

CANTON PARK COMMISSION
BOARD MINUTES
MONTHLY MEETING
October 26, 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, October 26th, 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, Maureen Austin. Member Gerzina was absent, absence was excused by President Rinaldi. Also present was Doug Foltz, Amie Biltz, Mickey Ryan, Erin Thompson, Dan Kunz, Dan Gravila, Betty Smith, Eric Freeman and Tim Marks
- Agenda:** Motion was made to approve agenda for 10/26/2021 by President Rinaldi, seconded by Vice President Austin, Ayes... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin. Motion carried.
- Minutes:** Motion was made to approve minutes for 9/28/2021. Motion made by member President Rinaldi, seconded by Vice President Austin. Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin. Motion carried.
- Public Speak:** Eric Freeman who plays percussion in the parks on his own time, wanted to make sure it was permitted and let the board know about the positive experiences he has had with the public during his performances. The board thanked Mr. Freeman for volunteering his time and bringing a positive experience to the parks.
- Financial:** Commissions reviewed the financial reports. Add-ons to Capital Budget in near future. Projects are running a little behind, working with law dept. for Weis Park to get a contract and fine tuning request. Director Doug Foltz talked to John Miday, Babe Stearn contract is up at the end of the year. A meeting will be held to renew contract details. More to come on November's board meeting. 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. Motion carried.
- Events:** President Rinaldi made a motion to approve Spirit of the Season 5k (11/27/2021) and Stark Italian Festival (07/07-07/10/2021, seconded by Vice President Austin. Ayes...President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin. Motion carried.
- Old Business:**
- a. Friends of the Parks: Jim Camp donated 200 dollars to plant daffodils around the JFK Fountain.
 - b. Capital Improvements/Budget: A few updates, projects continue, swing set added, Weis Park tennis courts are being updated, will continue updating next month.
 - c. Stadium, Monument, Waterworks, & City Field Park Land Improvement Plan and Strategy: A conference call will be held with Matt from MKSK, a money order is ready, waiting on contract to be signed.
- New Business:**
- a. Betty Smith presented her request to paint murals in the park with a well-known Artist names Eric Freeman. Together they have a team of Artist who would be working together to paint murals in parks that reflect Cantons diversity of history and culture.
 - b. John Stone will be holding a presentation on November 10th 5:00pm-7:00pm at the Canton Garden Center.
- Staff Reports:** Parks Superintendent, Dan Kunz, gave an update on park projects, Holiday Lights continue setup, Spiker pond project continues and needs permits. The Recreation Superintendent, Mikey Ryan, gave an update on Recreation Projects and Programs.

Adjournment: At 5:18 pm motion to adjourn was made President Rinaldi, seconded by Vice President Austin. Ayes..., President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin. Motion carried.

A.R. Rinaldi

President



Secretary