

**CANTON PARK COMMISSION
BOARD MINUTES
MONTHLY MEETING
December 21, 2021
4:30pm**

A meeting for the Canton Park Commission was held in person at the Canton Garden Center (1615 Stadium Park Dr NW, Canton, OH 44718) on Tuesday, December 21st, 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, and Joe Gerzina. Also present was Doug Foltz, Mayor Bernabei, Mickey Ryan, Erin Thompson, Dan Kunz, Michael Demero, Jeff Strockert, Tom Grove, John Stone and Tim Marks
- Agenda:** Motion was made to approve agenda for 12/21/2021 by President Rinaldi, seconded by Member Gerzina, Ayes... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
- Minutes:** Motion was made to approve minutes for 10/26/2021. Motion made by member President Rinaldi, seconded by Vice President Austin. Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
- Public Speak:**
- a. Michael Demero, Jeff Strockert and Tom Grove spoke about the want for more pickleball courts. Director Doug Foltz informed them of the upcoming plans for 6 more pickleball courts next year. Director Doug Foltz appreciated the comments and the department is working towards those goals.
 - b. John Stone spoke about his passion and vision for the parks.
- Financial:**
- a. Commissioners reviewed Accounts Payable invoice reports for both October 2021 and November 2021. President Rinaldi made a motion to approve Accounts Payable Invoice Reports, seconded by Member Gerzina. Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
 - b. Commissioners reviewed Parks Department Fund 2530 Report by department for October 2021 and November 2021. President Rinaldi made a motion to approve Parks Dept. Funds 2530 Report by department, seconded by Vice President Austin. Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
 - c. Commissioners reviewed J. Babe Stearn Programming & Expense Report for October 2021 and November 2021. President Rinaldi made a motion to approve J. Babe Stearn Programming & Expense Reports, seconded by Vice President Austin. Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
 - d. Commissioners reviewed J. Babe Stearn Contract Approval 2022 Contract extended another 5 years. President Rinaldi made a motion to approve J. Babe Stearn Contract Approval 2022, seconded by Vice president Austin. Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion carried. Side note: President Rinaldi would like to get in contact with new City School leadership to invite them to attend future board meetings for healthy communication.
- Events:** No events for Approval.
- Old Business:**
- a. Friends of the Parks: Member Gerzina mentioned they are working on getting a board together for Friends of the Parks.
 - b. Capital Improvements/Budget 2021 was discussed by Commissioners. Director Doug Foltz gave an update. Didn't spend the all the planned 2021 budget. MKSK \$49,000 study will be discussed at a later date. Raceway Improvements are still in progress. Pickleball installations planned, purchase order opened to continue re-finishing stadium and Fulton parking lot. Plans to get a designer out to Crenshaw Park to

design a new shelter in January. Purchased swings for Cornelia and Jackson Parks and possibly stadium. Updates at Peel Coleman Community Building.

c. Capital Improvements/Budget 2022 was discussed by Commissioners. A lot of carry over. Working with Mercy, Cleveland Clinic and law to extend lease agreement would extend to 2035 for Gate house. Working on Gate house rehabilitation, estimated cost is \$250,000. Park electrical lighting and parking lot improvements. Garden Center remodel repairs \$15,000 donation for Schneider fountain and a camera. \$5,000 for drainage enhancements behind Canton Garden Center, electric in children's garden and gazebo. Plans for a challenger course. MKSK work with parks for a Waterworks Park Plan. Weis park tennis court replacement, additional parking. Shuffleboard improvement \$40,000 in budget. Shuffle board enthusiast, Marvin, personally plans to make a sizeable donation. start on saving for a roof for pickleball. Update bathrooms and concrete repairs at Weis. Crenshaw Park \$300,000 for shelter replacements and resurface basketball courts. Work on improving trees and landscape for Parks. Improvements for Nimisilla Park. Arboretum Park swing replacement and Shelter 6 improvements. Dredging project at Spiker pond is still in progress. Willig Turf Infield improvements. Continue upgrading park equipment. President Rinaldi made a motion to remove the Timken Gate, Willig Park Turf Improvements and Challenger course and to approve everything else, seconded by Vice President Austin. Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion carried. Member Gerzina exited the meeting at 5:55pm.

d. Stadium, Monument, Waterworks, & City Field Park Land Improvement Plan and Strategy: Open meeting to public for MKSK work session at the Canton Garden Center will be held on January 5th, 2022 at 4:00pm. Discussion only, no action.

New Business: a. Willig Park Infield Turf Improvements were presented by Director Doug Foltz, Mickey Ryan and Erin Thompson. An estimated \$42,000 maintenance cost saving for man hours using turf. With a rate increase and more tournament play with infield turf an estimated \$70,725.00 incomes a year. Which is \$31,930.00 more than 2021 income. More information to follow in January.

b. Ordinance 263-2021 passed. A 3 percent Wage Increase Starting January 1st, 2022, \$500.00 Vaccine Bonus to those fully Vaccinated by February 28th, 2022 and a \$1000.00 Essential Worker Bonus for Salary and Non-Bargaining Employees was discussed. President Rinaldi made a motion to approve wage increase, vaccine bonus and essential worker bonus for salary and non- bargaining employees, seconded by Vice President Austin. Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion carried.

c. Change to wage scale was requested. An increase for Park Superintendent salary to 80,000 to keep the annual wage increase. President Rinaldi made a motion to approve the increase of Park position pay, seconded by Vice President Austin. Ayes... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Motion carried.

Staff Reports: a. Recreation Superintendent, Mickey Ryan, gave a report on recreation programs and updates. Two, part-time positions are opening up at the Edward Peel Coleman Center. Zumba Dance on Tuesdays and open gym pickleball Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning.

b. Park Superintendent, Dan Kunz, gave an update on maintenance and are ahead of schedule from last year. Leaves have been removed from parks.

Adjournment: At 6:02 pm motion to adjourn was made President Rinaldi, seconded by Vice President Austin. Ayes..., President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin. Motion carried.

A.R. R.L.

President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. J. ...' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Secretary