

**CANTON PARK COMMISSION
BOARD MINUTES
MONTHLY MEETING
August 24, 2021
4:30pm**

A meeting for the Canton Park Commissioners was held in person at the Canton Garden Center (1615 Stadium Park Dr NW, Canton, OH 44718) on Tuesday, August 24, 2021.

- Roll Call:** President Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 4:30pm. The following board members responded to roll call: JR Rinaldi, Maureen Austin, Joe Gerzina. Also present was Doug Foltz, Amie Blitz, Mickey Ryan, Erin Thompson, Dan Gravila, Amanda Kotlar, Darshanette Zachery
- Agenda:** Motion was made to approve agenda for 8/24/2021 by President Rinaldi, seconded by Member Gerzina, Ayes... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin, Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
- Minutes:** Motion was made to approve minutes for 7/27/2021. Motion made by member President Rinaldi, seconded by Vice President Austin. Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin, Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
- Public Speak:**
- a. John Stone spoke of an alternative to pesticides and brought a gift of seeds that attract Japanese Beetles to the Pennsylvania smart weed that is a nuisance at Nimisilla park. His goal is to better our relationship with nature without the use of pesticides. Mr. Stone also pledged seven hundred and seventy dollars for upkeep costs at the Canton Lincoln Railroad Depot.
 - b. Reverend Don Ackerman from Crossroads Church thanked the commission for their continued effort to make a connection at Kings Park. Reverend Ackerman and Crossroads Church have made great efforts to make Kings Park a beautiful area and would like to do the same for the Canton Lincoln Railroad Depot. Their goal is to make the Depot a safe, clean environment.
- Financial:** The Commission reviewed the financial reports, President Rinaldi made a motion to approve financial reports (Accounts Payable Invoice Report, Parks Dept. Funds 2530 Report by department, J. Babe Stearn Programming & Expense Report), seconded by Vice President Austin. Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin, Member Gerzina. Motion carried
- Events:** none

- Old Business:**
- a. Friends of the Parks – The organization process continues for Friends of Canton Parks and Recreation.
 - b. Capital Improvements/Budget: Slow moving. Working on getting contractors out to make estimates and to start the work.
 - c. Stadium, Monument, Waterworks, & City Field Park Land Improvement Plan and Strategy: Plans continue to progress on the study. Meeting will be held September 13 for first reading.

- New Business:**
- a. Refunds Requests: Motion was made to approve refund requests for: Charles Bebout and Nancy Bozzacco by president Rinaldi, seconded by Vice President Austin, Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin, Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
 - b. Motion to approve refund request under three hundred dollars with Doug Foltz discretion. Motion made by Member Gerzina, second by President Rinaldi, Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin, Member Gerzina. Motion carried.

- Staff Reports:**
- a. Mickey Ryan gave update on Recreation and ECCC regarding restrooms and renovations. Discussion on Flag football revenue.
 - b. Doug Foltz gave an update on park renovations and tree work needed near the pickle ball courts and more mulch for playset.

Executive Session: No action to follow up on. Motioned by President Rinaldi, ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin, Member Gerzina. Motion carried.

Adjournment: At 5:11 pm motion to adjourn was made President Rinaldi, seconded by Vice President Austin. Ayes..., President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin, Member Gerzina. Motion carried.

A.R. Rinaldi

President



Secretary