

**Park Board
Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2014
City Administration Building**

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

Present were Terry Leasure, Beth Mason, Larry Olson, John Ankrom, Kevin Keaton, Josh Ford and Becky Staesina

Approval of Minutes: It was noted that the notes from the September meeting were sparse due to a personnel change. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September meeting by Kevin Keaton. It was seconded by Terry Leasure. All in favor. The motion carried.

Beth Mason: The Youth Baseball Board does not want to place the batting cage at the top of the hill as the Park Board suggested. They want to place it between diamonds 2 & 3, closer to SR56. Leasure said no, that would be too close to SR56. Mason said the batting cage has a net so it should not be a problem. Keaton suggested placing it at the top of the hill, near the pole barn. Mason said they want it in an area where everyone is.

Leasure suggested the left side of diamond 5 towards Winner's backyard.

Leasure asked if the batting cage would be up all year and Mason said the cage would remain, but the net would be removed when the season concluded. Mason said the fence will be up around field 3. The Board thought placing it in the right field line of diamond 3 might work. Ankrom instructed Mason to stake it so everyone could look at it. They would also need to get permits from the city before beginning work.

Keaton said the New Hope School Junior High Baseball needs space for 15 games. The High School now has its own fields and will not need to use the ones at Barthelmas. New Hope will play baseball by Junior High rules. They plan to build a field in the future. They contacted Midstate League and Keaton. Mason said she will take the request to her Board. Keaton told the contact, T.D. Hicks, that they would need to care for the fields they used, if approved. Mason said diamond 5 would probably be available for them, but she would let him know after the Youth Baseball Meeting.

Larry Olson's Report: Gravel was delivered November 3, 2014.

300 bags of mulch have been delivered to the Park. The Beautification Committee is unable to spread the mulch due to health issues. Need assistance in spreading 5 bags per tree along the SR 188 side of the park.

Olson asked if Leasure had anyone that could help. Leasure indicated that he did not at this time, but suggested we contact the city's probation officers to see if they had anyone needing to perform community service hours. Ankrom also suggested contacting Sheriff Radcliff about offenders needing community service hours. Staesina indicated she would contact Jason McGowan and Sheriff Radcliff and let Larry know the outcome.

Olson indicated that the FOTCP security team will curtail patrols and gate closing at the end of November. Staesina stated she'd contact Chief Gray to request that his patrol officers resume doing it during the winter months. **(Contacted Chief Gray 11/7/14 and he said they would take care of it.)**

Josh Ford's Report: Josh requested that the Board start thinking about activities for the Spring Community Action Day in April.

He also requested that Staesina check with Circleville City Probation about cleaning up Ted Lewis Park.

John Ankrom's Report: Discussed Pumpkin Show Parking and the fees charged. Leasure indicated that Pee Wee Football continued to charge \$5.00. Ankrom stated he had a report that \$15 was charged, but later found out that it was \$10. Leasure said he thought Girls Softball and Youth Baseball charged \$10, which was allowed per the agreement.

Ankrom asked Leasure about the chains on the posts to prevent people driving on the fields. Leasure stated some have been missing for a while, but he noticed they were replaced, which is good.

Shared the Splash Pad water usage numbers. The total dollar amount for the 2014 season was \$22,611.83. That was up from the 2013 season of \$17,686.10, but the operation hours were extended an hour in 2014. The 2013 operation hours were 12p-6p and the 2014 operation hours were 12p-7p. Keaton asked if the hours needed altered again and Ankrom responded we were able to pay the bills this year. Keaton added that people are out there waiting for the water to be turned on during the summer.

Discussed the MVCH Park drainage issue in the Dog Park. The wetlands area has been cut down. Will need to do ditching work and possibly tile work. The city will pick up the ditching work costs. If tile work needs done, we may have to ask the Dog Park Committee or the FOTCP for funds. Olson added that he'd need to know by the end of December if funds are needed for his budgeting needs since the money will not be allocated otherwise.

Ankrom shared that the Ted Lewis Master Plan will be discussed at the December 10th Long Range Committee Meeting. He suggested that the Board Members might want to attend the meeting, which begins at 7PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The Board Members and Ford asked that Staresina send a reminder about the meeting.

