

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

January 23, 2024

4:30 pm

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, January 23, 2024.

- 1. Call to Order:** President Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.
- 2. Roll Call:** The following board members responded to roll call: President Rinaldi, Member Williams and Member Mayle. Also present were Doug Foltz, Ethan Amerine, Colleen Cochran, Dan Kunz, Joe Rodocker, Christa Barnes, Erin Thompson, Marvin McConnell, John Stone, Roxane Binkley, Mary Moriarty and David Repko.
- 3. Agenda:** President Rinaldi motioned to approve the 01/23/2024 Agenda with the addition of item 3a) Election of a new Canton Park Commission Vice President. Seconded by Member Williams. Ayes...Motion carried.

3a) Election was held for a new Vice President of the Canton Park Commission and Fonda Williams was nominated by President Rinaldi and seconded by Member Mayle. Ayes...Motion carried.
- 4. Minutes:** President Rinaldi motioned to approve the 12/19/2023 Minutes, seconded by Vice President Williams. Ayes...Motion carried.
- 5. Public Speak:**
 - a.) Roxane Binkley and Mary Moriarty from the Hall of Fame City Pickleball Club spoke about the history, goals and activities of the club. They discussed their yearly tournaments, sponsors, events and improvements they made to the Pickleball courts in Stadium Park.
 1. HOFC Pickleball Club requested a waiver of the court fees for their August 17, 2024 charity tournament. Charity this year is the Jackie Davison Foundation which supports women fighting cancer.
 2. President Rinaldi thanked the club for all they do and Doug Foltz spoke of the past waiver of tournament fees. Director Foltz also mentioned future, beneficial pickleball projects: resurfacing north pickleball courts, repainting the south courts, building new courts at SECC and Maple Shriver tennis courts.
 3. Jumped ahead to item 9a) to vote on the fee waiver request by HOFC Pickleball Club.
 - b.) John Stone thanked Director Foltz and the Park Department for cooperating with the Seeds of Infinite Peace project as the seeds and flowers are being spread around the world. He also hopes Nimisilla Park, Mother Goose Land and Lincoln Highway Station will receive the attention they deserve given their rich history.

- c.) David Repko spoke about the game of Kubb and getting on the Park Commission agenda in February to discuss starting a league with the Parks and Rec Department.

6. Financials: Commissioners reviewed:

- a.) Accounts Payable Invoice Reports. No questions.
- b.) Parks Department Fund 2530 Report by department - December 2023 report. Total operating revenue including Park levy funds was \$4,263,788.13.
- c.) J. Babe Stearn Programming & Expense Report (David Miday)
 - 1. Per the agreement JBS is eligible for \$324,767.89
 - 2. Expense report for December 2023 was \$17,576.48 with all vouchers meeting the eligibility criteria and this payment exhausted all available funds for 2023.
- President Rinaldi motioned to approve all financial items (6a, 6b, 6c). Seconded by VP Williams. Ayes...Motioned carried.

7. Events:

- a.) 3/30/24 – Vietnam Veteran’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Arboretum Park has been going on for 20 years. CP&R is a partner in this event and a request has been made to have the park fee waived and to use our logo on their promotional materials.
- b.) 4/28/24 – Walking with a Purpose Block Party/Talent Show at Nimisilla Park
- c.) 5/25/24 – Canton/Stark County Exchange Club Pickleball Tournament at Stadium Park. North parking lot of Stadium Park will be utilized by the Hall of Fame Ribs Burnoff May 23-25, 2024.
- d.) 5/26/24 – Walking with a Purpose Block Party/Talent Show at Garaux Park
- e.) 6/09/24 – Oddmall at Monument Park
- f.) 7/28/24 – Walking with a Purpose Block Party/Talent Show at Crenshaw Park
- g.) 8/25/24 – Walking with a Purpose Block Party/Talent Show at Monument
- President Rinaldi motioned to: table 7c, waive the fee for 7a, approve 7b, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g. Seconded by Member Mayle. Ayes...Motion carried.

8. Old Business: Followed-up on old Business:

- a.) Friends of Canton Parks and Recreation
 - 1. No new updates.
 - 2. Director Foltz would like to schedule a meeting and determine some smaller events and projects the Friends can be involved in going forward.
- b.) 2024 Capital Project Updates
 - 1. Many projects were completed in December to complete an ambitious 2023.
 - 2. President Rinaldi was on the JT radio show and highlighted all the projects being done in the parks. Director Foltz will be talking to the Canton Repository to give a 2024 Capital update.
 - 3. Dan Kunz and his team are doing a great job maintaining equipment and completing smaller capital projects. The process is underway to open purchase orders and begin the bid process for larger projects in 2024.

- President Rinaldi commented on the difficulty companies are having with obtaining bids on large projects and that often the bids come back three times the cost. May have to break the projects up into smaller portions to get them completed.
- Director Foltz shared that Crenshaw Shelter has been bid out four times and the estimates have been extremely over budget. More bids are due back January 24, 2024 and hopes are to have a bid in budget so the shelter project can move forward for the Southeast community to enjoy.

