



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

Park Board
Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2013
City Administration Building

Terry Leasure called meeting to order at 4:00PM.

Present were Terry Leasure, Steve Tobin, Kevin Keaton, John Ankrom, Larry Olson, LeaDawn Scott, Josh Ford, Dane Patterson, Becky Staresina and guests Soni Grady and Valerie Crist.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 2013 meeting by Steve Tobin. It was seconded by Terry Leasure. The motion carried.

Valerie Crist & Soni Grady (Afterschool Coordinators for Court Street Intermediate & Everts Middle School: They wish to conduct a Service Learning Workshop to aid underprivileged children of Circleville. They help with homework, confidence and socialization. With the closing of the movie theater, Circle D and the big pool at Ted Lewis, they were concerned about what children will do over the summer. They have 40-45 children in each program including Nicholas. They wish to connect the curriculum with learning and service. Currently they are helping the Dog Shelter. They are applying for a grant for \$1,000 per project selected. There is a potential for \$2,000. March 29th is their deadline. Their students will have 3 weeks for any project or projects. They wanted to do something at Ted Lewis since it is within walking distance and could produce a sense of pride and ownership in the students. They want to connect the projects with learning. For example, soil could be connected to science; applying paint could be applied to math while calculating how much paint is needed. There will be students from kindergarten through 12th grade involved.

Some of the potential projects brought up include: Roll paint on block dugouts, paint fence around pool, pick-up trash, plant flowers or perennials at entrance by signs and around flag pole, paint trash cans, paint over graffiti on Ted Lewis mural, clean and paint grills. Paint large piece of wooden playground equipment.

Terry Leasure mentioned the Fridays in the Park program, which offers free lunch to students age 18 and under during the summers. He mentioned the need for a refrigerator at the park. Steve Tobin suggested contacting Fastenal for donation of gloves. He said he heard

they've donated gloves in the past.

****Becky needs to provide Soni with contact information for Hollie Queen for Fridays In the Park and Rob VanHorn for Movies in the Park.**

LeaDawn Scott: They are conducting late sign-ups this weekend. Sign-ups have been down from last year.

Last fall they removed grass from field 5. The school will send out kids on Saturday to pick-up rocks from infield. Dane suggested putting the rocks by the storage shed. Someone had proposed to Youth Baseball that the fence at Barthelmas Park should be painted. At this time, there is no plan in place about how that would be accomplished or paid. It is an open discussion item.

Staresina provided LeaDawn with key to the lights at Barthelmas Park and had her sign the key card.

Josh Ford's Report: He needs to get forms completed for the volunteer effort on Community Action Day, scheduled April 18, 2013. He has a conflict and cannot be present that day and asked who would be the contact. Steve Tobin agreed to be the contact for the effort that day. Some projects proposed were power washing the shelter houses, power washing the picnic tables and painting trash barrels. Dane Patterson indicated that he would need to order about fifty (55) gallon barrels and would like them painted red and have use a "pitch in" stencil to paint the logo on the barrel. Volunteers will be available from 9:30 A.M.-2:30 P.M. Leasure also suggested painting the post frame, front posts and doors of the concession stand and dugouts.

Larry Olson's Report: The FOTCP would ask the Park Board for permission to finalize Dog Park project and proceed with effort to raise \$20,000 to cover the projected cost of the project. The Board expressed some concerns. How would nuisance calls be addressed? Since there are homes and condos near the proposed site, residents may complain about dogs barking. People walking the trail may also complain about dogs barking at them as they pass by. How will mowing around the fence be handled? Who is going to do the ongoing maintenance?

Olson indicated that they will place gravel along and under fence. Bob McCredy had a little money remaining after the heating project at Starkey Pavilion so he decided to pursue some quotes for the Dog Park Fencing. He and Beth Starkey Hill have been investing other Dog Parks which are in Ohio. The hope is to install 5' green vinyl coated fencing around the Dog Park perimeter and then fence off a section for small and large dogs.

The question was raised about what happens if a dog bites another person or dogs get in a fight and one gets killed. Who would be liable? The dogs inside the fenced area will not be on leashes like they would be when walked on the trail.

****Need to check with Greg Hennekes on liability issue.**

Steve Tobin suggested Olson return to the FOTCP committee and ask them to respond to the Board's questions about maintenance and liability before the Park Board votes on the matter.

The security crew will resume their security detail April 1st.

