

## **FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

### **MINUTES**

**JULY 21, 2015**

The monthly meeting of the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board was conducted on Tuesday, July 21, 2015, at Huffman Park. Chair Doug Meece called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Board Members in attendance were: Dean Bruewer, Doug Meece, Bob Myron and Debbie Pennington. Board Members Craig Keller and Billy Smith were excused. Staff member in attendance were Heidi Schiller, Arts and Programs Manager; Bob Schappacher, Facilities/Operations Manager; and Cyndi Kreke, Secretary.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None

**MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The June 2015 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

**REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR:** Jim Bell was on vacation and not present at the meeting. Heidi Schiller reported to the Board that new shelters for Waterworks and Point Pleasant parks were approved under the Capital Improvement Program at the last council meeting.

#### **REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES:**

**City Council Update:** Debbie Pennington informed the Board of the annual “Hero’s Ride” that will take place on August 22, 2015. Mrs. Pennington stated that Bill Meyer, Chair of the Hero’s Ride, is expecting upwards of 600 motorcycles to participate in the ride.

Mrs. Pennington distributed flyers for the upcoming August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunbonnet Days at Gilbert Farms Park.

Mrs. Pennington also relayed to the Board that there will be a “Nuxy Bash” on Saturday at the Miracle League Fields featuring a game between Hamilton and Fairfield.

**Planning Commission Update:** Bob Myron stated that at the July 8<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting they received an update on the Cove at Village Green project.

Mr. Myron also informed the Board of the possibility of a Burger King at the Cincinnati Mills location. This will be reviewed at their next meeting.

**Environmental Commission Update:** None

**Cultural Arts Advisory Commission Update:** None

**Golf Course Ad Hoc Committee:** Doug Meece talked about the City Championships that are taking place this week at the golf course. He also stated that Middletown’s Weatherwax Golf Course will be closing this year.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Future plans for the development of the land at Huffman Park adjacent to the golf course were discussed. Doug Meece spoke of possibilities that were previously mentioned such as: driving range, pitch and putt, and toddler golf area. Mr. Meece stated that the driving range may not be

feasible due to safety reasons. He also stated that the Huffman family would probably like to see the area used for something geared towards children. Mr. Meece would like to continue these discussions in the future.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Doug Meece commented on recreational walkers on the cart paths at the golf courses. If this becomes an increasing concern due to interference with the golfers, signage may be needed.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2015, at 6:00 PM, at the Thomas O Marsh Fishing Lake.

Cyndi A. Kreke,  
Secretary