

**PARK BOARD
CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE
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Wednesday, April 5, 2017
City Hall Council Chambers

MINUTES

Members Present: Terry Leasure and Saunie Hinton; Clerk Valerie Goeller

Visitors Present: Ron West, Tom Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Olson, and Don Sherman

Chairman Terry Leasure called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and introduced new Park Board Member, Saunie Hinton.

FOCP Report -

Larry Olson was present to represent the Friends of the Circleville Parks and reported the following:

- Community Action Day took place today. Several volunteers were at the MVCH Park who helped put in a drain tile in the far corner of the wooded area. Much of the evasive honeysuckle was removed. The Pickaway County Engineer provided a chipper. 25 trees have been marked with an "X" for removal. They are all Ash Trees and we plan to drop them and leave them.
- When will the sails be reinstalled on the playground equipment? Don Sherman explained the sales company shipped the wrong cables. They want us to pay to ship them back and in addition pay \$5,000 to do the work. We are currently trying to negotiate with them.
- The city had recently installed a new flag at the MVCH Park. For the city's information the FOCP have in their budget flag replacement twice a year.
- We have been working with Tanner of the CFD on getting a permit to burn off the Prairie Grass. It takes approximately 60 days to get the permit. With Tanner's assistance they are hoping it will be sooner, however, the window is quickly closing to do the burn off this year. They will complete it next year if the permit doesn't come through very soon. Mr. Roger Cook who did some of the mowing last year will also be helping again this year.
- As soon as the Roster for the 2017 Friends of the Circleville Parks is updated a copy will be forwarded to Valerie Goeller.

Approval of Minutes

Saunie Hinton motioned to approve the November, 2016 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Terry Leasure. All in favor, minutes approved.

Election of 2017 Officers

Saunie Hinton motioned to retain Terry Leasure as President, seconded by Terry Leasure. All in favor, motion carried.

Terry Leasure motioned to retain Kevin Keaton as Vice-President, seconded by Saunie Hinton. All in favor, motion carried.

Visitor Comments

Visitor Ron West was present to discuss his concern with President Scott Gaskin of Girls Softball. Mr. West informed the board that he had been banned from being a coach in the Girls Softball League. He has been coaching various leagues including girls' softball for many years. He has concerns how softball meeting are being conducted. They are not open to the public, meeting minutes are not being recorded, meeting notices are not publicized, and when he does announce a meeting he sends a text 15 minutes ahead of time. The meetings are always held in a different location. He has tried to attend and has been turned away numerous times. He suspects that funds are missing and the treasure of the board is not on the checks or the bank account, only Mr. Gaskin. They purchased a concession stand for \$5,000.00 and nothing is being done with it. Funds are being misused. Mr. Gaskin in his opinion is slandering him. He asked if the City Park Board could obtain the minutes and financials from Mr. Gaskin.

Don Sherman, Director of Public Service, informed Mr. West that the leagues are independent of this board. There is nothing the city can do to help you. Their Articles of Incorporation should be filed with the Secretary of State. It was highly suggested he contact the Secretary of State to express his concerns.

Mr. West stated I just want to have a meeting with Mr. Gaskin and I was told he would be here tonight. I thought we could discuss it here tonight.

Don Sherman replied this is not the forum for that.

Mr. West stated thank you for your time and I felt the city should be aware of what is going on.

Service Director's Report

- City Council passed an ordinance allowing us to sell the scrap metal that came from the small pool. It was passed on March 28th and we have to wait 30 days to sell it.
- Council has allocated \$100,000.00 in this year's budget for the first phase for the renovations to Ted Lewis Park. The next few years they will continue to budget \$100,000.00. The first phase will be the extension of the road that will loop around the park. The Local 18 Operating Engineers have approached us to do the road work. We will purchase the materials and they will do the labor of installing the road. This will be a training program for them. Moving the playground equipment to the far north east corner is also a part of phase one. I'm not sure that all of it will be complete this year.
- Park are being opened this week. Unfortunately, we have to hold off on mowing until closer to May. It is an unusual spring where the grass is growing so quickly.

New Business

- Terry Leasure asked if the fence with the two gates at Ted Lewis Park by the pool located on the Court Street side by the blacktop area could be removed. They look bad. Don Sherman will take a look at it.
- Saunie Hinton reported that soccer pays someone to mow around the goals and they pay to treat their fields. Ever since the Electric Company moved in next to Barthelmas Park the ground moles have become a real nuisance. Don Sherman noted that anytime topsoil is stripped, it will make the moles move.
- Nine request to waive fees for facility rentals. Saunie Hinton motioned to approve the requests, seconded by Terry Leasure. All in favor, motion carried. A brief discussion took place on what requirements should there be in permitting camping fees for the rentals. Councilman Tom Spring commented that you really need to look at what these organizations are doing to give back to the parks. He suggested reaching out to other communities to see what they do.
- The Alzheimer's Association requested to use a Pumpkin Show stage for their walk. They would like to place it in the parking lot and leave it there from Friday until Monday. They are requesting city employees to transport it to and from the MVCH Park. Their reservations are for Friday evening and Saturday morning. There is a separate rental Saturday afternoon. It was decided city employees would not be transporting the stage and the stage would need to be removed on Saturday by 3:00 p.m. The stage should be located in the parking lot near the pavilion.
- General Electric is holding a final farewell picnic for their employees. They are requesting to setup a large tent and wanted to know where overflow parking should park. Terry Leasure stated he had seen overflow parking on the eastside of the pavilion. Don Sherman will meet with them prior to the event to determine placement of the tent. A Certificate of Liability Insurance needs posted with the city for the tent.
- Don Sherman stated this Friday the Pickaway County Park and Trail Grant is due. We could be eligible for up to \$1,000 for a project or purchase. The City is suggesting either replacing some grills and pouring concrete pads a little further away from the structures than what they are currently located. We also could use several new metal framed picnic tables at Barthelmas Park. We have slowly been replacing the wood framed ones with commercial grade metal tables. This would complete the project. Saunie Hinton motioned to apply for the picnic table replacements, seconded by Terry Leasure. All in favor, motion carried.

Saunie Hinton motioned to adjourn, seconded by Terry Leasure. All in favor, meeting adjourned.