9. New Business:

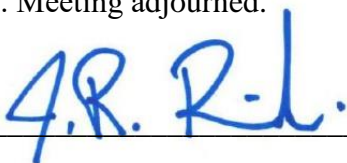
- a.) VP Williams motioned to waive the HOFC Pickleball Club court fees for their August 17, 2024 charity tournament. Seconded by President Rinaldi. Ayes...Motion carried.
 - b.) 2024 CP&R and HOFC Pickleball club contract was finalized with fee adjustments:
 1. \$5.00/hour per court for Canton Residents and HOFC Pickleball Club members
 2. \$8.00/hour per court for nonresidents
 3. \$15.00/hour/day for HOFC Pickleball tournaments (all North courts)
 - c.) 2024 CP&R and Silver League User Agreement contract was finalized with rate increases.
 - d.) Board of Park Commissioners 2024 meeting dates. All dates are the 4th Tuesday of the month except December 17th which is the third Tuesday due to Christmas Eve.
 - e.) Hire Tim Dunbar for the Adult & Youth Supervisor position.
 - f.) EPCC part-time staff raises: tabled until February so Joe Rodocker and Danselle Williams can meet to further discuss staffing needs.
 - g.) LiveBarn Video streaming at Willig: opportunity to get games live streamed and saved for later viewing. LiveBarn will provide the equipment at no cost as long as there is sufficient internet service. Subscribers with CP&R code earns 30% commission for Department.
 1. Installation scheduling is 8 weeks out so we need to get on the calendar.
 2. President Rinaldi asked Erin Thompson to give monthly update on any revenue received from subscriber fees, number of viewers, etc.
 3. Member Mayle asked if Police could view the camera footage if there was an issue at the fields. Erin Thompson to verify our access to footage through our subscription.
 4. Vice President Williams asked if a contract is required and verified it was going to the Legal Department for review prior to any agreements or camera installations.
- President Rinaldi motioned to: table 9f and 9g, make 9e a separate motion, approve 9b, 9c, 9d. Seconded by VP Williams. Ayes...Motion carried.
 - President Rinaldi motioned to approve 9e to hire Tim Dunbar as a second Adult and Youth Sports Supervisor effective January 27, 2024 with a salary of \$44,000.00 and subject to a 90 day probationary period. No discussion or nays. Ayes...Motion carried.

10. Monthly Directors Report and SECC Update:

- a) Parks Superintendent Report – Dan Kunz highlighted the following from his report:
 1. Lots of theft and vandalism to Holiday Light displays. Crews have been repairing damage to keep the displays enjoyable for everyone.
 2. Spiker pond cleaning complete and materials are being moved out of the area.

3. Weis Park playground border installation finished. In the spring a concrete walkway will be installed.
 4. Cold Storage pole building is being vacated by the Street Department and will be utilized by Parks and Rec Maintenance for storage of Christmas displays. Upgrades are needed such as a concrete floor.
 5. Recent storms hit the parks hard and required clean-up of large, downed trees and snow/ice removal to keep the parks safe.
 6. Stark Electric Railroad: a mile stretch was cleaned up with branch trimming and mowing.
 7. Attended Stark County Park District Forum: collaborated and learned from other agencies.
- b.) Recreation Superintendent Report – Joe Rodocker discussed highlights from his report.
1. City of Canton Paint and Sign made new court number signs free of charge.
 2. New flooring being installed in the center on 2/3 and 2/4/24. Building Maintenance and CP&R will split the cost of materials and installation. First new floor there in 38 years.
 3. Center hosted a very well attended MLK celebration on 1/15/24.
- c.) Marketing and Special Events Coordinator Report – Ethan Amerine highlighted the following from his report:
1. Sweat Now Wine Later planning ongoing: set day of May 11, 2024 and locking in vendors.
 2. Continuing Social Media posts
- d.) Edward “Peel” Coleman Community Center – Danselle Williams
1. Please see the attached report for visitor statistics and community events.
 2. Upcoming Programs: Martial arts, coding, theater, financial literacy.
- President Rinaldi asked for an update on baseball. Joe Rodocker expressed that Joe Bogdan and Canton City schools have been excellent to work with and communication about the new baseball program has been effective. The 8U team is already full and responses in other age groups has been positive.
 - President Rinaldi also spoke about working together to provide great programs and parks for the residents of Canton. He also expressed his appreciation to the CP&R staff and the great team of people.
 - An online hour ethics course will be offered to the CP&R staff to educate us on public facility guidelines.
 - Doug Foltz welcomed new Commission Member Darren Mayle and thanked Joe Gerzina for his years of service.

11. Adjournment: At 5:16 pm, motion to adjourn by President Rinaldi, seconded by VP Williams. Ayes.... Meeting adjourned.



 President

February 27, 2024

 Date



 Secretary

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