

CANTON PARK COMMISSION
BOARD MINUTES
MONTHLY MEETING
July 27, 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, July 27, 2021. A call to order at 4:30pm by President JR Rinaldi.

- Roll Call:** President Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 4:30pm. The following board members responded to roll call: JR Rinaldi, Joe Gerzina, Maureen Austin. Also present was Doug Foltz, Amie Biltz, Mickey Ryan, Erin Thompson, Dan Kunz, Dan Gravila, Amanda Kotlar and Darshanette Zachery.
- Agenda:** Motion was made to approve agenda for 7/27/2021 by Member Gerzina, seconded by President Rinaldi, Ayes... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin, Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
- Minutes:** Motion was made to approve minutes for 6/22/2021. Motion made by member President Rinaldi, seconded by Vice President Austin. Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin, Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
- Public Speak:** John Stone spoke about Nimisilla Park and the Infinite Peace Garden.
- Financial:** The Commission reviewed the financial reports, Member Gerzina 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 President Rinaldi. Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin, Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
- Events:** President Rinaldi made a motion to approve the following events: Ohio Kubb Championship (9/4 Martindale Park), Health and Wellness Back to School Fair (8/14 Crenshaw Park), Frosty Frolic (12/11 Stadium Park) and tentatively approve the Back to School Event (Schreiber 8/18) with proper application. Motion seconded by Vice President Austin. Ayes...President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin, Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
- Old Business:**
- a. Friends of the Parks – The organization process continues for Friends of Canton Parks and Recreation.
 - b. Capital Improvements/Budget: No discussion.
 - c. Stadium, Monument, Waterworks, & City Field Park Land Improvement Plan and Strategy: Plans continue to progress on the study.
- New Business:**
- a. Tennis/Pickleball Courts: Jim Pukys spoke about the tennis program and the usage of the tennis courts between the tennis programs put on by Canton Parks and Recreation, Canton McKinley Tennis and the Federal League. Mr. Pukys expressed concern about converting tennis courts to pickleball and the impact it would have on the tennis program along with their longevity of popularity once other local communities develop their own courts. He questioned the accountability that the Pickleball club is held to in using the Stadium Courts.
- Staff Reports:** Director Foltz introduced Amanda Kotlar and Dan Gravila. Mickey Ryan gave update on Recreation and ECCC regarding restrooms and security. Dan Kunz spoke about plans for lighting at the Skate Park. Treework coming Thursday 7/29 with a citywide cleanup on Friday 7/30.

Adjournment: At 5:37 pm motion to adjourn was made President Rinaldi, seconded by Vice President Austin. Ayes..., President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin, Member Gerzina. Motion carried.

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President



Secretary