

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

January 24th, 2022

4:00pm

A meeting for the Canton Park Commission was held in person at the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce (222 Market Ave N, Canton, OH 44702) on Tuesday, January 24, 2023. A call to order at 4:30pm by President Rinaldi.

Roll Call: President Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 4:30pm. The following board members responded to roll call: President Rinaldi, and Member Gerzina. Also, present was 18 people consisting of residents of the community, employees who works in the community, and partners of Canton Parks and Recreation.

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda for the date of 01/24/2023 by President Rinaldi, seconded by Member Gerzina, Ayes.... Member Gerzina, and President Rinaldi. Motion carried.

Minutes: a. Motion to approve minutes for the date 12/27/2023, by President Rinaldi, seconded by Member Gerzina, Ayes....President Rinaldi, and Member Gerzina. Motion carried.

Public Speak: a. None

Financial: a. Rinaldi mentioned how he would like to combine baseball into one main program and allow school systems to join in with baseball field rentals. Commissioners reviewed Accounts Payable invoice reports, Parks Department Fund 2530 Report by department, J. Babe Stearn Programming & Expense Report and J. Babe Stearn Contract. Motion to approve reports, by President Rinaldi, seconded by Member Gerzina, Ayes.... Member Gerzina, and President Rinaldi. Motion carried.

Events: a None

Old Business: a. None

New Business: a. Motion to approve rental refunds up to \$500.00, by Member Gerzina, seconded by President Rinaldi, Ayes....Member Gerzina, and President Rinaldi. Motion carried.

b. Motion to add Customer Service Representative part-time position to position and wage classification by President Rinaldi, seconded by Member Gerzina, Ayes....Member Gerzina, and President Rinaldi. Motion carried.

c. Donn Angus Director of Planning for the City of Canton spoke about MKSK architecture design masterplan that began February of 2022. MKSK was built to create a design plan for specific parks and prioritize improving the parks. The goal is to improve parks from an economical and environmental standpoint, keep individuals using the

parcs, enhance existing assets, foster economical investments, create new sources of revenue, and advance core values of the parks system. Angus discussed questions that should be asked to improve Canton Parks and Recreation such as, "what makes the parks special, what needs to be done to make current parks better, and how can the parks be transformed to elevate the Greater City of Canton Parks and Recreation system?" Angus discussed the Parks involved in MKSK masterplan plan such as Stadium Park, Waterworks, Monument, Mother Goose land, and West Park. Angus explained the barriers affecting the entrance of parks and safety of park users, and improving a greater sense of arrival going into the park in the northern section. He then spoke about the Canton Garden Center and Gatehouse explained how hierarchy between trails can be improved by connecting trail paths as well and adding onto what the Canton Garden Center and Gatehouse can provide to the community. Angus discussed how Monument Park can be improved by realigning of the driveway path to create greater park spaces, and more room within the park. Don Angus discussed how Waterworks Park can be improved by building a valve to allow water to gather in a specific area to prevent flooding. Angus expressed how Mother Goose Land can be improved by implementing restructuring ideas such not putting structured elements in areas where there is flooding, letting Mother Goose Land go back to nature how it originally was, reworking roadways to move park out of flood plains, and expand parking. Angus discussed how to improve West Park by enhance parking, making it a county wide, region wide, and an active park. Angus discussed outdoor areas that represents each section of the park with the northern section being the naturalistic side of the park, moving further into the midsection of the park with the Garden Center being where events are held, Gatehouse being a greater dining area and potentially raising revenue. Moving further into Monument Park being the historical section of the park and then the Southside of the park being more active section of the park.

Staff Reports:

Parks Superintendent gave a brief update on park projects and plans. Superintendent Dan Kunz discussed the removal of holiday lights at Stadium Park and what is expected for next year's holiday light display. Superintendent Dan reported that himself and maintenance staff are working on a feature hole at Spiker Park. Superintendent Dan Kunz discussed "The Raceway Project" that will extend from Fulton Road to the Canton Garden Center. Superintendent Dan also reported that he is working on equipment and vehicle purchases.

Recreation Superintendent Joe Rodocker could not be present. Director Doug Foltz reported Recreation Superintendent monthly reports. Director Foltz discussed that the Spray Park and Recreation lights was replaced with high definition bulbs and light timers. New restroom is under reconstruction at the Edward "Peel" Coleman Community Center. Martin Luther King event Monday, January 16th was successful consisting of over 400 participants present. Homework help is continuing Monday through Thursday at the Edward "Peel" Coleman Center. Continuing is movie night once a month in the Community Room. "Coffee with a Cop" event will be held January 24th. There is a plan for Cookie with a Cop" in the near future. Action review is scheduled for

February 2nd for the Community Christmas for this year. In regards to Youth and Adult Sports, volleyball is ongoing. Volleyball will end by the end of February. Men's Basketball is open, plan to start League February 8th. Youth Softball League is starting Monday through Thursday at Clarendon Elementary School.

Adjournment: At 5:43pm motion to adjourn was by President Rinaldi, seconded by Member Gerzina, Ayes.... Member Gerzina, and President Rinaldi. Meeting Adjourned.



President



Secretary