

FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board was conducted on Tuesday, October 9, 2012, 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, Doug Meece, Bob Myron, Terry Senger and Richard Wood. Marty Judd was excused from the meeting. Staff members in attendance were: James Bell, Parks and Recreation Director; Heidi Schiller, Arts and Programs Manager; Robert Schappacher, Facilities and Operations Manager; and Cyndi Kreke, Secretary. Also present was Don Hassler, Past-Board Member; David Padgett, FYBA President; and John Ervin, FYBA Director of Sponsors.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Representatives from the Fairfield Youth Baseball Association made a presentation to the Board regarding the 2012 season and its plans for 2013 (report attached).

Board Chairman Doug Meece presented a plaque to Don Hassler for his service to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Hassler thanked the Board and stated that it was a pleasure to serve of the Board.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The September meeting minutes were approved as presented.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Operations Revenue/Expense Report (August 2012): Jim Bell reviewed the August operations and expense report (attached). Mr. Bell commented that the unseasonably mild winter/spring had been a boost to the golf operations, increasing the number of rounds played by 5,879 rounds from 2011. The hot summer weather had been a boost to the aquatic center operations and the efficiencies implemented within the Marsh Park operation continued to pay dividends.

Huffman Park Update: Jim Bell reported that the project was progressing and reminded the Board of the dedication ceremony date and time. The dedication ceremony has been scheduled for 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 27, 2012.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES:

City Council Update: Mr. Terry Senger updated the Board on the Issue 3 campaign (Income Tax Re-Allocation) and reported that the City Council had approved the Kroger Fueling Station (Nilles Road/Pleasant Avenue) at its last City Council meeting. The vote was 6 – 1 in favor of the project.

Planning Commission Update: Mr. Bob Myron reported the Planning Commission's past agenda items have included several sign variance and a request from a Hamilton Church to move into the old Justice Center site on Route 4.

Environmental Commission Update: Mr. Breen reported that the Environmental Commission was in the process of reviewing/updating the master plan for the Memorial Grove park site.

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission Update: Doctor Goodman reported that the CAAC's past agenda items included the upcoming 2012/2013 theater season and the 2013 art gallery exhibits.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Meece asked if a response had been received from the State of Ohio regarding the Board/City Council letter requesting a review of the State's ethics policy to allow tipping of governmental employees in the food/beverage service. Mr. Bell stated that he had not heard if the City had received a response from its inquiry.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Don Hassler stated that he had received a citizen comment regarding the grass/paver walkway at the Memorial Grove park site. He passed along the concern that the walkway system was in the need of weeding. Mr. Bell stated that the concern will be passed along to the Park Maintenance Division.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Jim Bell requested an executive session to discuss Real Estate. The roll call vote was unanimous to recess into Executive Session for the reason stated.

The Board reconvened and adjourned the meeting at 6:40 PM. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, at 5:30 PM, at the Fairfield Community Arts Center.

Cyndi A. Kreke,
Secretary