

FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board was conducted on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. Chair Doug Meece called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Board Members in attendance were: Bob Breen, Dr. Stanley Goodman, Donald Hassler, Doug Meece, Bob Myron, Terry Senger and Richard Wood. Staff members present were: Jim Bell, Parks Director; Heidi Schiller, Community Arts Center Manager; Ben Strickler, Parks Events Manager, Bob Schappacher, Parks/Facilities Manager, Cindi Lewellyn, Recreation Manager and Cyndi Kreke, Secretary.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting of September 13, 2011 and the special Board meeting of September 12, 2011. The minutes were approved as written.

Jim Bell stated that he and Board Member/Council Member Terry Senger would need to leave the Board meeting prior to 6:00 PM, in order to attend the City Council meeting that evening. Due to yesterday's Columbus Day holiday, the City Council meeting had been moved to this evening.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Huffman Farm Project: Jim Bell reported that at the September 26th meeting of the Fairfield City Council, that Council had had the first reading of an ordinance to enter into an agreement with the Anna and Harold Huffman Foundation and the Harold W. Huffman Trust for the donation of 22 acres and financial commitment for the creation of a park on the Huffman Property. Jim Bell stated that it was necessary for the Parks and Recreation Board to take similar action on the acceptance of the property and the financial commitment and he had prepared a Parks and Recreation Board Resolution for the Board's consideration. Jim Bell distributed a copy of the agreement for the Board's review (attached).

In response to Doug Meece's question at the September meeting regarding the preliminary grading of all the property, Jim Bell stated that for drainage purposes the majority of the property would have some preliminary grading, since the drainage shed for the pond would be the entire 20 acres. Also in order to balance the dirt work on site, the greens and tee boxes would be built with the excess site dirt and rough graded. Greg Morrow, Parks/Grounds Superintendent, was reviewing the grading plan and locating the greens/tees areas for excess dirt storage.

Black Bottom Park/Greater Cincinnati Waterworks: Jim Bell stated that staff had been in discussions with Greater Cincinnati Waterworks (Bolton Water Plant/River Road) regarding granting a sanitary sewer easement through Black Bottom Park property to the Bolton Water Plant. The Water Plant is currently served by a septic system. In return for the easement, Cincinnati Waterworks is in agreement to allowing the Parks Department to tie into the sewer system, at no charge, as part of the Black Bottom Park development. A copy of the sewer line construction plans were distributed to the Board (attached). Jim Bell reported that it was necessary for both the City Council and the Parks and Recreation Board approve the agreement with the Cincinnati Waterworks and he had prepared a Parks and Recreation Board Resolution for the Board's consideration. The Board concurred with staff's recommendation to allow for the sanitary sewer easement.

Doug Meece recommended that the Board move into New Business and discuss the two Resolutions and prepare to vote, since Board Member/Council Member Senger may need to leave the meeting, the Board concurred.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 11-06: It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 11-06, an agreement with the Anna and Harold Huffman Foundation and the Harold W. Huffman Trust for the donation of 22 acres and financial commitment for the creation of a park on the Huffman Property, in accordance with the agreement on file in the office of the City Manager. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution 11-07: It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution to 11-07, to grant the Greater Cincinnati Waterworks a sanitary sewer easement through Black Bottom Park, in accordance with the agreement on file in the office of the City Manager. The resolution passed unanimously

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR (Continued):

Operations Reports (August 2011): Jim Bell reviewed the August 2011 operations reports for revenues, expenses, and participation/programming numbers from the Golf Courses, Community Arts Center and the Recreation programs (attached).

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES:

City Council Update: Terry Senger reported that he had been re-appointed to serve as City Council Representative to the Parks and Recreation Board for the 2012. Mr. Senger also stated that City Council had scheduled its review meetings of the 2012 Operating Budget.

Planning Commission Update: Don Hassler shared plans of the new restaurant, La Piñata that is renovating a portion of the Symmes Tavern building. Mr. Hassler reported that the Planning Commission was awaiting additional information from the Kroger

Corporation in regards to a Kroger Fueling Station proposed for the corner of Nilles Road and Pleasant Avenue. The Planning Commission meeting of October 12th had been cancelled.

Environmental Commission Update: Bob Breen and Ben Strickler reported that the Environmental Commission was reviewing the Street Tree Ordinance for the purpose of updating the approved street tree list.

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission Update: Dr. Goodman deferred to Heidi Schiller, who reported that the CAAC had performed a review of its summer concert season and previewed its up-coming fall season.

OLD BUSINESS: Terry Senger asked if the golf course/school relationship had weathered the change in the High School's dismissal times, as related to the golf team practices and matches. Mr. Meece answered, as a parent of a golf team member, that the golf course staff had worked hard with the schools to alleviate any issues and worked the matches and practices around the golf courses' league and outing play.

NEW BUSINESS: See above

The Board adjourned the meeting at 5:49 PM. The next regular monthly meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, at 5:30 PM, at the Community Arts Center.

Cyndi A Kreke
Secretary