

**CITY OF CANAL FULTON
PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

November 8, 2007

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD:

Fred Fleming called the November 8, 2007 Parks & Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALLING OF THE ROLL

Present: Fred Fleming, Chairman, Mary Ann Higgins, Barb Allman, Ed Fousek, and Mary Ann Hupp.

Absent: Katie Mertz

Others Present: Kathy McConnell, Canalway Center.

CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

Mr. Fleming stated under C, Section 4, Minutes of the agenda- The September minutes will need to be approved. They did not have enough to vote on them at the September meeting. There were only two votes because one needed to abstain.

Mrs. Hupp moved to approve the September 13 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Higgins. ROLL: Yes, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Hupp, and Mr. Fleming. Abstain: Mr. Fousek and Mrs. Allman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Fousek moved to approve the October 11, 2007 minutes as amended, seconded by Mrs. Hupp. ROLL: Yes, Mr. Fousek, Mrs. Hupp, Mr. Fleming. Abstain: Mrs. Higgins.

Mrs. Hupp stated she would like the record to reflect under Community Service Coordinator, that the name should be Jill Manda from Manda's.

OLD BUSINESS

PUFFENBERGER PROPERTY: No Report.

OFF LEASH PARK: The seats to the benches will be installed as soon as they arrive.

BRICK DONATIONS: No Report.

PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMMING:

Fall Family Fest: Ms. McConnell reported that they sponsored an obstacle course for the children. The church provided all the prizes. She would estimate there were over 1,000 people that attended the event. It was very nicely done. The area was lit up nicely. Ms. McConnell stated they can only expand this program with the number of volunteers that they have. The church had a lot of volunteers, not only from their church but from Pastors from other churches. One was from Arkansas.

Ms. McConnell stated she met with Rev. Derry on November 7th for an overview of how the event went.

Grand Opening-Fire Station: The event was held on October 28th. The event went very well. It was estimated there was 300 people in attendance. Mr. Fleming, Ms. McConnell, Mrs. Higgins and Miss

Mertz assisted with a booth. The Park Board had a game for the children to play. It was a very positive event.

Holiday Open House: They are in the planning stages. It will be held on December 1 and 2. The Park Board is sponsoring the Santa Claus activity. The children will meet with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Blank House and there will be a photographer available for anyone wishing to purchase pictures.

They will not be having a parade this year. Whipple Farms will be bringing Santa in on a horse drawn surrey and then will provide rides for a nominal fee.

Mrs. Higgins will check with Ms. Keillor to see if the merchants are interested in having the students color a paper ornament to hang in the downtown shop windows.

The City Street Department will put up the Christmas tree downtown.

TENNIS COURTS:

Building Your Own Drinking Fountain: This project is going to have to wait until spring.

CANALWAY CENTER:

Equipment Purchase – Shelf Unit: Two plastic shelving units were purchased. They were approximately \$100 from Lowe's.

Report: The month of October, the Canalway Center is open weekends only. There were 419 visits. Year to date is 13,562.

The construction trade program at Northwest is working on a miniature canal boat project. They have the frame work and some of the base done. It will be approximately 12' long. It is yet to be determined where the boat will be stored.

Reservation Procedure & Instructions – No Report.

DISCOVERY PARK:

Park Benches Re-Installed – No Report.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS: No Report.

BUDGET: No Report.

Mrs. Higgins asked if anyone heard if the YMCA did the swim lessons for the school children. She will follow up with Jean Campbell.

SKATE PARK: Mr. Fousek stated Jackson Township put in a small skate park.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR:

2-4'X8' Plywood Panels for over the Restrooms - They installed three sheets of plywood. This area will be used for storage.

OLDE CANAL DAYS: No Report.

PRIORITY LIST: No Report.

ST. HELENA HERITAGE PARK:

Fence: - No Report

New Picnic Tables for the Shelter - Mr. Fleming showed a brochure on picnic tables with heavy piping. The tables he is looking at has the black power coat. It is a 2-3/8 outside diameter iron pipe,

6' table. They need 15 of them. The total cost would be \$5,370.00 plus freight. It takes about 3 weeks for delivery. They can use a cable through the tables and deadbolt them. They can use the good tables in other locations.

Ms. McConnell stated she would like to see them replaced with the recycled tables. They were given a few websites to look at to view several different types of tables.

Olde School Yard Park:

Replacement of Benches: He stated the tops of the benches have been replaced.

KaBOOM!/The Home DePot Blitz Project: They have removed some of the equipment. They cancelled coming back this Friday and will be rescheduling for this spring. The supplies will be stored in the old fire station.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Reservations: None

New Student Advisor: Miss Mertz sent a note indicating that she has spoken with Mr. Jones at the high school regarding another student advisor. All she has spoken with cannot make a commitment at this point. He has given her some other names to contact.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fleming adjourned the November 8, 2007 meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting is December 13, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

Fred Fleming, Chairman