

CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, April 3, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.  
Street and Parks Dept. Conference Room

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cathy Oda, Kevin Pryfogle, Edna Stiefel, Al Cooper, Steve Frazier and Jim Cruse

**STAFF PRESENT:** Doug Harter

**GUEST PRESENT:** Debbie Brayfield, Tom Strohmenger, and Bill Cavender

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

Meeting called to order at 7:12 P.M.

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

The minutes from the meeting held on February 6, 2013 was approved with a motion by Kevin Pryfogle and seconded by Cathy Oda. All was in Favor.

**ITEM NO. 3: PIQUA SENIOR GROUP**

Tom Strohmenger appeared on behalf of the Senior Center. The group asked for permission to move from the YMCA Youth Center to the Mote Park building. Steve Frazier made the motion for the group to go to the City Commission for approval. Edna Stiefel seconded and all approved.

**ITEM NO. 4: 5K RUN/WALK**

Debbie Brayfield from the Council of Rural Services requested permission to hold a 5K Walk/Run on the Bike Path on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am with a Walk/Run at 1:00 PM. It will begin at RM Davis Boulevard and proceed to French Park, turn and return to RM Davis. She requested that the restrooms to be open at French Park. Approximately 350 employees from 9 counties will be attending. Motion to approve made by Cathy Oda, seconded by Kevin Pryfogle, and all in favor.

**ITEM NO. 5: METAL DETECTING IN PARKS**

Bill Cavender appeared to ask for approval to do metal detecting in the city parks. After much discussion Edna moved that Mr. Cavender go before the Commission and ask them to investigate the ordinance against metal detecting in the city parks. Steve Frazier seconded and five members voted for the motion with Cathy Oda abstaining.

**ITEM NO. 6: AL COOPER TO PARK BOARD**

The group welcomed Al Cooper as a new member of the Park Board.

**ITEM NO. 7: 5K RUN**

RiiN Group requested permission to hold a 5K Run at 10 AM on May 11<sup>th</sup>. All approved.

**ITEM NO. 8: SKATE PARK**

Doug Harter has ordered six trash cans at a cost of \$188.00 each for the skate park area. Doug was told by a gentleman that he was going to hold a competition at the Skate Park on Saturday. Doug informed him this is not possible at this time. Many details will need to be put down on paper in order that any events at the Skate Park could be considered.

**ITEM NO. 9: PIQUA POOL**

The City needs 20-22 lifeguards and hopefully 3 assistant managers to share the responsibility of running the pool. Doug is working with the Salvation Army in hopes of offering scholarship for the pool to needy youngsters. The drive would be titled "You Can Be a Super Hero" at the cost of \$40.00 to sponsor a child.

**ITEM NO. 10:** Al Cooper informed the group they have had no success getting the bushes, etc. work done by Mr. Casto. Al asked for permission to deal with Home Depot. The group agreed they should go ahead.

**ITEM NO. 11: PARK RANGERS**

Edna asked how many Park Rangers have volunteered. Doug Harter said that 18 and they have been completing their training.

**ITEM NO. 12: GLOBAL SKATE BOARD DAY**

Jim Cruse informed the group of the Global Skate Board Day on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The Board agreed to begin plans to hold an affair at the park. We will probably serve hot dogs and Doug Harter will bring the grill. We will make more plans at the next meeting. The Board will check with the Police Department to see if they have some helmets to give as prizes.

**ITEM NO. 13: PITSENBARGER SPORTS COMPLEX**

Edna Stiefel gave a report for the Friends of the Piqua Parks fund raising project for the Piqua Pool and Pitsenbarger Sports Complex. Brochures and 300 letters were mailed. The Optimist Club donated \$2,000.00. The Friends of the Piqua Parks group is working on the 501C3. Ruth Koon appeared on WPTW and three of their members will record 30 second spots for WPTW. There is a program on Channel 5 and they will be recording that with Gary Huff. They will also be making personal calls to businesses, individuals, and seeking grants in hope to raise \$275,000.00.

**ITEM NO. 14: NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION**

Next meeting will be held at the Street and Parks Department on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

**ITEM NO. 15: ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Minutes as prepared by Tammy Wright.