

**CANTON PARK COMMISSION
BOARD MINUTES
MONTHLY MEETING
January 26, 2021
4:30pm**

A meeting of the Canton Park Commission was held virtually on Tuesday January 26, 2021 at 4:30 p.m., via GoToMeeting.

- Roll Call:** President Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 4:31pm. The following Board Members responded to roll call: President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Also present virtually were Doug Foltz, Erin Thompson, John Stone, Dan Kunz, Mickey Ryan, Skyler Parks, Darshanette Zachery, Amie Biltz and Kelly Byer.
- Agenda:** Motion was made to approve agenda for 1/26/2021 by President Rinaldi, seconded by Vice President Austin. Ayes... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin, Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
- Approval of Minutes** Motion was made to Approve Minutes for 12/15/2020. Motion made by President Rinaldi and seconded by Member Gerzina. Ayes... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin, Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
- Public Speak:** John Stone spoke about the continued work to achieve peace and the Garden of Infinite Peace.
- Financial:** Commissioners reviewed the financial reports and discussed the Parks Department Fund report for fund line 2530, specifically the allocation going to JBSC. Member Gerzina made a motion to approve financial reports, seconded by President Rinaldi. Ayes...President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
- Events:** President Rinaldi made a motion to approve events a (Super Sunday 5k 2/7/21), b (Sweat Now, Wine Later 5/1/21) and c (Stark County District Library – Story Walk Request). Motion seconded by Member Austin. Ayes... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin, Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
- Old Business:**
- a. Friends of the Parks: Member Gerzina spoke on the ongoing discussion and goals to get a framework in place for a volunteer program. This program wouldn't be as much about raising funds as much as volunteers having a presence and participation in the parks, programs and activities.
 - b. Capital Improvements/Budget: Staff is still in the process of opening up purchase orders for capital purchase orders in 2021.
- New Business:**
- Director Foltz addressed the resignations of Don Patterson and Christian Ball and thanked them for their service to the Parks. The vacancies of Recreation Superintendent and Marketing & Special Events Coordinator were discussed. Director Foltz recommended Mickey Ryan be promoted to Recreation Superintendent at a salary of \$69,914, Skyler Parks be promoted to Youth & Adult Sports Supervisor at a salary of \$50,407 and Erin Thompson be promoted to Marketing & Special Events Coordinator at a salary of \$40,325 – all effective 1/30/2021. Member Gerzina and the other commission members discussed this promotion, specifically the starting wages and how they fall in the wage range for each position. A motion was made by President Rinaldi to hire/promote the three employees as stated above (official language attached), seconded by Member Gerzina. Ayes...President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
 - c. ECCC Update: Currently the center is still closed to the public but holding internal programming. The building is without heat and the issue is being addressed. They are still hoping for renovations to add some additional storage.
 - d. Master Plan Discussion: Member Gerzina is working to put together his notes from the study session to share.

Staff Reports: Dan Kunz gave the report for the maintenance crew, noting that the crews have completed taking down the holiday light display. There was also discussion of additional lighting being planned for next year and changing out all lights to LED. Mickey Ryan gave the recreation report.

Adjournment: At 5:45 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by President Rinaldi, seconded by Vice President Austin. Ayes- Rinaldi, Austin, Gerzina. Motion Carried.

President

Secretary

Motion to Hire/Promote Mickey Ryan to Recreation Superintendent at a salary of \$69,914 effective 1/30/2021 made by President Rinaldi. Seconded by Member Gerzina.

Motion to Hire/Promote Skyler Parks to Adult & Youth Sports Supervisor at a salary of \$50,407 effective 1/30/2021 made by President Rinaldi. Seconded by Member Gerzina.

Motion to Hire/Promote Erin Thompson to Marketing & Special Events Coordinator at a salary of \$40,325 effective 1/30/2021 made by President Rinaldi. Seconded by Member Gerzina.

Ayes...President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin, Member Gerzina. Motion Carried.