



**Parks & Recreation - Minutes
Wednesday, June 06, 2012**

Park Board
Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2012
City Administration Building

President Terry Leasure called the meeting to order at 4:06PM
Present were: Terry Leasure, Steve Tobin, Larry Olson, LeaDawn Scott, John Ankrom, Becky Staesina and visitor Josh Ford.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2012 meeting by Steve Tobin. It was seconded by Terry Leasure. The motion carried.

LeaDawn Scott: Next week ends their regular season. They will have a fish fry at Barthelmas Park on June 30. Games will be played from 10AM-8PM that day. The rain date is July 1, 2012. The Roundtown Classic will be July 20, 21 and 22.

Scott mentioned the Eric Clark Memorial Shelter still has a problem with bird droppings. John Ankrom said he is working on getting the truss drawings to see if a ceiling can be installed to mitigate problem.

Scott said that handicap access to the fields is a problem. During a recent game, she counted seven cars going in and out of the emergency vehicle only access route. They drive right around it. Is it possible to close off that area more? Leasure said if that doesn't work; the situation might need addressed with Police. She also has an issue with people walking through the field 2 outfield to access field 1. She is concerned someone is going to be injured. It was asked if any fencing remained from the Circleville High School project. If so, it could be used as fencing around the field. Leasure said there are posts standing at Ted Lewis that could be used for the Barthelmas project. Scott said all of the fencing at Barthelmas needs attention, but field 3 is the worst. Ankrom mentioned that Barthelmas Park is a multi-use park and we need to keep that in mind. Leasure suggested using temporary fencing in season to discourage the shortcut through the outfield.

Leasure mentioned that clean-up around diamond one and two is not too good this year. Scott thought it was because they do not have enough trashcans. She said they need two cans per field with one located on the home side and one on the visitor's side. If that is not possible, can they have the trash pick-up schedule altered. Their games are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday so trash pick-up on Friday and Monday doesn't help

them much. Wednesday pick-up would be preferable.

Dane Patterson had mentioned that a maintenance worker saw lights on at Barthelmas Park on May 12, 2012 at 6PM.

Scott said she checked their schedule and they did not have any games that night. She said Seyfang had to do some maintenance to the lights and maybe that is why they were on. She said they only have one night game a week and usually turn lights on around 8PM.

Larry Olson's Report: The new sign at MVCH Park is going up. The cap was poured at the corner and the granite sign will be set soon.

He asked the Park Board for permission to get estimates to get the fireplace operable in Starkey Pavilion. Tobin and Leasure gave him the okay to pursue an estimate.

Olson asked if there is a formal inspection process for playgrounds. Ankrom said the city has no formal inspection, but the state may have licensed inspectors. Olson asked if the Foundation would be able to hire a licensed inspector. The Park Board is okay with that. Leasure said he would like to know if the State of Ohio has any rules regarding this.

The trail has two coats of seal coating down and looks good.

Olson provided an update on the Adult Exercise Equipment. Berger is paying for it. He said they have some estimates and are shifting funds around to get the additional \$1,500 needed for site work.

Ankrom said the city would provide labor, grading and sidewalk.

Two trees are 2 feet high and are marked off so they won't be mowed. He hopes they will survive. One of the transplanted trees around the water fountain did not make it.

John Ankrom's Report: Mike Logan suggested opening the old road at Ted Lewis Park. He thinks it could provide more parking and stop undesirables from gathering. Ankrom is against it. Leasure said it would be in foul ball territory. Everyone is concerned about safety.

Becky Staesina's Report: The next scheduled meeting falls on July 4 and we need to determine whether to reschedule or postpone until August. Tobin and Leasure agreed to postpone until August.

She shared a thank you letter from the Pickaway County Foundation.