During Monday's FOTCP, Paul Knoop made a recommendation to mow a walking trail

through the Grassland Management area. Need 6' wide mower to cut a path through there. Massie does our contract mowing. Our new mower is 12' wide. We have a flail mower too that does not kick-up debris. Olson asked if the FOTCP cuts the original trail, can our finish guy keep it mowed down and Patterson said most likely yes. The walking trail would be through the area that was killed off and replanted last year.

John Ankrom's Report: Ankrom indicated that the small pool will reopen this year due to a grassroots effort to raise funds. The YMCA will lease the small pool from the city. The large pool area is being dismantled and the hole will be filled in. Stainless being removed and being bid. The pool accessories are also going to be bid. They hope to have the pool filled in before the small one opens. So far, \$11,000 has been raised for the pool.

Kim Weaver with Community United Methodist Church contacted Ankrom about volunteering March 21, 22 and 23. Since we have several volunteer efforts lined up for Ted Lewis Park, alternate opportunities will be investigated.

Dane Patterson's Report: Ned Reigel requested \$500 worth of gravel last fall for MVCH Park. There was a conflict with money to purchase the gravel and the area was too wet. Consequently, no gravel was purchased. Olson indicated that the FOTCP has \$500 to pay for gravel. Can Dane order #57 crush prior to April 18th for community service day? Olson indicated her may try to get Rotary to also contribute \$500 to get additional gravel for the project.

In addition, part of the trail is eroding by the pond. The ditch is about 30' long and 2' deep and 2-3' wide. Need C/D rip rap. It could be purchased from the Williamsport quarry. There is a second ditch down through the wet/dry prairie area that is also eroding and needs repaired.

Other items around the large pool have also been removed. The old basketball courts are gone. We're leaving the divider fence between the pools up and the lights up. The concrete will also remain. Patterson indicated that he has one person interested in the slide. We'll be advertising pool accessories for sell on April first. He does not plan to remove little fence.

There is a possibility practice fields for football can go back in that area. Patterson asked if a full size field can go in that area. Leasure indicated that the sidewalk would need to be removed and then a full football field could fit. Lighting and parking remain. There's a storm drain with inlets that goes through there. The inlets would need to be addressed if the field goes in.

The restrooms will open April 1st. The same person will clean restrooms as last year.

Patterson addressed the bleacher issue mentioned during the last meeting. Last year, Bob Evans okayed the use of the bleachers for the rodeo. The organizer picked up and returned them to the park. This year the organizer asked Dane if he could use them and he said yes, based on last year. Unfortunately, the rodeo went belly-up and the bleachers were not returned. Dane's crew had to go to the Fairgrounds and retrieve them. Amvets donated 2 of the 8 sets of bleachers and asked that they not be loaned. The city maintains them and tries to keep those two sets at the park. However, the other sets are loaned to Pumpkin Show. All eight set have been donated, but the donation tags have all fallen off. The bleachers are currently in the gravel area at the park now. Scott mentioned that bleachers will need delivered to fields 4& 5 for JV and Junior High play.

****Get dates to Dane.**

The access code to Starkey Pavilion has been changed.

****Get with Dane on how to handle the code during winter months since we don't want door to remain open while heating the Pavilion.**

Becky Staresina's Report: Athletic Field Use Agreements and Concession Stand Agreements were distributed at the ball diamond scheduling session on 2/19/13. Still waiting for most to be returned.

Circleville Head Start is requesting the complimentary use of Starkey Pavilion for their end of the year celebrations, which are held during the week. The Park Board approved the complimentary use again this year.

Partner for Paws may conduct an Expo at Starkey Pavilion on September 13 & 14. If so, they would rent it the evening of the 13th and all day on the 14th. The organizer asked if the vendors could begin arriving at 7 A.M. to set-up. The Park Board approved the early access. During Monday's FOTCP meeting, suggestions about where to place lockers in Starkey Pavilion was mentioned. They will get a bank of 4 lockers to store educational materials sometime in December 2013. Keaton mentioned that Circleville Junior High will select lockers they want first. They are 6' tall x 14" wide and 16"-18" deep. The Board suggested placing them at the end of the kitchen. They do not want them in the main room.

Kevin Keaton's Report: Nothing to report

Terry Leasure's Report: Nothing to report

Steve Tobin's Report: Nothing to report

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Terry Leasure motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:35PM. Keaton seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.