

**CANTON PARK COMMISSION
BOARD MINUTES
MONTHLY MEETING
August 24th, 2022
4:30pm**

A meeting for the Canton Park Commission was held in person at the Canton Garden Center (1615 Stadium Park Dr. NW, Canton, OH 44718) on Tuesday, August 24, 2022. A call to order at 4:33pm by President Rinaldi.

- Roll Call:** President Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 4:33pm. The following board members responded to roll call: J.R. Rinaldi, Maureen Austin and Joe Gerzina. Also present was Doug Foltz, Mickey Ryan, Erin Thompson, Amanda Kotlar and Amie Biltz.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda for 8/24/2022 by President Rinaldi, seconded by Vice President Austin, Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
- Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes for 7/26/2022, by President Rinaldi, seconded by Vice President Austin, Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
- Public Speak:** John Stone: Hearts Coming Together community Love Train event Friday September 16th down at Centennial Plaza would like the park to have a booth table to talk about history on Nimisilla Park, mother goose land and Lincoln Highway Station. Been offered historic remnants of the Phoenix Peace Fountain in Northern Ireland.
- Financial:** Commissioners reviewed Accounts Payable invoice reports, Parks Department Fund 2530 Report by department, J. Babe Stearn Programming & Expense Report and J. Babe Stearn by President Rinaldi, seconded by Member Gerzina, Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
- Events:** None
- Old Business:**
- a. Friends of the Parks: Member Gerzina gave an update. A meeting with the Major two weeks ago. Things are moving forward. In the process of forming a board and looking into a volunteer Coordinator and Grant writer.
 - b. Capital Improvements/Budget 2022 was discussed by Commissioners. Motion to approve the additional funding for the ford transit to \$53,000 by President Rinaldi, seconded by Vice President Austin, Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion carried. Three design projects out. Weis park for tennis courts is due September 7th, Crenshaw shelter design and construction and request for qualifications due August 29th, and Willig fields requests and qualifications due the 26th. Member Gerzina requested that a bike park near 9th street skate park could be part of capital from council for \$100,000.
 - c. Stadium, Monument, Waterworks, & City Field Park Land Improvement Plan and Strategy: No update.
- New Business:**
- a. There are vendors who want to sell food and or use the parks to make profit. A policy and a fee need to be in place for vendors to use the Park. More to come at a later date
 - b. Willig Field Complex Improvements 2.3million through ARP funds: No update.
 - c. Motion to approve the hiring of Timothy T Dunbar for the position of Youth Development Coordinator effective September 12, 2022 at a salary of \$36,000 by President Rinaldi, seconded by Vice President Austin, Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
 - d. Motion to promote Erin Thompson for the position of Adult & Youth Sports Supervisor effective August 29, 2022 at a salary of \$50,000 by President Rinaldi, seconded by Vice President Austin, Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion carried
 - e. Recreation Supervisor position is posted and still open.
- Staff Reports:**
- a. Director Foltz gave a brief update for Parks Superintendent. Director Foltz went over the vehicle report that Member Gerzina requested and projects that are going on. Shelter 6 at Arboretum Park renovations

start in October. Director Foltz also updated the board that counsel is looking to spend 3 million dollars on the parks from the ARP Fund. Counsel will need to approve it, more to come at a later date.
b. Recreation Superintendent gave an update on all programs going on and starting soon.

Adjournment: At 5:35pm pm motion to adjourn was by President Rinaldi, seconded by Member Gerzina, Ayes....
President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion

A.R. Rinaldi

President



Secretary