

CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 5, 2015, 7:00 P.M.
Public Works Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Pryfogle, Jesse Dotson, Christopher Kolsky, Robert Asbury, Jim Cruse, and Cathy Oda

STAFF PRESENT: Doug Harter, Brian Brookhart, and Stacy Wall

GUEST: Jim Vetter

ITEM NO. 1: CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

President Kevin Pryfogle called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

ITEM NO. 2: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Jim Cruse made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 1, 2015 meeting and Jesse Dotson seconded and the members approved.

ITEM NO. 3: PARK ORDINANCE - DOUG HARTER

Doug Harter reviewed the amendments recommended to Chapter 94: Parks & Recreation. Jim Cruse inquired what curfews other cities along the bike path had, but the City Law Director, Stacy Wall suggested that we don't base ours on other cities in the event they changed, we would most likely have to change ours. She also noted that Miami County Parks show their curfew from 8:00 a.m. to dusk. Stacy also mentioned that the City Commissioners asked her to revise Section 94.24 regarding smoking so that the language applies to any park. Jim Cruse asked about the Dog Park and Stacy pointed out the wording specifies dogs shall be leashed in parks "unless otherwise authorized". Kevin asked for any further comments and Jim Cruse asked about taking the Gazebo out of the parks. Doug Harter informed him that the entire area surrounding the Gazebo is considered a city park. After no further discussion, Christopher Kolsky made a motion to approve the amended ordinances and Jesse Dotson seconded. The motion was approved on a vote of 5-1.

ITEM NO. 4: BRIAN BROOKHART'S REPORT

1. The mulch has been replaced at Das Park as well as Kiwanis Park. Additional money allowed to the city to purchase additional mulch for Fountain Park. Jim Vetter asked how long the mulch lasts and Brian informed him two years. North Street received a grant for theirs.
2. The Handicap playground has been set to have a grand opening in a few weeks. Asphalt pad will be made from the parking lot to the playground to allow for wheel chair accessibility.
3. The City Pool will close the weekend before school starts in August.
4. Football bleachers have been installed and will be set in place.
5. Hollow Park playground has been removed since it's an unsafe structure. Pieces are no longer made for the equipment. One swing set and teeter totter remain. The City is looking to replace it next year. Smaller unites start at \$12,000 and they will seek a grant.

6. The Hollow house will have repairs done by Bruns Construction. The roof will be replaced and Brian will meet with them to pick out carpeting and tile.
7. Doug Harter has been talking to the Park District regarding them taking over the maintenance of the entire Bike Path. They will discuss the cost and if it is reasonable will move forward with an agreement.
8. Edna Stiefel sent her thanks for the mulch at Kiwanis and Das Parks. She also asked about the swing set at Pitsenbarger Park. It was deemed unsafe and can't be repaired. At some point it will be replaced and the equipment will be incorporated with the handicap equipment. She also reported that the Friends of the Piqua Parks viewed the statue of Pitsenbarger and were very happy with it. A ceremony will be held after Labor Day for the unveiling and they plan to have the Air Force Band and a possible fly over from Wright-Patt Air Force Base. She also asked about the serving of alcohol in the parks and Stacy Wall reported it was done with special permits and licenses.
9. Jim Vetter from the South Parks Association asked about an installation of a water fountain in Mote Park. Doug and Brian will check where the water lines run. Jim said their association had \$2,000 to help finance the project. Jim also asked about the installation of a spinning cup to the playground equipment. He will provide Doug and Brian with a picture of the apparatus and they will check the measurements for the placement. Jim also asked if the city could repair the drive around the Mote Park Building with their paving equipment.

ITEM NO. 5: NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m at Mote Park.

ITEM NO. 6: ADJOURN

Jim Cruse moved to adjourn and seconded by Christopher Kolsky.

Minutes as prepared by Tammy Wright.