

**CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, July 2- 7:00 P.M.
Hollow Park**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Cooper, Cathy Oda, Kevin Pryfogle, Christopher Kolsky, Jim Cruse, and Edna Stiefel

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Brookhart

GUESTS PRESENT: Ruth Koon and Ann Cromes (Friends of the Piqua Parks)

ITEM NO. 1: CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Kevin Pryfogle at 7:20 P.M.

ITEM NO. 2: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Kevin Pryfogle moved to accept the June 4, 2014 minutes, seconded by Cathy Oda and approved by the board members.

ITEM NO. 3: New BUSINESS

- 1.) Ruth Koon, Ann Comer, and Edna Stiefel presented the plans for landscape improvements planned for Pitsenbarger Park. The first phase will focus on the McKinley Ave. entrance with hopes to continue for a few more years to improve the appearance of the entire park. The group has a total of \$14,600 at the present time. They also have a promise of the amount needed for a flag pole and flag, as well as a promise for help with some of the labor needed. The board voted to accept the plan, now the group will go before the commission for final approval.
- 2.) Brian informed the members of plans he is working on. He hopes to compile a Master Plan for the entire park systems, compile in catalogue form the needs and necessary items, as well as a wish list for the parks. We could publish the information and citizens might want to donate certain items, perhaps as memorials.
- 3.) Brian told the group of his plans to work with the Career Center to enlist the help of the students and instructors to aid the Parks Department.
- 4.) Brian is also working through the internet to publicize the work done by the department. One example for his "tweets" is to highlight a park each week.
- 5.) Brian is also working with the newspaper to inform the citizens about the parks and especially the needs of the department.

ITEM NO. 4: Old Business

- 1.) HAYRIDE: The date is set for the hayride- October 9th (rain date: October 16). It will begin at French Park and turn around at Robert Davis Boulevard. The ride will take approximately 15-20 minutes. We will run from 2-5pm and 6-8pm. We will have some additional picnic tables and maybe a small bonfire. Edna will contact Mr. Dan French to see if he might be willing to donate for punch, small pumpkins, water, etc.
- 2.) WALK AND/OR RUN ON BIKE PATH: Plans are still up in the air for a walk run to raise funds for the parks. If Kevin can find a good date he will contact members here for a vote.

3.) MUSIC EVENTS TO RAISE FUNDS: Member Chris Kolsky is looking into future plans for music events to raise funds for the parks perhaps in 2015. First he hopes to raise funds for cancer with a big event possibly at Fountain Park.

4.) THANK YOU, ETC.:

1. Edna told the group that some citizens that met at Hollow Park on June 30 were impressed with the condition of the park, the restroom and play equipment.
2. Relations from Florida impressed with the beautiful planting in downtown Piqua.
3. Express her appreciation of Bill Lutz and the Neighborhood Improvement members for voting to apply for grant for engineered mulch for Kiwanis Park.
4. Signs needed at Hollow Park and the Parks Dept. Office
5. A citizen wanted to know why the Park Board was not asked for permission to use Lock 9 park for the concerts and who gave permission for alcohol. The citizen thought it set a precedent and was never approved.
6. Why do some groups come to the board for permission to use the bike path for events and others do not? Brian said many citizens or groups don't know they are supposed to.
7. Questioned if we are going to research the need to increase the charge to rent the Fountain Park dining hall and the Mote Park building. Also, are we going to examine the lease for the youth sports programs? It was decided we would be given information at the next meeting for us to examine and discuss at the September meeting.
8. A citizen asked Edna to offer a thank you for the kindness and professional services given to her by Tammy Wright.

ITEM NO. 5: NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION

Next meeting will be held at Mote Park on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

ITEM NO. 6: ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M. motioned by Al Cooper and seconded by Kevin Pryfogle.

Minutes as prepared by Kristen Monnin.