

**Park Board
Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2015
City Administration Building**

Terry Leasure called meeting to order at 4:00P.M.

Present were Terry Leasure, Steve Tobin, Kevin Keaton, Larry Olson, John Ankrom, Chris Caudill, Scott Gaskin, Dane Patterson and Becky Staresina

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 2015 meeting by Kevin Keaton. It was seconded by Steve Tobin. All in favor. The motion carried.

Tami Clark: Not Present, but she wanted to let the Board know that a drug needle was found at Barthelmas Park and the police called to pick it up.

Chris Caudill: He said Dave Truex provided him with the keys to the storage area in Shelter #1. **Need to have Chris sign key card.

Scott Gaskin: Scott has concerns about not having enough playing space in the proposed new Master Plans at Ted Lewis Park. Girls Softball was hoping for a cloverleaf design with 4 fields. John Ankrom stated that if the city removes fields at Ted Lewis Park, they would like to place them at Barthelmas Park. The city would like to buy the property adjacent to Barthelmas Park so that the softball fields could be added to the existing fields. Would like to add concessions and restrooms. The city would have to acquire the 20 acres and we would need to approach City Council again. Chris Caudill added that softball can make money. Kevin Keaton asked how far in the future the city is considering this. Ankrom responded the city is trying to sell some properties and then maybe we can acquire property from Rhoads. Caudill added that the property has a crown. Ankrom indicated that AEP will be using the property for the next two years. Ankrom reiterated that the city won't remove any feature from Ted Lewis Park without having a replacement option.

Gaskin asked if the lights would be removed from Ted Lewis Park and placed at Barthelmas. Ankrom responded that the lights would be kept at Ted Lewis Park. Gaskin indicated that Girls Softball would have a need for lighting if the fields were moved to Barthelmas Park.

Larry Olson's Report: The Beautification Committee needs help and could use volunteers during the July 12-16 Gospel Road Service Camp. Terry Leasure interjected that he is looking for projects for his kids. He has 7 kids through August. Olson will ask the beautification committee if they need the work done immediately or can wait until July.

Olson questioned procedure for posting event notices at the parks. Ankrom stated that there is no zoning procedure for posting signs advertising events at the park. He indicated that they there should be a standard procedure for all parks.

Terry Leasure proposed that following:

Signs can be placed 45 days in advance of an event.

Signs must be removed 3 days after event.

The maximum allowed sign size is 3' x 5'.

Maximum number of signs per park is 2.

Entity must apply for a temporary sign permit through the Service Department, which is a free permit.

Kevin Keaton seconded, all in favor. The motion passed.

Olson stated that the FOTCP Beautification Committee is wearing out. They've asked if the FOTCP can hire a person for 40 hours a month beginning in May to do the gardening at MVCH Park. They would request the funds from the Foundation to pay for this. Ankrom suggested they recruit new volunteers rather than set that precedent. Dane Patterson added that the TANF kids do weed eating during the summer months, but they don't begin until June.

The Rotary Garden needs cared for. Rotary needs to have members care for the garden.

Olson indicated that he has the necessary paperwork for the Duck Race, but forgot to bring it to this meeting.

Olson has a special request to make regarding mowing. Mrs. Adkins lives off Pontius in white house. She has asked that the grassland management area be mowed back a bit. The area was expanded this year and it is blocking her view. Dane agreed to cut the corner off with the mower to remedy the situation.

John Ankrom's Report: The city would like to relocate the pool shelter roof from Ted Lewis Park to Garden City Park. Ankrom would like to pour a slab and place a picnic table under it. Seeking approval from this Board. Terry Leasure motioned to approve this. Steve Tobin seconded. All in favor, the motion carried.

The city was approved to receive \$1,000 in grant money from the Pickaway County Park District to contribute to the signage plan at MVCH Park. The Foundation on behalf of the FOTCP was also awarded \$1,000 in grant money for this endeavor.

The Splash pad parking lot was paved and marked last month. Olson added that it looks great. He also commented on the addition of the sidewalks from the Splash pad to the Pavilion and the Pavilion to the Parking lot. He stated it was a job well done.

Ankrom stated that there are 11 acres across from MVCH between Red Barn and the subdivision that will become an assisted living facility. When that happens, the walking path will be extended. The city will want to improve the connection from Pontius to SR 188. We hope to install a "T" intersection in 2016. The walking trail at MVCH Park would change configuration when that occurs. Any signage should avoid having the tenth miles noted since that will change when the intersection is adjusted.

Ankrom also stated that the drainage at the Dog Park has been completed and the path to the observation deck changed. Patterson stated that they put a big French drain in, which is higher than the wetland area.

