

PARK BOARD

June 10, 2013

The June 10, 2013 Park Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kenneth Wessler, Chairman. Park Board members present were Jim Geary, Jack Leonard, Sharri Racheter, Rick Roberts, Kip Wentling, and Kenneth Wessler.

Others present included: Jason Kurtz; Rachelle Ehrman; Cassie Carlson; Milan Carlson; Don Spiegel; Chanda Neely, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>PARK</u>	<u>POOL</u>	<u>TREE</u>
American Fire & Safety Services		285.00	
Bill Sowers Tree Service			10434.00
Brandstetter Carroll Inc.	2400.00		
Blue Tarp Financial, Inc.	1375.90		
Green Guard First Aid	181.47		
O'Reilly Auto Parts	55.57		
OP Aquatics		167.70	
Peacock Water Conditioning	12.50		
Schmidt Machine Co.	182.09		
Schwan's		163.15	
Service Supply Ltd.	1056.59		
Share Corp.	<u>462.79</u>		
Total	<u>5726.91</u>	<u>615.85</u>	<u>10434.00</u>

TOTAL BILLS: \$16,776.76

A motion was made by Mr. Geary, seconded by Ms. Racheter, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$16,776.76. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the May 13, 2013 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each Park Board member, were approved as amended.

Mr. Jason Kurtz and Ms. Rachelle Ehrman, members of The Society for Creative Anachronism representing Wyandot and Seneca Counties, addressed the Park Board concerning an event they would like to hold in September in Stepping Stones Park. The organization teaches and encourages research and education of pre 17th century European history. As part of the event there would be a range of martial activities including armoured combat, fencing, target archery, combat archery, and siege weaponry activities; and there would also be educational classes. Ms. Ehrman indicated that the most participants that the group has had attend an event is two-hundred (200). Park Board members indicated that for a group that size parking will be an issue at Stepping Stones Park. The group would like to camp in the park beginning on a Friday evening and extending through Sunday afternoon. Park Board members reviewed an email sent from Mr. Kurtz to Mayor Washburn and expressed concerns about campfires, noise, and alcohol. It was noted that alcohol is not permitted in any of the City parks. It was suggested that the group look at Water Works Park as a possible site for their event. If held in Water Works Park, the group indicated that they would pay for the portable bathroom facilities. Mr. Kurtz and Ms. Ehrman will look at Water Works Park and the Park Board will check with previous locations where the group has held their events in the past and discussion will continue at the July 8, 2013 Park Board meeting.

Discussion was held concerning the restrooms at the pool as discussed at the May 13, 2013 Park Board meeting and toured by the members of the Park Board following that meeting. It was noted that there wasn't enough time between that Park Board meeting and the opening of the pool to upgrade these restrooms because plans need to be drawn up and State approval needs to be obtained. Mr. Wessler indicated that Mr. Bruce Brandstetter, Brandstetter Carroll, Inc., will be working on the plans and will look for grant funding to possibly assist with this project and the upgrade will be addressed in the fall of 2013 or the spring of 2014.

Ms. Racheter inquired as to if any project has been identified for the service grant offered through the state Elks organization, as presented by Mr. Mark Ratliff at the May 13, 2013 Park Board meeting. Mr. Roberts suggested the installation of playground equipment be considered at Highland Park for the benefit of children living in the apartment complexes in the north part of the City. Mr. Wessler indicated that the Rotary Club may be able to assist with this project also.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kenneth Wessler, Chairman