

**CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, September 4, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.  
Upper Fountain Park Shelter**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Doug Harter

**GUEST PRESENT:** Don Cavendar

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

Meeting called to order at 7:02 P.M.

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

The minutes from the meeting held on July 3, 2013 was approved with a motion by Kevin Pryfogle and seconded by Cathy Oda.

**ITEM NO. 3: DOUG HARTER**

**Community Garden Plots**

Doug Harter informed the members that the garden plots were a success and there will be more plots added in 2014. Kevin asked how plots will be given in 2014. 2013 users will be notified for a first come, first serve. Then the city will advise the availability to other residents.

**Pickle Ball Courts**

The 6 courts are about complete and the plans for a ribbon cutting are being made. There will also be a handicap accessible walking path.

**Skate Park**

There are plans being made to put up a fence between the skate park and the B&K Root Beer Stand. The City has applied for a \$3500.00 grant for landscaping.

The fence is going up due to the B&K patrons and staff is experiencing problems from the skate park users. A board member expressed concern about bullying, drugs, and foul language. Mr. Harter advised that anyone witnessing problems should call 911 right away.

**Handicap Park**

Plans for a handicap park at Pitsenbarger are in the works. The City has applied for a grant for this as well.

**Bike Path**

Kevin voiced concern about the raised areas where the test drills are on the bike path. No solution was offered. Edna again asked about all the missing rails.

**Park Employees**

Doug was asked how many employees are park workers. He informed the members that there are only three. The members feel this is a situation that needs to change.

**Das Park/Four Season Garden Club**

Edna informed Doug the garden club is having an open public meeting at Das Park on September 19<sup>th</sup>. They need 2 picnic tables and the grass to be mowed. Edna asked for a sign at Das that shows the garden club has adopted it.

**Metal Detecting**

Don Cavendar again asked about the metal detecting in the parks. He asked why the Park Board voted not to overturn the ordinance. The board recommended he take the next step with Commission.

**ITEM NO. 4: NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION**

Next meeting will be held at Mote Park on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

**ITEM NO. 5: ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m. moved by Al Cooper and seconded by Kazy Hinds.

Minutes as prepared by Tammy Wright.