

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

February 14, 2008

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD:

Mary Ann Higgins called the February 14, 2008 Parks & Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALLING OF THE ROLL

Present: Mary Ann Higgins, Mary Ann Hupp, Barb Allman, Ed Fousek and Katie Mertz.

Absent: Fred Fleming

Others Present: Kathy McConnell, Canalway Center.

CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Hupp moved to approve the January 10, 2007 minutes, seconded by Mrs. Allman. **ROLL: Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Hupp, and Mrs. Allman. Abstain: Mr. Fousek.**

OLD BUSINESS

PUFFENBERGER PROPERTY:

Skate Park: Ms. McConnell stated she has received some catalogs. She recently attended a seminar and spoke to several different communities and received some feedback.

OFF LEASH PARK:

The park is still closed until March, or weather permitting.

BRICK DONATIONS: No Report

PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMMING:

Easter Egg Hunt: The Board will be partnering with True Life Community Church for the hunt. They have asked the board to make signs for the age groups. Ms. McConnell stated she is going to rent an Easter bunny suit. She has asked the fire department to bring the bunny to the park on the old fire engine. They will put the siren on when they leave. It begins at 10:00 AM, March 22nd.

Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Hupp and Mrs. Allman stated they would like to volunteer for the event.

Earth Day: Ms. McConnell found an earth day grocery program. You partner a school with a grocery store. Giant Eagle will be participating. The store provides grocery bags for the 5-6th graders to create earth day pictures/slogan on the bags and then return them to the store around April 22nd and that week the store uses them for their customers.

Sweetheart Dance: The Sweetheart Dance was a sell out. There were 85 registered with a wait list. It can be expanded for next year. The DJ did a phenomenal job. They had games and kept the kids engaged. There was a great response from the participants and thanked the board for sponsoring such a great event.

Lion's Farmers Market: Ms. McConnell stated she has been working with them on their policies/procedures. They currently have two vendors and are actively marketing for more vendors.

They would like to have a banner in the park advertising the Market. Ms. McConnell suggested putting some eye bolts in the side of the old concession stand to place banners of events that have been approved by the Park Board.

Canal Boat Special Events: No Report.

TENNIS COURTS:

Build Your Own Drinking Fountain – No Report.

CANALWAY CENTER:

Canalway Center Report: They continue to work on the interpretive panels. They know what photos they want on the panels and are working on going through the archives of photos.

The Mayor has scheduled a meeting between the City and the Heritage Society on Tuesday, February 19, 2008.

Ms. McConnell stated she put together a marketing brochure for the Canal Boat on behalf of the City and the Heritage Society.

Reservation Procedure & Instructions: No Report.

DISCOVERY PARK: - No Report

NEWSLETTER ITEMS:

Report: Ms. McConnell showed the board of the page that Mrs. Hupp and herself have put together for the newsletter.

BUDGET: No Report

COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR:

Any Projects: None known at this time.

OLDE CANAL DAYS:

Report: Mrs. Higgins reported that Mr. Fleming has information regarding a booth for this year. Ms. McConnell stated she would like to have the contestants for the contests sign up at the booth.

Mr. Fousek moved to have a booth at the 2008 Olde Canal Days, seconded by Mrs. Hupp. ROLL: Yes, ALL.

PRIORITY LIST:

Report: None

ST. HELENA HERITAGE PARK:

Fence: None

New Roof for Refreshment Stand Building – On hold

New Picnic Tables for the Shelter - The tables are due to be received the week of March 10, 2008.

Olde School Yard Park:

KaBOOM!/The Home DePot Blitz Project: No Report

New Student Advisor: Miss Mertz stated Ethan Farney is interested in sitting on the board. Mr. Fleming will need to contact to confirm.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Reservations: None

Gilgrest Wellness Center: Ms. McConnell stated the Saeger family is meeting at 10:00 AM on February 15, 2008 at the Fire Station conference room. They are seeking another location to build a wellness center. They currently have one in Doylestown, which focuses on adult day care, small fitness room, small warm water pool and kitchen.

The Saeger's have received a good response from the community. They would build and fund the facility here is the City donated the land and provides the infrastructure and then they would have a cooperative venture that they run the facility for profit at a rate that would be discounted to City residents.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fleming adjourned the February 14, 2008 meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 13, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

Mary Ann Higgins, Vice-Chair