

**CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, September 3, 7:00 P.M.  
Das Park**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Al Cooper, Cathy Oda, Kevin Pryfogle, Christopher Kolsky, Kazy Hines, Edna Stiefel, Jim Cruse and new member Nate Funderburg

**STAFF PRESENT:** Brian Brookhart

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

Meeting called to order by Jim Cruse at 7:02 P.M.

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

Kevin Pryfogle moved to accept the August 6, 2014 minutes, seconded by Cathy Oda.

**ITEM NO. 3: Brian Brookhart reported and/or discussed the following:**

- 1.) The city pool closed August 18 because of school starting on the 19<sup>th</sup> and most of the college student life guards went back to school.
- 2.) Ten trees have been removed from Pitsenbarger Park.
- 3.) The broken walk into the park at McKinley Ave. has been removed.
- 4.) Bids are out for ten trees to be removed at Fountain Park.
- 5.) Large concrete at Pitsenbarger is being removed.
- 6.) More permanent trash containers installed at the skate park.
- 7.) Mote Park building will be power washed next week and will be painted the following week.
- 8.) There has been vandalism at the Mote Park playground.
- 9.) Doug Harter and Brian Brookhart plan to talk to the officers at the youth sports group concerning the conditions of their fields and work out some solutions to problems reported by many citizens.
- 10.) City Manager Huff and Brian Brookhart plan to talk with officers of the Soccer Association to work out some plans for them to help defray the cost of grass mowing on the soccer fields.
- 11.) P.Y.B.S.A. has been contacted about the weeds and conditions of the fields and if they do not take care of the problem the city will do it and send the association a bill.
- 12.) Commission will have to be the ones to examine the youth sports association's financial records.
- 13.) Anytime Fitness has contacted the Parks Dept. with an idea to begin an outdoor fitness program in the parks.
- 14.) City Manager Huff says there is no way to hire a Recreation Director.
- 15.) The Board members would like to see the Commissioners to put a levy on the ballet for the parks in the not too distant future.
- 16.) The city will hire an outside consultant to prepare a 10-year plan for the parks.

**ITEM NO. 4: Kevin Pryfogle**

1. Broken water fountain on the bike trail.
2. Broken fences along the path, especially along Forest Avenue. Brian reported more repairs will be made next year.

**ITEM NO. 5: Edna Stiefel- Calls from residents**

1. Receiving many complaints about the conditions at 36 and 75.
2. Citizen wants to know why trees and underbrush are being cleared off the hills of Fountain Park.

**ITEM NO. 6: Misc.**

1. Bags for dog "dirt" no longer along the path. Brian reported they were being stolen so the holders were removed.
2. Brian hopes cameras can be purchased and placed throughout the parks and city to identify the vandals.
3. List of rental fees given to board members. Anyone with suggestions can report at our next meeting.
4. Hayride: October 9<sup>th</sup>, French Park to Robert Davis Park. We have contacted Dan French for sponsorship. No answer yet.
5. Al reported a hole along the bike path is again sinking.

**ITEM NO. 7: NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION**

Next meeting will be held at Lock Nine Park on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

**ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M. motioned by Kevin Pryfogle and seconded by Chris Kolsky.

Minutes as prepared by Kristen Monnin.