainings. Doug Harter informed the Board that he is still looking at a spray park for the Piqua Pool. He is working on a Park and Pool catalog for Spray Park pieces and they now have a committee to work on getting donations. The Park Board was also told that the ribbon cutting for the new Skate Park will be on March 9th and a Hover Craft race will be coming in July.

Jim Cruse asked about the Park Board reviewing the rules for the Skate Park. Doug will email them to the Park Board members to review for the next months meeting.

Kevin Pryfogle asked how the Adopt-A-Park is going. Doug stated that several have been adopted but there are still a lot to go.

ITEM NO. 8: NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION

Next meeting will be held at the Street and Parks Department on March 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

ITEM NO. 9: ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m. moved by Cathy Oda and seconded by Kevin Pryfogle.

Minutes as prepared by Tammy Wright.