

PARK BOARD

January 14, 2013

The January 14, 2013 Park Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by John Booth, Chairman. Park Board members present were John Booth, Jack Leonard, Sharri Racheter, Rick Roberts, and Kenneth Wessler. Jim Geary was absent.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>TREE</u>
Bill Sowers Tree Service	<u>10375.00</u>
Total	10375.00

TOTAL BILLS: \$10,375.00

A motion was made by Ms. Racheter, seconded by Mr. Roberts for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$10,375.00. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the November 12, 2012 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each Park Board member, were approved as received.

It was reported that the World War II memorial monument has been placed in Bicentennial Park, with a dedication of the monument to take place in the spring of 2013.

It was also reported that the 2012 Winter Fantasy of Lights was very successful and many compliments have been received regarding the event.

Park Board members reviewed requests received for the following events to be held in the City parks:

- Mr. Kent Shane has requested permission to again hold the Mayor's Cup (vintage baseball tournament) in Stepping Stones Park on Saturday, June 1, 2013 and Sunday, June 2, 2013.
- A request to allow the Native American Gathering (Pow Wow) to hold their event annually on the third weekend in August in Harrison Smith Park, that was presented at the October 11, 2010 Park Board meeting was reviewed. It was noted that the dates for this year's event would be Saturday, August 17, 2013 and Sunday, August 18, 2013.

A motion was made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to approve the use of the parks for both events as presented. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Moore requested permission to attend aquatics training for maintenance of ponds on March 6, 2013 in Mansfield, Ohio at a cost of \$60.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Racheter, to approve Mr. Moore to attend aquatics training for pond maintenance as requested. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Moore reported that Wal-Mart donated nearly a pick up truck load of flower bulbs to the City for plantings in the City parks.

Mr. Moore also reported that Park Department employees are currently trimming trees and taking down the lights in Harrison Smith Park from the Winter Fantasy of Lights.

Mr. Roberts reported that he has been approached by individuals about Park Department vehicles driving around the City with the perception that these employees are not doing anything. Mr. Roberts suggested perhaps log books be kept in the trucks to account for the miles driven. Mr. Moore indicated that he checks on all eight of the City's parks everyday and he checks on trees that complaints are received about on a daily basis.

Mr. John Booth indicated that he is resigning as a member of the Park Board after this meeting.

Park Board members asked Mr. Wessler if he would be willing to serve as Chairman of the Park Board following Mr. Booth's resignation. Mr. Wessler indicated that he would be willing to serve as Chairman.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

John Booth, Chairman