



**Parks & Recreation - Minutes
Wednesday, April 03, 2013**

Park Board
Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2013
City Administration Building

Terry Leasure called meeting to order at 4:02PM.

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

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.

LeaDawn Scott: There is a tree hanging over field 6 baseline, near basketball courts.

Their shed lock has been broken. There is a bar with two padlocks and only one lock works. Scott asked if the city could provide new locks. The current locks belong to the city. The board agreed to allow Circleville Little League to buy their own locks, but they must provide the city with a key and complete a key card.

There have been some softball teams practicing on the Little League fields. Does anyone know who this is? Leasure indicated that they should be practicing at Ted Lewis on the designated softball fields. Would John Moats know who this is? We think it might be a traveling team.

Scott is aware there is a softball event at Barthelmas Park, which is okay. It will not interfere with Youth Baseball or the school's teams.

March 22 was Youth Baseball's cut-off date. She has kids from some of the local areas including Laurelville and Stoutsville.

Youth Baseball needs water in the concession stand on by April 13. They also need some Pumpkin Show boxes before the last week of April for Trash. They would like two trashcans at each field; one can on each side of the bleachers.

On April 13 at Barthelmas Park is the Pitch-Hit-Run competition for ages 8-15. It is sponsored by Scotts. The regional competition will be at Huntington Park.

Leasure asked who makes up the Board of Youth Baseball. Scott said there are nine voting Board members. The Board members to contact when assistance is needed are LeaDawn

Scott and Beth Mason. Scott said Mason might be the better choice because she always answers her phone.

Josh Ford's Report: There will be about 12 students who will participate in Community Action Day at Ted Lewis Park on 4/18/2013. They will be available around 9 A.M. or 9:30 A.M. They can paint the trash barrels, power wash the shelter houses and paint the concession stand. Steve Tobin will be onsite to help since Josh will be unavailable. Ford's church is looking to do a clean-up day on a Saturday in May. He hopes to provide a specific day during the next Park Board Meeting.

Larry Olson's Report: Olson distributed a handout with responses to the questions the Board posed regarding the Dog Park. (See attached handout). Olson and FOTCP is seeking permission from the Board to proceed with fundraising for the Dog Park. Steve Tobin motioned to approve and Leasure seconded. All in favor – 2 (Keaton was absent). Motion carried. The FOTCP committee spearheading the project hopes to raise \$20,000 for project.

Ankrom asked if there is a chance for the public to weigh in on subject. Olson indicated that the Dog Park was part of the original long-range plan, which was submitted by Ralph Starkey. The master plan had to go through Planning and Zoning for approval. Scott mentioned she remembers hearing about the plan several years ago. Ankrom suggested hanging a sign at the site with the 24" x 36" sketch of proposed plan and indicate the city can be contacted with any concerns. Post for 30 days then it will be okay to proceed, providing no significant comments develop during 30 days. Post the anticipated dog park rules with drawing too.

Olson shared a diagram with the proposed location of the Chimney Swift Tower. They have the necessary funds to proceed, but need the Board's approval for the location. Leasure motioned to approve and Tobin seconded. All in favor -2 (Keaton was absent). Motion carried. Melanie Shuter will be in touch with the city to coordinate the paperwork.

The FOTCP security team has resumed their detail as of April 1, 2013. They will close the gates each night.

Gravel for Community Action Day on April 18 has been delivered. Olson asked if a skid steerer would be available. He may have a heavy equipment operator available. Ankrom indicated that a city worker would have to operate city equipment. He may have a skid steerer available. Olson anticipates working on project from 9AM – 2:30PM or until gravel runs out.

Last meeting it was discussed that the walking path through the wet/dry prairie will need mowed. Massie will mow the path. Paul Hang has an 8' long 12" corrugated pipe to go in over the ditch, which can be covered with dirt so the path can go over the ditch.

The city has been mowing along the ditch and the FOTCP would like us not to mow along there. No need to mow along the center. The ditch that is eroding along side of trail needs some # 2's to help eliminate the erosion. Can a ½ load of # 2's be available for Community Action Day?

The sod that will be removed from the Dog Park fence area will be placed along the ditch in hopes of helping reduce the erosion.

Invasive honeysuckle in the forest area will be pulled during Community Action Day. They also hope to clear dead falls and do some fence repair along the pond. They are ready to move on the irrigation system in the butterfly garden. The Foundation will

pay for the water. The system will be automated and the timer will go off in the morning. Gayle Spangler was concerned about the water usage and payment. Olson reiterated that the Foundation would pay the bills. Based on that, Leasure and Tobin approved the irrigation system.

John Ankrom's Report: The large pool at Ted Lewis is being demolished and is mostly filled in. They held a bid for the stainless steel, slide and accessories and generated about \$13,000 from sale. The small pool will be operated by the YMCA again this year.

The hours of operation of the Splash Pad at MVCH Park will need adjusted this year. Last year it operated from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. and the water bill was over \$23,000. We need to reduce the hours. It was suggested to operate it from noon to 6 P.M. during the week and possibly noon – 7PM on the weekend. Ankrom added that the city would check to see if the features could be adjusted to work 50% of the time when the button is hit. We will try operating it from noon – 6 P.M.

Steve Helber will begin cleaning the park restrooms again in May. Until then, our service crew will take care of that.

Ankrom mentioned that the Herald had the wrong time for the Park Board meeting noted. They had 5 P.M. instead of 4 P.M. noted. Staresina will check on this.

Becky Staresina's Report: April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. There will be a flag raising ceremony and pinwheel planting on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at the flagpole at Mary Virginia Crites Hannan Park. All are invited to attend. The ceremony will be held in Starkey Pavilion if the weather is inclement. Pickaway County Children's Services will maintain the display until it is removed at end of April.

The first annual Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament will be held on May 17, 2013 at the Pickaway Country Club. We are accepting players and hole sponsors. The Park Board Members will try to get donations for door prizes from local vendors.

Soni Grady was unable to attend meeting, but she contacted Staresina with an update regarding the Service Learning Project she discussed during the last Park Board Meeting. They will be able to do a scaled down version of the project. Elementary students will be available one day to clean, plant flowers and mulch. The middle school students will be available for 3 weeks for about four hours each week. They hope to paint the mural in Shelter #1 at Ted Lewis Park. They would like to add images that reflect Circleville around the white background. They can also paint trash barrels. It was determined that painting the fence was not a good fit for this age group.

Terry Leasure's Report: Nothing to report beyond what was already discussed.

Steve Tobin's Report: Nothing to report beyond what was already discussed.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Terry Leasure motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:15PM. Meeting adjourned.