

PARK BOARD

February 10, 2014

The February 10, 2014 Park Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Ken Wessler, Chairman. Park Board members present were Jon Blackburn, Jack Leonard, Rick Roberts, Kip Wentling, and Kenneth Wessler. Sharri Racheter was absent.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>PARK</u>	<u>POOL</u>
Bugners Sewer Septic & Portable Restrooms	85.00	
Wyandot County Health Department		148.75
Total	85.00	148.75

TOTAL BILLS: \$233.75

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Blackburn, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$233.75. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the January 13, 2014 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each Park Board member, were approved as received.

Mayor Washburn reported that Mr. Randy Moore, Parks Manager, received a quote from Evolution Ag, Upper Sandusky, for a 2013 Kubota utility vehicle with all of the needed accessories including a dump bed for \$14,500.00 under the State purchasing program. The City's budget for this item is \$15,000.00. This equipment will replace the Park Department's golf cart and be utilized to maintain the flower pots and mulch trees in the downtown and be used for plowing snow on the paths in the parks and on the sidewalks in the downtown.

A motion was made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Wentling, to approve the purchase of a 2013 Kubota utility vehicle from Evolution Ag, Upper Sandusky, at a cost of \$14,500.00. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

It was noted that the new signs identifying Duck Pond Park and Highland Park have been delivered and will be installed when the weather permits.

Discussion was held concerning roadway repairs in Harrison Smith Park that will have to be addressed as sections of the roads were badly damaged during the Winter Fantasy of Lights. Mayor Washburn indicated that an estimate will be obtained to address these repairs. Mr. Leonard indicated that he is willing to present the estimate to the Winter Fantasy of Lights committee and inquire as to if they are willing to assist with these repairs. Mr. Roberts suggested the Winter Fantasy of Lights add a provision to their by-laws that a certain percentage of their income each year be given to the City for infrastructure improvements in Harrison Smith Park.

Mayor Washburn noted that the Park Department employees are doing a great job clearing snow on the sidewalks in the downtown area.

Mr. Roberts indicated that the steering committee to research the most economical solution and availability of funding to either repair or build a new municipal swimming pool due to the age of the existing pool and needed updates is forming. The committee currently consists of Mr. Roberts, Mr. Wentling, Mr. Tom Shumaker as a representative from City Council, Mr. Jim Ruhlen, and Mrs. Jen Ruhlen. Mr. Wentling indicated that Kip and Stacy Barth are interested in serving on the committee also.

Mr. Wessler indicated that a list of needed repairs for the existing pool bath house needs to be formed so these items can be addressed prior to the pool opening.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kenneth Wessler, Chairman