

**Canton Parks Commission
Board Minutes
Tuesday, October 23, 2018**

Attendees:

Board Members: JR Rinaldi, Maureen Austin, Joe Gerzina

Staff Members: Parks and Recreation Director Doug Foltz, Recreation Superintendent Don Patterson, Parks Superintendent Dan Kuntz, Adult and Youth Sports Supervisor Mickey Ryan

Canton Repository: Kelly Byer

Community Members: Joe Harold, Laurene Heldenbrand, Christian Ball, Amie Biltz

Call to Order

President Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 4:31pm

Approval of Agenda

President Rinaldi motioned to approve minutes. Commissioner Gerzina second the motion.

Public Speaks

Joe Harold and Lauren Heldenbrand spoke about memorial bench. Stated they have collected the money and asking to put plaques along the back of the bench. Pickle ball members want to donate the bench. Director Doug Foltz mentioned the possibility of a plaque by the pickle ball courts and other possible alternatives instead of the bench. President Rinaldi spoke about other possible concerns such as weather friendly material, maintenance to the bench/plaque, and wanting whatever put in to look like a good fit. Member Austin appreciated the discussion but would like something in writing. Member Gerzina agreed with Member Austin and spoke about changing this bench could possibly lead to changes of other benches in other parks and areas. Parks Superintendent Dan Kunz mentioned the bench doesn't really allow for plaques to be placed on the back and spoke about options other than benches. He also mentioned that parks are moving away from plaques by tree due to maintenance issues. Other ideas such as an informative kiosk with donors was discussed. The concern of only one side of the courts being lite was also discussed. Final decision of the bench process proceeding and the discussion of a kiosk will be discussed at a later date.

Financial Reports

President Rinaldi motion

Member Gerzina second

Event Request

None

Old Business

Weis Park

Lights are still in the process of being installed at the ball fields. 18 lights were vandalized in the construction area. \$500 per bulb and \$200 per lens. Poles have been erected on Fields #1 and #2. The plan is to continue with the installation of the poles and fix the bulbs once the poles are up.

Stadium Park

3 plaza areas are being worked on. Another meeting will be this upcoming Thursday. Pushing to see positive things and the job finished. 63 yards of concrete will be poured on Friday

New Business

Refund for Garaux rental

A letter was sent asking for a refund from a patrons Garaux rental. The patron was requesting shelter rental refund and food reimbursement from what was said in the letter to be a gnat problem within Garaux. The problems have been corrected and monitored at Garaux. Shelter reimbursement of \$150 was granted for the patron. Member Gerzina motioned, President Rinaldi, 2nd. Unanimous. Joe Gerzina suggested a letter with the shelter policies be sent with the refund check to the patron.

Staff Reports

Dan Kunz

Mowing is ongoing. Working diligently at Stadium Park cleaning up trees, brushing back vegetation, etc... Vet bricks are installed and prepping for Veterans Day. Met with Avondale Homeowners.

Don Patterson

Lady Pups Softball

One 12U team registered for the fall season. 10 girls are individually registered. The team plays double headers in Massillon on Sundays. League Tournament 10/21/18

Adult Softball Leagues

There are 3 different leagues for the fall season. 21 teams are registered for the leagues. Games started being played on August 22. All leagues should be completed by 11/1 (weather permitting).

Sand Volleyball Leagues

Fall Sand Volleyball League tournament is scheduled for 10/24/18. Registration is open now for Adult Indoor Volleyball. We offer Women's A League, Women's B League, and Coed League.

Adult Flag Football

First Adult Flag Football League at Canton Parks and Recreation. League consisted of 7 teams. Games are on Sunday nights at the Hall of Fame turf fields.

Trunk or Treat

This year we are partnering with SMHA. Trunk or Treat will be on Thursday, October 25 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at Weis Park. 37 different organizations are taking part in the event and passing out candy.

President JR Rinaldi

Ice Rink downtown should be installed and completed around Thanksgiving. The Italian Festival will be moving to Weis Park.

Executive Session

Member Gerzina motioned. Member Rinaldi 2nd. Unanimous.

Meeting Adjournment