



Parks & Recreation - Minutes
Wednesday, May 02, 2012

Park Board
Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2012
City Administration Building

The meeting was called to order by President Terry Leasure at 4:04 PM.

Present were: Terry Leasure, Steve Tobin, John Ankrom, LeaDawn Scott, Dane Patterson, Larry Olson, Todd Brady, Chris Caudill and Becky Staresina.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2012 meeting by Steve Tobin. It was seconded by Terry Leasure. The motion carried.

LeaDawn Scott: Circleville Youth Baseball will be having an all day tournament on Saturday, May 5, 2012. They are requesting additional trash removal. They could use some extra Pumpkin Show boxes to hold tournament trash. During their last tournament, they used the boxes and piled trash by the maintenance shed for pick-up.

Terry Leasure suggested putting a dumpster at Barthelmas, but Dane Patterson said that tempts people to put all kinds of trash in it. The one at Ted Lewis is paid for by the YMCA. Dane said he just had it dumped because it was full.

Scott said she could use one metal can by each field and 2-3 Pumpkin Show boxes.

Patterson said he has a contract worker who is suppose to work 4 hours Saturday and 4 hours Sunday and his tasks include cleaning all the park restrooms and dumping trash cans. He is unsure how this weekend will be covered, but he is working on a solution.

Scott said last Saturday, Youth Baseball dumped trash and gathered it by the maintenance building, but Smallwood did not pick it up when she saw him at the park. Patterson discussed building a garbage receptacle by the maintenance building. Scott said stacking it there works for them.

Leasure commented that Little League has been good about cleaning up and he appreciates their efforts.

Scott mentioned that some tournament attendees complained to her about the lack of restroom doors at Barthelmas Park. They really prefer to have more privacy. Patterson commented that the materials would have to be durable and probably chained down. Scott asked if someone donated doors, could they be installed? Patterson said they couldn't be made out of wood and would have to be stainless so no is the answer at this time.

Scott shared that the bird spikes in the Eric Clark Memorial Shelter are not working. The birds are just landing on the spikes. Little League power washed the shelter and the next

day, the birds had made a mess of it. Someone suggested chicken wire on the ceilings. Chris Caudill said they used black nylon mesh in their shelters at DuPont and that has worked. There is an issue with the door on the concession stand where someone tried to break in. The crew mentioned trying to anchor the latch hatch to Scott. Patterson said he would check with his guys to find out what is going on. Scott said their season will be kicking off this weekend on Saturday. Games start at 9:30 A.M. and night games start at 7:30 P.M. They will be using the lights and everyone is invited to the games.

Larry Olson's Report: OCU Volunteer Day was successful and they cleaned up a lot of brush utilizing four-wheelers to drag it out of the trail area. They also laid down 24 tons of gravel.

Olson shared a drawing of the Adult Exercise Equipment that Susan Strawser is working on through Berger Hospital. The equipment's rep wants to meet with John Ankrom, Dane Patterson and Steve Tobin at MVCH Park to discuss the equipment and installation. They will want to discuss the ground preparation too. Berger will be paying for everything. Ankrom asked Olson about Ace Elsea's project. So far the area has been sub graded and a load of gravel dropped off.

John Ankrom's Report: On April 28, 2012, there were 24 Circleville NHS kids who volunteered at Ted Lewis Park. They worked with Dave Canan on repairing the Skate Park structures and painting them. They also helped power wash 2 of the shelter houses. Ankrom indicated that Patterson and his crew worked on the mound between MVCH Park and Tim Housh's home. They added top soil, seed and straw to the mound and Housh seemed pleased with their efforts.

Ankrom spoke to Ted and Nancy Brown and they didn't have any issues. He did not go into the field usage conversation that day.

Ankrom indicated that the Circleville Girls tournament is scheduled at Ted Lewis on May 12th, the same time as the TOSRV. Olson offered the OCU diamonds as an alternate location for the tournament and said they have new dug-outs. Ankrom was going to check with Dave Truex to see if an alternate location is possible.

Dane Patterson's Report: The break in the Splash Pad line has been found and fixed. It affected a 3' x 6' area. They will use RV antifreeze in the lines each year to avoid this problem.

They dumped gravel at the parking lot at MVCH Park and repaired some of the playground equipment.

