



**Parks & Recreation - Minutes
Wednesday, February 06, 2013**

Park Board
Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2013
City Administration Building

Terry Leasure called meeting to order at 4:05PM.

Present were Terry Leasure, Steve Tobin, Kevin Keaton, John Ankrom, Larry Olson, LeaDawn Scott, Josh Ford and Becky Staresina.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2012 meeting by Steve Tobin.

It was seconded by Terry Leasure. The motion carried.

LeaDawn Scott: Youth Baseball sign-ups begin this Saturday and will continue the next two Saturdays at Court Street Elementary School from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The prices remain the same as last year. They will put signs up around town advertising the sign-up dates.

Scott asked if a port-a-john would be provided between fields one and two this year. Generally, they need two until the restrooms are opened and then they only need one between fields one and two. During the last Park Board meeting it was discussed that the city would need to cutback on some expenses and the port-a-john was mentioned as an item to be cut.

Scott also mentioned that she would need a key to the lights at Barthelmas Park provided to her during the next Park Board meeting.

****Get key and key card ready for LeaDawn Scott**

****We need to report to her on whether the city will be providing port-a-john this year.**

Josh Ford: The OCU Community Action Day is scheduled April 18, 2013. Dave Hopewell needs projects finalized by the end of February. Ford is proposing painting the dug-out and concession stand at Ted Lewis Park and needs to know what supplies will be provided. There is no official rain date for the event, but Ford thinks he can get volunteers from his church to help on an alternate date.

****Need to provide Josh Ford a list of supplies/manpower we can provide by end of**

February.

Larry Olson's Report: The bird and grassland management area was discussed. Olson agreed to meet Dane at MVCH Park to show him the area that will need mowed. The FOTCP may build Chimney Swift Tower during Community Action Day.

Steve Tobin asked Olson if funds from the Pickaway Community Foundation could be used to fund projects at the other parks. Olson thought the funds were specifically dedicated to MVCH Park through the Mike Harrison fund, but he agreed to check on that and report back.

John Ankrom's Report: The heat is up and running in the Starkey Pavilion. We've had one rental since the installation. We will need a better way to control it since it currently requires manual operation. Ankrom indicated we are looking for a remote control application to control the heat in the future. Ankrom went out at 2:00 p.m. to turn on heat. It was 47° at that time. At 3:50 p.m., he returned and it was up to 57°. At 9:00 p.m., the temperature was down to 45°. They used about \$13 of electricity during the rental. Ankrom said we are considering a \$25 surcharge to cover the cost of utilities and maintenance.

Steve Tobin said he would be okay with bumping rental fee from \$125 to \$150. Terry Leasure said he would be in favor of increasing the rental fee to \$150 from October to March.

Ankrom mentioned that he had received some quotes for fencing for the proposed Dog Park at MVCH Park. The quotes are for fencing 4'-6' high in a 200' x 200' space near Shelter 1. He received an additional quote for fencing with green vinyl wrap to give it a better look. The fence company would install it. Olson indicated that Beth Starkey Hill is working on a drawing for the Dog Park to bring to the Board. Olson interjected that Hudson, Ohio has a Dog Park and a 2' deep doggie pool. Olson asked that the estimate be sent to him.

****Send Olson PDF of estimates.**

Some storm water improvements are occurring at Ted Lewis Park at the intersection of Brokaw and Rosewood. They are placing a catch basin in the low lying areas and trying to get water off. They are ready to set the catch basin. Then they hope to backfill, grade and seed before April.

The opening of the small pool is in limbo. There is a need for 10-12 thousand dollars to have the YMCA operate the pool. Mike Logan is trying to raise private funds. The small pool also needs pump work. Demo work on the large pool is slated to begin in March. We hope to recycle stainless steel from the large pool to offset the pool costs associated with the small pool. A person in Marion, Ohio inquired about buying the large pool slide. We also hope to sell the ladders. The shelter and fencing would remain in place.

Becky Staresina's Report: Pickaway Job & Family Services would like to erect 209 pinwheels in the round area by the flagpole at MVCH Park during the month of April for Child Abuse Prevention Month. They would also put up a sign explaining the display and fly the Child Abuse Prevention Flag on the same flagpole as the American flag. They'd place the display the first week of April and remove it May 1. They would maintain it throughout that period. The Park Board said they would consider these kinds of displays on a case-by-case basis. They approved this one for the time period requested. Olson suggested notifying Beth Starkey-Hill about the flag since she maintains the flag.

The American Red Cross will be moving their annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament to Ted Lewis Park this coming July 26th & 27th. July 28th is their rain date. The Mayor told the organizer, Bea Dorman, that he would try to waive the fees for the shelters at Ted Lewis during the event. I am seeking the Board's approval to do this. Ankrom added that the current location causes road closures and costs time and money. The move should reduce those issues. The Board approved waiving the fees. However, they thought that the residents near the park should be notified about the event ahead of time. Leasure suggested that only residents be allowed to come in the Rosewood entrance. However, the group agreed that would be difficult to enforce. The basketball courts will be set-up on the tennis courts and in the skate park area. Parking is still being considered.

Staresina had two other potential requests for fees to be waived at MVCH Pavilion for Starkey Pavilion. One request was from Pickaway Soil & Water and it as for April 4 & 5, 2013. They may want to use the Pavilion for residents to order and pick-up tree seedlings. The Board was okay with that request. The second request was for an Avon job fair. The Board voted not to approve waiving the fees for it.

Staresina asked Leasure if Pee Wee Football had a website to refer people to and he said no. Everyone encouraged him to get one. He said he would talk to the Pee Wee Football legislative body about it.

Kevin Keaton's Report: The sign-up date for the sports team field scheduling will be Tuesday, February 19th at the Police Department Basement conference room. Last year was a disaster. He wants to keep it more general and get practice times and game dates on the calendar. Leasure said Pee Wee Football is from August to October at Ted Lewis Park.

Staresina needs to confirm the room is available and provide Keaton with Field Use Agreements. She said she would try to attend the sign-up too.

Keaton said the High School uses field 5 when they are at Barthelmas. Field 4 is used by 7th and 8th graders.

Terry Leasure's Report: An issue was reported to Leasure about the bleachers at Barthelmas Park. There were four bleachers and they were allegedly taken from the park to the Fairgrounds for a rodeo. Nobody attending the Park Board meeting was aware of the situation, nor had anyone gave permission for this to occur.

Keaton added that the Park Board had made a promise to AMVETS that the bleachers would not be removed from the park. Pumpkin Show had used them in the past and they shouldn't have been. AMVETS and the American Legion donated the bleachers specifically to Barthelmas Park.

They are 10 sets of 4-row bleachers at the park. We need to check on this situation.

Steve Tobin's Report: He had nothing to report. He said he is seeing folks using the new exercise equipment. Unfortunately, the age restrictions are being ignored.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Terry Leasure motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:05PM. Tobin seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.