

**CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, May 7, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.
Fountain Park Dining Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Cruse, Al Cooper, Kazy Hinds, Kevin Pryfogle, Christopher Kolsky, and Edna Steifel

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Brookhart

ITEM NO. 1: CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M.

ITEM NO. 2: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Edna Steifel called attention to Item No. 7. She believes she left out some information. Approval of the April 2, 2014 minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

ITEM NO. 3: UPDATE OF PARKS BY BRIAN BROOKHART

- 1.) New mowers have arrived. Still waiting for the extra summer help.
- 2.) Pitsenbarger Park - Employees have over seeded the Skate Park and future Handicap Play area.
- 3.) Piqua youth baseball fields - The Baseball Association paid for the chemicals. The city has applied broadleaf killer on fields. The chemicals will be applied along all the fences and around all buildings. Due to the weather this type work is about 3 weeks late.
- 4.) City employees are getting the pool ready. There is a service shortage of lifeguards and around the other pools. One board member suggested the lifeguards should be paid a somewhat higher hourly rate than the concession stand workers.
- 5.) The 2 benches from the levy at the Main Street bridge have been powder coated red and blue by Aesthetic Finishers.
- 6.) Park employees this week are working downtown on the square getting it ready for the Taste of the Arts and the coming summer.
- 7.) There is a problem with the kids throwing stones on the pickle ball courts and other types of vandalism at Mote Park.
- 8.) Lock Nine Park - Power Plant employees have removed the broken lights.
- 9.) June 21st there will be another Skate Park Day at Pitsenbarger. More details at the next meeting.
- 10.) Reminded members of the July 4th event at Fountain Park.
- 11.) We will plan for the Hayride in October much earlier this year.

- 12.) Edna asked if there was any news about the Dog Park. Brian said he has not heard anything.
- 13.) Mote Park - Plans are being made to purchase the paint with donated money. The city will have employees do the labor on the exterior.
- 14.) The City will have Dayton Dragon tickets available for \$15.00 which includes admission and transportation. The dates are June 11, July 23, and August 4th. They are all night games.
- 15.) The swing set at Pitsenbarger has to be removed due to a broken top bar. One of the toys at Fountain Park is broken, parts are on order.
- 16.) The fences along the bike path will be repaired as time and workers are available.
- 17.) New tables and chairs have been purchased for the Fountain Park Dining Hall and the Mote Park building.

ITEM NO. 4: OTHER BUSINESS

Fundraiser ideas for Parks - Members spent much time discussing ideas to raise much needed funds for the parks. The ideas included 5K-10K runs, ½ marathon, bike ride, bike rally (could be historical), and a music festival. The idea that members were most interested in was a run (type not really set). Kazy has knowledge on the project. Her suggestions were:

- 1.) Date - Saturday, Sept. 13 because there are only 2 others that day in the area.
- 2.) Theme - Run for the Piqua Parks
- 3.) Get the Career Center to produce the literature, etc. that we need. They do a great job.
- 4.) Kazy suggests we contact Speedy Feet, cost \$727, they will handle the internet advertising plus other needed items. Kevin, Edna and Jim offered to contact sponsors. Kazy will compose the letter needed for the sponsorships.

ITEM NO. 5: NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION

Next meeting will be held at the Piqua Community Pool on Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

ITEM NO. 6: ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M. Kazy Hinds motioned and Kevin Pryfogle seconded.

Minutes as prepared by Tammy Wright.