

**CITY OF CANAL FULTON**  
**PARK & RECREATION BOARD**  
*JANUARY 10, 2008*

**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD:**

Fred Fleming called the January 10, 2008 Parks & Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CALLING OF THE ROLL**

**Present:** Fred Fleming, Chairman, Mary Ann Hupp, Mary Ann Higgins, Barb Allman and Katie Mertz.

**Absent:** Ed Fousek

**Others Present:** Kathy McConnell, Canalway Center.

**CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA -** Mrs. Higgins would like to include under New Business- Recreation/Wellness Center in Doylestown. Change under Announcements: Next Regular Meeting: February 14, 2008. Delete Happy Holidays.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Higgins moved to approve the December 13, 2007 minutes as amended, seconded by Mrs. Hupp. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

It was reported that on the second page under YMCA, second to last sentence: Mr. Haas would play the organ during the film, should read: Mr. Joe Rubin.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**PUFFENBERGER PROPERTY:**

**Skate Park:** Mr. Fleming reported the Lion's Club contacted him. He would like to know what they can do to get a skate park fundraiser started. He informed them that they have a location for a skate park. They would like for Mr. Fleming to give a 20-minute presentation of the Puffenberger Park.

Mr. Fleming stated he may possible need to bring Mr. Mersky back in to review the Park and see what part of the plan can be broken out.

**OFF LEASH PARK:**

The seats remain broken on the benches as reported at the December meeting. It still needs called into Plastic Lumber Company. The fence at the park has been fixed.

Mr. Fleming stated he has been getting telephone calls about the park being closed. The park will open back up March 1, weather permitting.

**BRICK DONATIONS:**

Mr. Fleming stated they need to get a copy of the check from the donation last month from the Finance Director.

## **PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMMING:**

Sweetheart Dance: The dance will be held February 8 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM. The DJ and photographer are in place. It will be held at the Northwest Stark Senior Center. She will need two volunteers. It is \$12 per couple (\$5 each additional girl). The flier has been distributed to the schools. Mrs. Higgins had emailed Ms. McConnell in regards to distributing to daycares as well. News releases have been sent to the local media. Tickets are available at through Tammy Marthey at City Hall and there will be two evening times they can come in to purchase tickets.

Mrs. Allman stated she will assist with the dance.

Lion's Farmers Market: Ms. McConnell stated she has been working with Paul Bagocious and Rick White. They have established the day as Thursdays from 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM. They don't feel this time will compete with other markets. It will begin July 17-October 1. They have asked about the possibility of having a banner in the park and downtown. The City is partnering with this event. They are looking at an alternate site in case of flooding.

Replica of Canal Boat: The Northwest shop class completed the replica of the Canal Boat. It is in the fire station on High Street.

Canal Boat Special Events: The schedule has been organized for 2008. They will have the same cruises as last year and have also added several new tours for this upcoming season. They will be held on the third Thursday of the month beginning in May. These events have been advertised in the County Tourism book.

## **TENNIS COURTS:**

Build Your Own Drinking Fountain – No Report.

The nets are down and the courts will be closed until March, weather permitting.

## **CANALWAY CENTER:**

Canalway Center Report: No Report

Reservation Procedure & Instructions: Mr. Fleming said they will have to meet regarding the procedures and instructions.

## **DISCOVERY PARK:**

The reinstallation of the park benches and landscaping will need to be addressed. He stated one of the trees fell over and it was set back up and the wind broke it off. You can see the burlap on all the evergreens. He sent an email to Mr. Mayberry asking him to contact the contractor to correct this problem.

## **NEWSLETTER ITEMS:**

Report: Mr. Fleming stated they have until next meeting to get something together for the newsletter. Ms. McConnell stated she hopes that they get a full page, or at least a half page. Ms. McConnell and Mrs. Hupp will meet to discuss the newsletter items.

## **BUDGET:**

Report: Mr. Fleming stated he doesn't have the temporary budget yet because Mr. Svab doesn't have the year end figures yet.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR:**

Any Projects: Ms. McConnell stated the Street Department has assisted her with projects.

**OLDE CANAL DAYS:**

Report: None

**PRIORITY LIST:**

Report: None

**ST. HELENA HERITAGE PARK:**

Fence: None

New Roof for Refreshment Stand Building – On hold

New Picnic Tables for the Shelter - Mrs. Higgins stated she did some research on tables, which were comparable to the tables Mr. Fleming has information on. There were questions about recycled plastic versus the wood tables. Mr. Fleming stated the wood tables are easier to repair if someone carves in them.

Mrs. Higgins moved to approve the purchase of the picnic tables, 14 standard tables and 1 ADA tables for Heritage Park, up to \$6,000, seconded by Mrs. Allman. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

**Olde School Yard Park:**

KaBOOM!/The Home DePot Blitz Project: No Report

**New Student Advisor:** Miss Mertz stated she has a potential person that she is going to approach about being on the board, Ethan Farney.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Park Reservations:** Mr. Fleming stated he has a request from Rochelle Rossi, for the Friends of the Canal Fulton Public Library. They would like to reserve the large gazebo at Muhlhauser Park for the staff for June 27, 2008. They are requesting the fees for the use of the park be waived because they are a service organization for the Canal Fulton Public Library.

It was decided since they are a non-profit organization to only charge those rates. Mr. Fleming will let Ms. Rossi know.

**Gilgrest Wellness Center:** Mrs. Higgins reported the Mayor, City Manager, Ms. McConnell, Mrs. Cihon and herself visited the Gilgrest Wellness Center in Doylestown which just opened three weeks ago. Mr. Mersky was also present. The owners of the wellness center are interested in opening a similar site in Canal Fulton.

The Doylestown center has a small warm water pool, adult daycare, and fitness center. The land was donated. They would like to have a partnership with the City. The City would donate the land and they would build the facility. There was discussion about possibly linking it with the Senior Center, an indoor soccer field, and raised walking track. The Center is community oriented, not just senior oriented.

Mrs. Higgins stated the Mayor stated they could use this as an incentive to the residents to eventually put a park levy on the ballot to finish developing Puffenberger Property. There was discussion among the board members of options for the park.

**Reorganization (Election of Officers):** Mr. Fleming opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairman.

**Chairman:** Mrs. Higgins nominated Mr. Fleming for Chairman, seconded by Mrs. Hupp. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

**Vice Chairman:** Mrs. Hupp nominated Mrs. Higgins as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr. Fleming. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

**Secretary:** Mrs. Higgins nominated Mrs. Hupp as Secretary, seconded by Mrs. Allman. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Fleming adjourned the January 10, 2008 meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting is February 14, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

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Fred Fleming, Chairman