

**Canton Parks Commission
Board Minutes
Tuesday, September 25, 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

Community Members: Peter Ferguson, John Stone

Call to Order

President Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 4:30pm

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Speaks

John Stone spoke regarding his vision of having a train in Nimisilla Park. His vision for a stage and miniature train system comes from visiting other parks. He experienced an event in Medina with over 1200 people riding a train within their park. He stated some structure is already within Nimisilla Park and would be able to be used for a future project. He also spoke about the Infinite Piece Garden. Stated it is a diversity of life and is an environmental laboratory. Mr. Stone would like to share more with Doug Foltz.

Dr. Peter Ferguson introduced himself and stated it was nice to be at the meeting.

Financial Reports

August 2018

President Rinadli motioned to approve. Commissioner Austin second. Motion carried unanimously.

Event Request

Vassar Park neighborhood association Trunk o Teat will be held on Saturday, October 20th, 2018 from 12:00-9:00pm. The Vassar Park neighborhood association held a meeting to discuss the event and over three dozen people were present for the meeting discussion the logistics of the event and showing support. President Rinaldi motioned to approve. Commissioner Austin second. All in favor unanimously.

Old Business

Weis Park

Parks and Recreation crew and staff are monitoring the projects and progress of the projects at the park. Concrete standings are currently being put in. Bathroom drawing were recently received and viewed. Heaters were added (3 heaters attached). The crew is working on the grade at certain location of the park.

New Business

JB Stearn Center Report

The Cal Ripken Jr Foundation is still working on the design phase of the new field. The field will be turf allowing a lot of use. The field would be able to be used for the community.

Staff Reports

Dan Kunz

The Sand Volleyball poles, nets, and referee stands have all been installed. The crew has been working on the many trees that are down at the parks due to weather conditions. Trees are down at Stadium Park as well as other parks and the crew is in the process of taking care of the trees, cutting back brush, etc... Spray Park has been winterized for the season. The McKinley cross country team has been helping work on the trails. Aspen donated cutting some trees down at Monument, Martindale, etc... Doug Foltz complimented Dan and the crews work.

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.

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.

Sand Volleyball Leagues

The Summer Sand Volleyball League season ended on August 23. The Fall Sand Volleyball League began games on September 5. There are 8 Sand Volleyball Teams playing in the Fall Season.

NFL FLAG Football

Over 130 players participating in the Fall season of NFL FLAG. This is the largest enrollment since the program has begun in Canton. The NFL FLAG season of games began on September 4.

Pickleball

Open league plays on Monday and Wednesday mornings. There are roughly 20 participants. Drop in play on Thursday nights at 6:00pm. Looking at moving indoors to play soon at Souers possibly.

Sand Volleyball Court Improvements

All three courts are up and ready for play. Fall Sand Volleyball Leagues and Malone University are playing on them currently.

Trunk or Treat

This year we are partnering with SMHA. In years past this event was under the direction of the Canton Parks and Recreation Marketing and Special Events Coordinator but that position is currently vacant. Trunk or Treat will be on Thursday, October 25 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at Weis Park. We are still in the process of accepting vendors.

Director's Report

Doug Foltz stated that he is working to get a short list from the applicants for the vacated positions of Marketing and Special Events Coordinator, Office Manager/Treasurer, and Customer Service Manager. The Cruise In at Waterworks Park is set for October 4th from 4:00 – 8:00pm. This is being used as a fundraiser for the Parks and Recreation Levy Campaign. Liberty Ford and Summit Racing are the sponsors of the event. Prizes and raffle will begin at 6:30pm. Commissioner Gerzina asked about budgeting information and time line. Doug Foltz spoke about the park maintenance equipment needs and about the timing for the upcoming budgeting process.

Meeting Adjournment