There was a fire at Shelter 1 at MVCH Park that damaged a picnic table. Dane Patterson's crew removed the damaged table. He thought two tables were plenty for the space. Olson said that was okay with him. That same weekend, a group rented Starkey Pavilion. The Security Team reported damage to a chair, food down wall and group exceeding rental period. The renter made an unfavorable report about the Security Team. Olson asked if we kept their deposit and Staesina said we did charge them a portion of it.

Staesina reported that Jim Edman had an uncomfortable encounter with some folks who attended the Circleville Headstart's end of the year picnic in the Starkey Pavilion. They were smoking and he pointed out it was a non-smoking park. They ignored the ordinance and had some unkind remarks. Olson suggested additional non-smoking signage. Leasure suggested having CGTV run a reminder that all city parks are non-smoking zones.

Olson added that the Splash pad attracts a lot of trash. The security team also finds lots of clothes and shoes. Leasure suggested adding a lost and found box. Olson said they might be able to add one to the Splash Pad's pump house.

Soldiers Monumental submitted a Park Improvement Permit. The zoning has already been approved. Permit needs signed by Park Board Member.

The Building Permit for the Information Station at MVCH has been approved and a copy will be in the Parks & Recreation files if anyone needs to see it.

The Realtor Day in the park scheduled June 6, 2012 was cancelled. They decided to pursue an alternate community project.

The YMCA will be hosting Fridays in the Park at Ted Lewis Park from June 15 through August 3 this year. The events are from 9:30AM – 11:30AM with a free lunch afterwards. The Mayor is considering conducting a Mayor's Cup golf fundraising like Chillicothe hosts. The money can be earmarked for Capital Improvements. Please be thinking about projects that might benefit from this.

Staresina asked Olson if the FOTCP had determined how the funds from the Eagles were used so recognition could be given. Olson hopes Bob Sneed has a report at Monday's FOTCP meeting. Rick Jacobs with the Eagles is interested in getting recognition for the Eagles and suggested contacting them through a letter with a request for funds for other projects.

Steve Tobin's Report: He looked at area for the Adult Exercise Equipment. He has a conflict and will be unable to attend the FOTCP meeting on June 11.

Terry Leasure's Report: Leasure said there is a free lunch program offered by the YMCA at Ted Lewis Park from 11:30AM-12:30PM. Lunch is offered to kids 18 and under. They are down to one working fridge. Leasure told them they could use one in their concession area. He asked if anyone has an extra operational fridge to replace the non-functioning one.

He also complained about the bird droppings in shelter 1. He said we need to find a solution to that ongoing problem. The area needs power washed again and the writing on the back wall needs cleaned up too. He said trash is everywhere even though there are trashcans available. He has his kids clean up the playground area and they find all kinds of nasty items. He assumes the activity is happening at night. He asked if there is any way to fence the hillside off to prevent access to the creek. We should ask Chief Gray to increase patrols of the park, especially during the summer.

Ankrom mentioned that the mushroom feature in the pool is down. The pump is broken and is being repaired.

Leasure said the new maintenance person asked about the lack of doors in the restrooms and he told them they get tore off.

Leasure recapped the handicap parking, trash and shelter issue at Barthelmas Park. He also said someone asked him about the mowing. Patterson asked the mowing crew to avoid mowing the ditch until the reseeding takes root.

Leasure would like to address an ordinance to retain the park shelter rental funds for the parks. Ankrom suggested mentioning it to the Service Committee. Todd Brady is the Chair of the Service Committee so we should ask him to propose an informal discussion about the

topic. Leasure and Tobin agreed they would speak to the Committee.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Ankrom mentioned there would be a recreational trail connecting OCU and the YMCA through the new school campus. They may need to erect two bridges. Grant dollars are being sought in 2013. One is an ODOT grant and the other is an ODNR grant. The ODOT grant is greater, but has greater restrictions. The county park board is pushing the issue. The Majority of the trail would be in Circleville city limits. Ankrom said we need to decide who would be responsible for the long-term maintenance of the trail.

Terry Leasure motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:10PM. Steve Tobin seconded. Meeting adjourned.