Ankrom explained that as a result of the Ted Lewis Park Master Plan meetings, 3 proposed designs have been prepared. Next Wednesday, June 10th at 7PM during the Long Range Strategic Planning meeting, the plans will be discussed. One scheme is simple and removes a lot of existing features. Another scheme keeps everything and the third scheme is a hybrid of the two. Keaton asked if all three proposals open the road around the park. Ankrom stated that all three have a road around the park and all feature some kind of hiking/walking trail. If a pool goes in, it will be a new pool.

Circleville First Baptist Church will be volunteering next week at Ted Lewis Park from noon – 4PM or 5PM each day.

Ankrom would like to propose placing a Little Free Library at MVCH Park near the playground or splash pad. Leasure stated he's seen one in Ashville. Ankrom indicated that his wife has volunteered to maintain it. Terry Leasure motioned to approve. Kevin Keaton seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Dane Patterson's Report: Dane asked if there have been any reported problems with the Pavilion. Leasure mentioned that someone called him and asked for extra tables in the Pavilion. At this time, no additional tables will be placed. Steve Tobin added that back in April during the Easter Egg hunt and festivities, the power went out in the

Pavilion. Patterson indicated that the circuits are getting overloaded and are tripping the GFI's and breakers. He suggested putting a sign up telling people to reset the GFI's if they trip. **Becky needs to make sign.

Olson asked Patterson to place a corn broom in the supply closet. **Remind Dane to do this.

Patterson mentioned the trash collection timeline. They run the trash route through the parks on Friday and on Monday. They hope the cans can make it until Monday. If a dumpster would be placed at MVCH, it would need to be lockable to prevent critters from getting into it. There are critter-proof dumpsters available.

Becky Staresina's Report: The 2015 Mayor's Cup raised approximately \$7,800 after expenses. The money is earmarked for the Ted Lewis Renovation, but a specific project hasn't been designated.

Fridays in the Park at Ted Lewis Park resume on Friday, June 12, 2015. Please spread the word.

Park Permit for Shelter Roof needs signed. All Board members signed it.

As mentioned earlier, there will be a volunteer service camp the week of July 12-16, 2015. We are seeking projects to submit to them. They are interested in park projects and community projects. Kids are in the 9th-12th grade.

Tina Hayes contacted me and she and her three high school age children would like to volunteer. The suggestion was to invite them to be part of the Beautification Team of the FOTCP. **E-mailed Tina with this info on 6/5/15.

Kevin Keaton's Report: Lighthouse Church is not interested in using the existing diamond located at Court Street behind McDonalds.

Keaton asked what's up with the Everts School purchase. Ankrom stated that the main educational building is being considered for housing. Woda should know if that is achievable in August 2015. The gym would be a separate facility. The city wants to maintain the gym as a private endeavor, which is open to the community. Interested parties will need to supply a solid plan for the use of the gym and vocational buildings. City Council does not want to be a property owner. At this point a few churches have looked at it.

Keaton stated that OCU uses the Circleville gyms all the time. It would be nice to have that gym available for them and for the Circleville City Schools. He sees a need for the gym to be open to the community.

Keaton asked if the connector project is still on. Ankrom stated that the connector to Taco Bell is still on and is estimated to begin in April 2016.

Steve Tobin's Report: Tobin reported that the Pavilion lost power during Easter Egg hunt and celebration.

He does not think he can attend Monday's FOTCP meeting due to another commitment.

Terry Leasure's Report: Leasure said there are weeds growing up the tree at Ted Lewis Park, which is by shelter #2 that need removed.

There are also bushes in the pool area by the driveway side that he would like removed. Ankrom and Patterson said they are going to remove them after the pool closes. Patterson added that the pool has been stabilized for the season opening.

Leasure stated that people have been driving to the back diamonds at Barthelmas Park. He saw 12 cars parked back there. He said many did not even have handicap stickers. He is concerned about the safety of kids with people driving on undesignated areas. He suggested a guardrail on the right-side of the diamond on the hill. It could be located from the emergency exit to the field, by diamond #4.

Patterson stated he will handle it by putting up some fence posts and chain. He also stated that if the home run fence is moved, he could run fence by there.

Keaton suggested that Youth Baseball needs to set-up a shuttle from the parking lot to the back fields.

Caudill stated that Youth Baseball should consider increasing their insurance to cover any parking issues.

Leasure suggested adding a walking path to the back diamond for handicap carts. Patterson said that would require a smooth, hard surface. They thought a 5'-6' paved trail is wheelchair accessible would be helpful. Leasure also suggested keeping things as is, but add a parking lot near diamond 3.

Patterson asked Leasure if he was special duty. Patterson thought a uniformed officer would discourage bad behavior. Leasure thought a uniformed officer would cost \$30 per hour.

Leasure added that a port-a-jon was never placed in the back by the far diamonds as discussed during the last Park Board meeting. Need to check with Tami Clark on what happened. **Contacted Tami Clark and no port-a-jon will be placed back there.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS: