Park Board
Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2014
City Administration Building

Terry Leasure called meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

Present were Terry Leasure, John Ankrom, Larry Olson, Beth Mason, Dane Patterson, Josh Ford, Becky Staresina and guest Jill Allen.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 2014 meeting by Terry Leasure. It was seconded by John Ankrom. All in favor. The motion carried.

Beth Mason: All the concrete slabs are poured for dugouts 3 & 4. New fence is up. There is a concrete piece that needs finished on diamond 4. Detillion Fence did the fence work. Electrical conduit is in the dugout for the scoreboard.

Beth is the acting president. Mark Klienbriel had to step down, but will remain a coach and will still help out. Youth Baseball has a Board meeting tomorrow and hope to vote on a new President. Tammy Clark may run as the next President.

The Eric Clark Tournament is scheduled the last weekend of April. Their regular season starts the first Saturday of May. There are 20 teams from Circleville and Kingston is bringing 8 teams. Kingston teams paid Youth Baseball $25 per child and will participant in the annual Fish Fry.

Field Day is schedule April 14th and they will clean the concession area and work on preparing Barthelmas for the season.

**Beth requested some Pumpkin Show boxes and toilet paper so she has extras and needs those by the end of April.

Jill Allen: She wants to form a group to get rid of the undesirables that are hanging out at Ted Lewis Park. She's experienced some issues with her grandchildren and some bad elements at the park. She wants to have someone patrol the park for two hours a day. She wants the kids to be safe. She has spoken to Chief Gray and Shawn Baer and they offered to help.

Terry Leasure instructed her not to approach the kids directly, but to call the authorities when they see unlawful actions. He's personally seen groups of kids come up from the ditch after doing who knows what. He takes his juveniles down to the park to clean the area up several days a week. He suggested she get as many retired law enforcement people involved as she can.

Allen asked if the group could plant flowers and paint the swings. She also asked about replacing swing seats. Approval was given to plant flowers and paint, but equipment replacement must be left up to the city.

Leasure indicated that Josh Ford also watches over the park. Allen has 6 volunteers lined up so far (3 men & 3 women)

* Leasure told her about the food program that is offered during the summers. Will this still be offered now that Fridays in the Park have been cancelled?

Dane Patterson suggested that all the volunteers have bright shirts or vests that say Ted Lewis Park Security in big letters. Larry Olson added that the FOTCP provides a list of their security volunteers to the police department.

Everyone should have a cell phone on them. Leasure suggested getting police radios if they have extras available. Someone suggested contacting Pumpkin Show about availability of their security vests.

Josh Ford's Report: Everything is ready for the April 16th Community Action Day projects at Ted Lewis Park. I provided list of projects to the OCU project coordinator. There are 2 dugouts that need painted, the railings need painted black, trash will be picked up, tables will be power washed and rolled, posts on the concession stand need painted oxford brown. There is no paint available for the concession stand so that may need to move to the bottom of the list.

Ford added that OCU will do a fall Community Action Day too. May want to plan ahead to do projects at Smith Park and Watt Street Memorial Park.

He is still waiting on his church to approve a clean-up day at Ted Lewis Park.

Dane Patterson: There is a water leak at the Soldiers Monument. The YMCA has a new Aquatics Director this year.

Bathroom cleaning by Steve Helber will resume on Monday, April 7th.

Gayle Spangler is working on options for under the playground equipment and buffer areas. She is also working on a playground equipment grant.

The city has a big finish mower, but it is hard to get it into the corners of the Dog Park. He's ask J.D. Molle for an estimate to do that, along with his other mowing.

Patterson indicated that his crew just stated working on parks. They will need to work on the pool to. They have no overtime dollars or capital money available. He hopes to have all restrooms open by the end of the week, if all goes planned. Hoping to install new toilet paper dispensers at other parks as was installed last year at Ted Lewis Park. The larger rolls seem to be more cost efficient.

Larry Olson's Report: During Community Action Day, he needs a skid loader and operator available. Patterson indicated that would be possible. Olson also asked Dane about ordering $600 worth of gravel and have it available on Community Action Day. Patterson said he is limited on how he can get the gravel back to the trail now that the Dog Park is constructed. He cannot drive equipment over the trail so he has to hope it dries out enough to get it back there. Olson will have a tractor and dump trailer available that days. He needs #57 crushed and cleaned gravel.

Olson addressed the mowing situation at MVCH Park and supplied Patterson with a map of what needs cut now. It needs mowed to be 8-10" tall. Patterson said they have a 6' bush hog that they will use. Olson said he has $250 available for fuel, if that helps. Olson added that mowing needs to say 30' off the water in the wetland area. This area needs mowed twice a year. Patterson will look at mowing area tomorrow to determine course of action.

Beth Starkey-Hill reported damage to the shelter adjacent to the Dog Park.

Olson indicated that they would like to power wash the deck at the MVCH Observation Deck and asked Patterson if one was available. Patterson replied he has two, but the better one will already be in use at Ted Lewis Park. The larger one is unreliable. Beth Mason offered Olson the use of their gas operated power washer. Olson thought he might be able to secure one from another source, but will keep Mason's in mind. She said she also has 200' of hose.

John Ankrom's Report: Andrew Hill wants to do Eagle Scout landscape project at Don Hill Parkway. Olson was aware of this and will send proposal to the Park Board, if it comes to him first. The FOTCP must approve landscaping materials before planting.

Ankrom indicated that some folks thought opening the Splash Pad at 1PM was too late since some folks come to enjoy the area for lunch. Leasure suggested changing the start time to noon then. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that the new hours would be noon – 7PM.

Ankrom asked Olson if his security detail had resumed opening and closing the gate at MVCH Park. Olson indicated they resumed that duty as of April 1st.

The Kiwanis Club asked that the grass not be mowed at Ted Lewis Park for their Easter egg hunt on April 19th. The area around the softball fields have been mowed and will be maintained. The area towards the football concession area and flag pole will be remain unmowed, unless it becomes unsightly.

Becky Staresina's Report: Reminder that the Mayor's Cup is May 16th. We're still looking for players, hole sponsors and donors. Please spread the word.

The Information Station Dedication is scheduled for May 24, 2014 at 11AM. Staresina shared a draft of a potential panel for the station. The Circleville High School Alumni Association have agreed to provide one of their 3 panels to the city. The group okayed the sample, which can be shared with the designer.

Child Abuse Prevention Month is in April and the flag raising will be at 10AM. Everyone is invited. Nick Tatman has also asked to put signs up at Barthelmas Park and Ted Lewis Park.

Sunrise Rotary has requested complimentary use of the Pavilion on Tuesday, May 20th for the Rotary Breakfast to raise funds for Barthlemas Park. Need approval from this body. Terry Leasure granted the request.

Discussed Edman's request for additional non-smoking signs at MVCH Park. The discussion concluded that there is already signage up and the new information station will have non-smoking signage. No additional signs will be erected at this time.

Shared e-mail from neighbor by Ted Lewis Park. Also shared it with Chief Gray.

The Dog Park Fundraiser will be conducted June 7th from 9AM-2PM. More details are to follow. Rain date will be June 14th.

Requests have started to use shelters for free for end of the year celebrations. Confirming that policy stands. Leasure indicated it does.

Hollie Queen with the YMCA indicated that the Fridays in the Park program will not take place this year. Shared this with Fireman Dave Robertson and he'd like the city to put a few dates together and do our own program. We will talk about it more since it was just discussed a few hours before this meeting.

Staresina will be on vacation when next meeting is scheduled. Do you wish to have Val cover it, cancel it or postpone. Leasure indicated that we can cancel May meeting and meet in June.

Kevin Keaton's Report: Absent

Steve Tobin's Report: Absent

Terry Leasure's Report: Terry would like a new concession stand at Ted Lewis Park. Mason encouraged him to approach Todd Caudill at the Eagles since he is on the Board of Governors.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS: