

## CANTON PARK COMMISSION

### BOARD MINUTES

### MONTHLY MEETING

April 25, 2023

4:30 pm

A meeting for the Canton Park Commission was held in person at the Canton Garden Center (1615 Stadium Park Dr. Canton, OH 44718) on Tuesday, March 28, 2023. A call to order at 4:36 pm by President Rinaldi.

- Roll Call:** President Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 4:36 pm. The following board members responded to roll call: President Rinaldi, Member Gerzina, and Member Williams. Also, present were individuals who consist of members of the community, employees who work in the community, business inquiries, and business partners of Canton Parks and Recreation.
- Agenda:** President Rinaldi opened up the floor by President Rinaldi, seconded by Member Williams, Vice-President Gerzina, Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Gerzina, and Member Williams. President Rinaldi called to approve change of date 2.28.22 to 2.28.23 on Board Minutes. Motion carried.
- Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes for the date 03/28/2023, by President Rinaldi, seconded by Vice President Gerzina, Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Gerzina, and Member Williams. Motion carried. It was discussed and agreed upon that a work session will be held monthly starting 4.20.23, with no action to follow. Member Williams left the meeting at 5:34 pm. It was requested to have an invite/calendar listing the current and upcoming Public Events be sent out to board members.
- Public Speak:** Mr. Doyle Walker - Crenshaw improvements (RECORDING)
- a. Mr. Walker presented to the board 222 signatures for the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward in favor of improvements regarding recreation amenities. Read letter aloud to attendees which was presented to the Board. Attention was made to ball fields being unavailable/un-useable condition, addressed walking path condition, pickle ball courts, baseball fields. President Rinaldi thanked Mr. Walker.
  - b. Director Foltz explained SARTA acquired Crenshaw Shelter #3 and was tore down. Director Foltz added he has requested estimates for a new replacement shelter with approved ARPA funding available allocated in the amount of \$750,000 to Crenshaw and Edward "Peel" Coleman Center. Also, the track has been looked at and is intact, some improvements will need to be addressed, possible re-seal. A destination playground and skate park will be looked at.

**Financial:** Commissioners reviewed a.) Accounts Payable invoice reports, b.) Parks Department Fund 2530 Report by department, c.) J. Babe Stearn Programming & Expense Report and J. Babe Stearn Contract. Motion to approve reports, by President Rinaldi, seconded by Member Williams, Ayes President Rinaldi, Vice President Gerzina, and Member Williams. Motion carried. Dave Midday present to answer questions regarding J. Babe Stearn.

**Events:** Motion to approve Public Events to include (a. through e. listed below) by President Rinaldi, seconded Member Williams, Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Gerzina, and Member Williams. Motion carried.

- a.) Eleventh Street Church of God Easter Egg Hunt 4.8.2023 at the Canton Garden Club
- b.) Kick-Off to an Adventure (Partnership with Canton Parks and Recreation) 6.7.2023 at Weis Park
- c.) We Believe in Canton
  - 6.24.23 at King Park
  - 7.1.2023 Nimisilla Park
  - 7.15.2023 at Harmont Park
- d.) Summer Serenades in the Park : Brass Quintet 8.31.23 at Stadium Park Garden Center Lawn
- e.) SECC Easter Egg Hunt (Partnership with Canton Parks and Recreation) 4.8.2023 at the Edward "Peel" Coleman Community Center

Motion to approve Bridging the Community for Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 that will be held at the Nimisilla Park, by President Rinaldi, seconded by Vice President Gerzina, Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Gerzina, and Member Williams. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** a. Friend's of the Park – Updates on good feedback (Don Angus - Grant Seeker)

**New Business:**

- a. Trout Release Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 - Monument & Stadium Park
- b. Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 2023 @ 4:15 pm –Send invite for capitol meeting
- c. Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> City Clean-Up (Hall of Fame Village will participate)

**Staff Reports:**

Joe Rodocker - Recreation report discussed

- a. ADA restroom has been finished
- b. Front office is under renovation, front entry has been updated (photos provided).
- c. Risk management - Under 10 years
- d. Mother/Son Dance - Capacity: 90
- e. Sister, Girl, Talk - Attendance has been 12+ each class.
- f. All available job listings will be revised on Friday 03.31.23 and ready to be posted including summer part-time positions

Recreation Superintendent Joe Rodocker gave a brief annual report on the SECC. Rodocker gave an update on the reconstruction and maintenance occurring at the Edward "Peel" Coleman Community Center. Rodocker gave updates on athletics and future events that will be held at the Edward "Peel" Coleman Community Center. 2<sup>nd</sup> Women's Volleyball League has begun and is ongoing at the SECC

- a. Youth Softball team workouts are ongoing.
- b. Coordinating with Canton City Schools and the J. Babe Stern Center for youth baseball opportunities
- c. Lil Pups Rugby starts on April 12<sup>th</sup> (Wednesdays from 1800-1900)
- d. Lil Pups Volleyball starts April 18<sup>th</sup> (Tuesdays and Thursdays 1830-2000)

**Adjournment:** At 5:48 pm motion to adjourn was by President Rinaldi, seconded by Vice President Gerzina, Ayes.... President Rinaldi, Vice President Gerzina. Member Williams' left meeting @ 5:34. Meeting Adjourned.

---

President

---

Secretary