Keaton asked if the long range plan includes removing the pool and installing a new football field.

Leasure added that the playground needs to be moved where the tennis courts are located. Discussed putting the basketball courts where the existing playground equipment is located. Ankrom mentioned the possibility of exposing Hargus Creek and making it a park feature and possibly installing a splash pad. Ford asked about the expenses to operate, but Ankrom indicated it would be less expensive than the current pool. Olson suggested a new shelter. All agreed that the road should be open around the park to improve safety. It was mentioned that the skate park would be removed. Ankrom indicated that 3 firms will be asked to submit master plan proposals for the park.

Ankrom mentioned that the shelter house at Smith Park got a new roof. He mentioned that the shelter's ceiling, trim and poles need painted, which would be a good community service job.

Tom Davis will now spearhead the Pickaway County Park District and he has an office in the city administration building.

Becky Staresina's Report: I see that this was on the last agenda, but I cannot find the outcome so I will ask again. Rotary wants fees waived for a fundraiser at Starkey Pavilion on 4/22/14 from 4p-9p. Leasure moved to approve and Keaton seconded. Motion passed.

Staresina shared shelter rental income generated to date. Through the end of October, \$12,250.00 has been generated in 2014 with two months remaining. The total for 2013 was \$14,210.00 for the entire year. The total for 2011 was \$11,895.00.

A citizen would like to donate up to 10 flowers made from Logan Clay to Mary Virginia Crites Hannan Park. They are 3' tall and 18" across at widest point. Concerns voiced about potential vandalism and water collection to mosquito breeding. Olson mentioned the objections he'll likely hear from the FOTCP which are they are unnatural and do not fit the natural décor; they may collect water and create a mosquito habitat.

Keaton indicated that we appreciate donations, but would determine where to place the flowers. Both Leasure and Keaton said Staresina should contact the donor and let her know we appreciate her donation, but the city will determine what to do with it.

The DBA is seeking donations of Christmas decorations, lights, artificial trees, etc. DBA President Sue Lumley is the contact and will pick donations up.

Restrooms are closing effective November 3, 2014 at Barthelmas and Ted Lewis Park. The Splashpad restroom will remain open, but the Starkey restroom will close unless an event is scheduled.

Staresina asked the Board to consider projects for the 2015 Mayor's Cup proceeds. Leasure, Keaton and Ankrom all agreed that proceeds should be used for Ted Lewis Improvements as outlined in the upcoming master plan.

Had a request to alter rental time period and needed approval. There are no rentals scheduled before or after it. Both Keaton and Leasure okayed the one-time request.

Staresina received a request to park cars at Ted Lewis Park by a gymnastics team from the YMCA. The Board indicated that there are no openings. All dates are committed to Youth Leagues. Need to contact the requestor and let her know that the request is denied.

The winter meeting schedule was discussed. The Board decided to resume meetings in February 2015. There will be no December or January meeting.

Kevin Keaton's Report: Keaton wants to explore interest in doing fireworks at the Fairgrounds. This was discussed a few years ago, but had to be delayed. He remembers watching them there as a kid and wants to bring them back to Circleville so citizens don't have to travel out of town to see them. They would be after the fair and be shot from the track so there would be plenty of places to view them. Leasure indicated his willingness to help. He suggested contacting the local civic clubs for sponsorship since they have to donate the money they earn from the rip off tickets they sell. It was suggested to include AMVETS and the Color guard and to make it a patriotic celebration. Keaton asked if the city would be able to help and Ankrom indicated he could take the request to committee. Keaton thought the cost was between \$8,000-\$10,000. It depended on the length and type of program. There was general interest in seeing something like this in Circleville. There was concern about the horses at the Fairgrounds and how they would react.

Staresina still has all the materials collected from the initial inquiry.

Steve Tobin's Report: Not present

Terry Leasure's Report: Leasure mentioned that Park assignments were changed. Keaton is now responsible for Barthelmas Park and Leasure for Ted Lewis Park. Tobin remains the contact for MVCH Park and all of them oversee Smith Park and Garden City Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS:

Meeting Adjourned: 5:15PM