

**CANTON PARK COMMISSION**  
**BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**May 24<sup>th</sup>, 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, May 24, 2022. A call to order at 4:35pm by Vice President Maureen Austin.

- Roll Call:** Vice President Austin called the meeting to order at 4:35pm. The following board members responded to roll call: Maureen Austin and Joe Gerzina. Motion made to excuse President Rinaldi by Vice President Austin, seconded by Member Gerzina, Ayes.... Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion carried. Also present was Doug Foltz, Dan Kunz, Mickey Ryan, Dan Gravila, Colleen Harris, Amanda Kotlar and Amie Biltz.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda for 5/24/2022 with the elimination of item B on Public Event Section by Director Foltz, seconded by Member Gerzina, Ayes.... Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
- Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes for 4/26/2022, by Vice President Austin, seconded by Member Gerzina, Ayes.... Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
- Public Speak:** None.
- Financial:** Commissioners reviewed Accounts Payable invoice reports, Parks Department Fund 2530 Report by department, J. Babe Stearn Programming & Expense Report and J. Babe Stearn Contract Approval 2022. Member Gerzina motion to approve reports, seconded by Vice President Austin, Ayes.... Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
- Events:** Vice President Austin motion to approve the Stark County Library Challenge Finale Celebration, seconded by Member Gerzina, Ayes.... Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
- Old Business:**
- a. Friends of the Parks: Member Gerzina working on document approval for IRS, more to come in June.
  - b. Capital Improvements/Budget 2022 was discussed by Commissioners. Motion to add concrete curbing and sidewalk from Stadium Dr. to the Canton Garden Center which is in conjunction with the asphalt estimate for parking lot by Member Gerzina, seconded by Vice President Austin, Ayes.... Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion carried. Asphalt estimate is \$49,000 from Horse Star. No P.O has been opened yet. Looking for contractors to work on these projects to make it a safer area.
  - c. Stadium, Monument, Waterworks, & City Field Park Land Improvement Plan and Strategy: Working on communicating wants with MKSK. More to come in June.
- New Business:**
- a. Babe Stearn Meeting- The May 11<sup>th</sup> Mayor Youth Commission meeting at City Hall was very positive. Went over what we offer for programming and baseball for the city was looked at. There will most likely be a follow-up meeting to go over future programming that we will offer, including baseball and football in conjunction with Canton Schools.
  - b. Willig Field Complex Improvements 3.3million through ARP funds, ordinance is going through counsel. First reading was on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. The next reading will be in two weeks June 6, 2022.
  - c. Motion to grant Canton for All People and Cross Roads Church access to King Park, Harmont Park and Reiter Park June- August at no charge for programming and Canton Parks and Recreation to be listed as a sponsor, by Vice President Austin, seconded by Member Gerzina. Ayes.... Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
  - d. Vice President Austin motion to approve bouncy house and game truck for Arboretum #6 reservation on 7/9/22 with proper permits and insurance, seconded by Vice President Austin, Ayes.... Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion carried.

**Staff Reports:** a. Recreation Superintendent gave a brief report on programs and new activities going on at the SECC.  
b. Parks and Recreation Director gave an update on park crew and how projects are coming along.

**Adjournment:** At 5:30 pm motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Austin, seconded by Member Gerzina. Ayes....  
Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina Motion carried.

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President



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Secretary