

**The City of Canal Fulton
Parks & Recreation Board
March 12, 2009**

Mr. Fred Fleming called the March 12, 2009 Parks & Recreation Board to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Present: Fred Fleming, Mary Ann Hupp, Barbara Allman, Jay Johnson, Ed Fousek and Ian Losch

Others Present: Mary Ann Higgins, Canalway Center Director of Programming.

CORRECTIONS OF AGENDA - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Hupp moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 12, 2009, seconded by Mrs. Allman. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

OLD BUSINESS DAYS

Puffenberger Property

1. Engineering for Topography Grading
Mr. Fleming stated they have two estimates for the engineering for the grading.

Off-Leash Park

1. Broken seats on the Picnic Benches
Mr. Fleming stated these repairs will be made when the weather is nice.

2. Condition of the Park
Mr. Fleming reported the park is still soggy. It will remain closed.
Mr. Fleming discussed the disposal of the dog droppings by taking a bucket and putting holes in it to allow water to drain and burying it in the ground. It would be treated monthly.

Brick Donations

1. Report - None

Parks & Recreation Programming/Canalway Center

1. Canalway Center/Program Report
 - a. Mrs. Higgins reported the City and the Heritage Society are in discussion of operation of the canal boat.

 - b. Mrs. Higgins will be conducting interviews for the part-time position at the Canalway Center. She reported that one of the students from the Summer Youth Works Programs will possibly be assisting in the Canalway Center.

2. Recreation Programs for Spring/Summer
 - a. Star Wars movie was shown March 1st. The attendance was low.
 - b. Community Easter Egg Hunt is being put together by the True Life Church and the Park Board. The City is donating candy for the event. Sam's Club is donating a \$25 gift certificate toward the purchase of the candy.
 - c. The Earth Day grocery bag project will be done by the 5th and 6th graders at the intermediate school. Giant Eagle has given them approximately 400 bags to color with the earth day theme and then will be used at the store for patron's groceries.
 - d. Tree seedlings will be handed out to the 3rd and 4th graders at Sts. Philip and James and Northwest School for Earth Day. There will be some at the Canalway Center.
 - e. The Lil Soccer Program will be held in May.
 - f. Olde Canal Days Committee has asked if the Board wants to sponsor a game. There was discussion on possible events they could sponsor. Mrs. Higgins will let the Committee know they are working on ideas.
 - g. Softball/Baseball Tournaments will be held at Northwest Sports Complex for one week. There will be teams from all over the country participating who will be participating in this tournament in the Akron area and Northwest will be hosting several games every day during that week. Mrs. Johnson is involved in organizing this for this area. She would like to have a table there with information and/or coupons available for Canal Fulton.

Mrs. Higgins reported it was suggested to have Canal Fulton pins for the team members to purchase. The teams normally purchase pins at the different locations they play for souvenirs.

3. Park Rules Update

The park rules are almost done. She stated under fines/penalties, she changed the section because the police chief wanted the same wording as in the codified ordinance that it refers to.

4. Reservation Procedure Writing in Progress

Mrs. Higgins reported she is working on the procedures. It is nearing completion.

Muhlhauser Park

1. Tennis Courts
 - a. Build Your Own Drinking Fountain – No Report
2. Sign for the Park

The sign is completed and is stored in the old fire department.

Discovery Park

1. No Report

Newsletter Items

1. Report – No Report

Budget

1. 2009 Budget – No Report

Community Service Coordinator

1. Project Suggestions (John Murphy)

Mr. Fousek suggested him getting the picnic tables in place and secured down.

Olde Canal Days

1. 2009 Booth & Other Activity

Mr. Fleming will check on the location of a new location for the booth.

St. Helena Heritage Park

1. New Roof for Refreshment Stand Building – On Hold

Olde School Yard Park

1. KaBOOM/The Home Depot Blitz Project – Mr. Fleming contacted Stephanie Gozdan who is in charge of the KaBoom project. She indicated they would finish the project on April 17. She is going to contact him in advance in regards to moving the swing to Muhlhauser Park where it won't get as much use because it isn't very sturdy. They are going to possibly repair the cracks in the school playground.

Mr. Fousek stated a lot of people use the basketball court and would encourage some attention to that area.

Student Advisors – Ian Losch

Mr. Losch stated he had spoken with Mr. Orr regarding a student advisor for next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Reservations

1. Olde Canal Days: Mrs. Allman moved for approval of the reservation for Olde Canal Days as submitted for July 9-11, 2009 and with the waiver of the fees, seconded by Mrs. Hupp. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**
2. Community Easter Egg Hunt: Mrs. Hupp moved to approve the request for True Life Church to use St. Helena Heritage Park for the community Easter Egg Hunt and with the waiver of the fees, seconded by Mr. Fousek. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2009 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Fred Fleming, Chairman