Olson asked Patterson to ask mowing company not to mow over tree shoots along 188. He wants to try and get shoots from roots to grow for replanting.

The drinking fountain at MVCH Park is operational for season again.

His crew power washed the pool today and will paint it tomorrow. Ankrom interjected that the pool lease has been signed and delivered. The pool is scheduled to open June 1 pending approval from the Health Department once the chemicals are added.

Mark Massie has mowing under control now. The Easter egg hunt and the early growing season affected the mowing at Ted Lewis. It took several mowings before it was caught up. Massie has mowed once a week since the egg hunt.

Patterson's crew took 9 of the new tables to Barthelmas Park. There are 7 or 8 left to replace. The County Parks want to take our old tables. Patterson also said they removed the telephone poles that were used by the soccer field parking area from Barthelmas Park.

Dennis Lester with the Soldiers Monumental Association said the Vietnam Monument at Ted Lewis Park has been deeded to them. They want to have a mason do some repairs to it and they want to put up a permanent fence around it. Leasure said it is a great organization and one can support it by buying commemorative bricks for \$100 each.

Leasure also expressed his appreciation to Dane and his crew for getting the parks ready for the season.

Patterson said Beth Starkey Hill spoke to him about a heat system in Starkey Pavilion. The insert was not going to be the quick fix we hoped for since it still requires the extension of the chimney. Leasure interjected that he thinks it should be fitted with electric logs to reduce liability. Olson maintained that he prefers it to remain wood burning. Patterson said he will try to get quotes for radiant tube heaters and overhead heaters. Starkey Hill asked that he get prices so she can take the quotes to Sunrise Rotary to ask for funding help. The overhead unit could be tucked up in the back corner and not affect the aesthetics of the Pavilion. Caudill said he has one in his insulated 60 x 25 x 14 pole barn and it heats the space fast and hot. Hurst Pack will meet Dane at the Pavilion so he can get some quotes together.

Becky Staesina's Report: The Realtor's are conducting a volunteer day on June 6, 2012 and are looking for projects. Please let Becky know if there are any park projects they can assist with that day.

I received a request from an Eagle member seeking recognition at MVCH Park for a past donation. Olson interjected that he is researching this and has found a record of the donation, but is not yet sure how the money was used.

Atwater Elementary School is seeking the usage of the shelters at Ted Lewis Park on May 24 & May 25 for free. Leasure said that is fine and Tobin agreed. They said it is okay to let other schools use the open shelters for year end picnics for free. This does not apply to Starkey Pavilion.

Steve Tobin's Report: Apologized for missing the last meeting due to a scheduling conflict. Said he met with the Hardesty Brothers and they are fine with getting the wood from MVCH Park after Dane's crew removes it from the trail.

Terry Leasure's Report: Leasure received a complaint about the lack of handicap parking at Ted Lewis Park. There's none around the ball diamonds. He'd like to see 4 spaces around shelter 2 assigned for handicap parking during the playing season. He thought temporary signage might work, but Caudill said the same need would exist for Girls Softball. He suggested rethinking removing the signs if we elect to put some up.

Guest Chris Caudill's Report: He expressed thanks to the Service Team for their help with the diamond project. He went into the project hoping not to create extra work for the city, but appreciated the seeding, bank and parking lot improvements and benches. Ankrom thanked Caudill for all his effort with the project. Leasure commented that he initially thought the diamond was too big so he and Ankrom went out to view it. Caudill said the Pee Wee Football end zone is 5 feet from the diamond.

Caudill has dimensions and drawings of the revised electrical plan that he needs to get to us. Patterson said AEP put a light up in the back parking lot.

Ankrom said they will pin the field to make striping easier. Clark's office is expected to do it. Patterson suggested using axels. He thought we'd need 6 of them.

Leasure expressed thanks to Chris Caudill for his ball diamond work. He also thanked Ankrom, Staesina, Patterson, Scott and Olson for their support.

Ankrom said the 2013 budget is expected to be the same as 2012 for Parks.

Todd Brady's Comments: He would like to propose a park levy the election cycle after the Presidential election. He thinks we should request a 10-year levy, not a permanent one. Brady said he'd want to work out the details at the Park Board meetings before taking it to Council. He had Staesina pull the ordinance and levy introduced a few years ago for comparison sake.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Terry Leasure motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 P.M.