

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

December 27, 2022

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 27, 2022. A call to order at 4:31pm by Vice President Austin.

- Roll Call:** Vice President Austin called the meeting to order at 4:31pm. The following board members responded to roll call: Vice President Austin, and Member Gerzina. Motion to excuse President Rinaldi, by Vice President Austin, seconded by Member Gerzina. Motion carried. Also present was Doug Foltz, Dan Kunz, Dan Gravila, Joe Rodocker, Erin Thompson, Tatyanna Myrie, Amanda Kotlar, Marvin McConnell, Amie Biltz, and Kelly Byer.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda for the date of 12/27/2022 by Vice President Austin, seconded by Member Gerzina, Ayes.... Member Gerzina, and Vice President Austin. Motion carried.
- Minutes:** a. Motion to approve minutes for the date 11/22/2022, by Vice President Austin, seconded by Member Gerzina, Ayes.... Vice President Austin, and Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
- Public Speak:** a. Marvin Connell spoke about how shuffleboard can benefit all ages. He spoke on how shuffleboard can be played by individuals who are handicap. He spoke on the benefits of having a roof over the shuffleboard court and how it would prevent the shuffleboard courts paint from peeling, and prevent extra spending on repainting courts. Mr. McConnell also discussed surveys that community members in Canton, Ohio wrote about the benefits shuffleboard brings to the community. He also mentioned the signatures that he received from community members in support of building a roof over shuffleboard courts.
- Financial:** Commissioners reviewed Accounts Payable invoice reports, Parks Department Fund 2530 Report by department, J. Babe Stearn Programming & Expense Report and J. Babe Stearn Contract. Director Doug Foltz mentioned that the 2022 Settlement Distribution Per Service Agreement was finalized with J. Babe Stearn. Motion to approve reports, by Member Gerzina, seconded by Vice President Austin, Ayes.... Member Gerzina, and Vice President Austin. Motion carried.
- Events:** a. Motion to approve Oddmall Riverside Ramble Art Show on June 11th, 2022 for Monument Park, by Vice President Austin, seconded by Member Gerzina, Ayes.... Member Gerzina, and Vice President Austin. Motion carried.

- Old Business:**
- a. Member Gerzina spoke about the Friends of the Parks first meeting that was held December 14th, 2022. There were 21 people members who were present at the first meeting and he is looking forward to upholding the goal of promoting Canton Parks and Recreation.
 - b. Director Foltz gave an update for Capital Improvements/ Budget 2022. The MKSK study was mentioned and it was discussed that a public meeting will be held in the near future.
 - c. Stadium, Monument, Waterworks, & City Field Park Land Improvement Plan and Strategy: Reviewing plans and marking priorities. More to come at a later date.

- New Business:**
- a. Doug Foltz spoke about Marvin McConnell's Shuffleboard roof donation for \$10,000 dollars to Canton Parks and Recreation. He was thanked for his donation and Doug Foltz discussed his appreciation for Mr. McConnell's generous donation.
 - b. Motion to approve increase in salary ranges, by Vice President Austin, seconded by Member Gerzina, Ayes.... Vice President Austin, and Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
 - c. Motion to approve 2023 pay increases by 3%, by Vice President Austin, seconded by Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
 - d. Motion to approve all proposed 2023 Capital list except Monument, Stadium, Waterworks, Weis, and West Park. Remaining 2023 Capital will be discussed in the January 24, 2023 meeting.
 - e. Motion to approve DJ for Stephanie Alkire's event January 21st, 2023, by Vice President Austin, seconded Member Gerzina. Motion Carried.
 - f. Discussed Mayor Bernabei's appointing of Fonda Williams to the Park Commission.
 - g. Motion to approve Fishing Agreement with ODNR Division of Wildlife to catch and keep fish, by Member Gerzina, seconded by Vice President Austin. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

- a. Parks Superintendent gave a brief update on park projects and plans. Superintendent Dan Kunz discussed how the Division of Wildlife for partnering with a 5 year to catch and keep Rainbow Trout. Motion to approve Fishing Agreement with ODNR Division of Wildlife, by Member Gerzina, seconded by President Austin. Motion carried Motion to allow catch and take of Rainbow Trout from Monument and Stadium Ponds subject to having a fishing license, by Member Gerzina, seconded by Vice President Austin. Motion carried. He discussed passed events such as Holy pine Lane, Holiday Hay-Rides, and the success of the events. He discussed future improvements for Disc Golf courses. Superintendent Dan also discussed speaking with AEP electric to get lighting at Harmont Park.

b. Parks Superintendent gave a brief update on projects. Superintendent Rodocker discussed the installment of burnt out lights around the spray park. He discussed ideas on how to save money by scanning QR codes instead of members using cards with barcodes to sign in. Superintendent Rodocker discussed the turn out of the "Adopt A Family" event and how it can be improved for next year.

Adjournment: At 5:28 pm motion to adjourn was by Member Gerzina, seconded by Vice President Austin, Ayes.... Member Gerzina, and Vice President Austin. Meeting Adjourned.

A.R. Rodocker

President

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Secretary