

PARK BOARD

July 11, 2016

The July 11, 2016 Park Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kenneth Wessler, Chairman. Park Board members present were Paul Huffman, Jack Leonard, Rick Roberts, Kip Wentling, and Kenneth Wessler. Jon Blackburn was absent.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Keith Niederkohr, Parks Manager; Chas Nichols; Tom Eyestone; William Savidge; Steve Tanner; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>PARK</u>	<u>POOL</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>
AT & T			255.84
AT & T			192.87
AT & T			102.35
AT & T	49.80		
AT & T			186.60
AT & T			1627.29
AT & T			96.53
AT & T			134.07
AT & T			96.53
Automated Petroleum	52.01		330.17
Ballreich's		108.80	
Ballreich's		81.60	
Carmar Gardens Inc.	184.00		646.00
Crop Production Services	160.00		
Gottfried Electric	257.20		586.85
Gottfried Electric	1656.70		1256.49
HD Supply	199.90		
Heritage Cooperative	262.94		221.60
Jordan Breece			64.44
Nick Oney	3158.72		
Keith Niederkohr	49.00		
Koehler Drug Company			64.08
Marla Ritter		15.45	
Noble Americas			13247.39
North Branch Nursery			67.05
OP Aquatics		678.05	
Peacock Water Conditioning	40.50		
Rall Supply			109.25
Brohl & Appell		50.53	
Schwan's Home Service		690.14	
Washington Auto Parts	103.33		1896.67
Visa – First Citizens Natl Bank		239.97	113.58
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Wyandot Tractor			627.24
Total	<u>6174.10</u>	<u>1864.54</u>	<u>23634.32</u>

TOTAL BILLS: \$31,672.96

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Wentling, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$31,672.96. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the June 13, 2016 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each Park Board member, were approved as received.

Mrs. Chas Nichols addressed the Park Board concerning motorists speeding in Harrison Smith Park. Mrs. Nichols indicated that she and several other individuals recently witnessed a young motorist traveling at a high rate of speed in the area of the west ball field in Harrison Smith Park during the time when girls were being dropped off for their games, and she has witnessed other motorists speeding in the park. Mrs. Nichols suggested that a no drive zone be created in the park near the west ball field with levers or gates installed that can be opened for vehicular traffic during the Winter Fantasy of Lights. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that the Parks Department installed a temporary plastic speed bump in the area but it will be removed soon for upcoming roadwork, but he is planning to install an additional speed bump in the area. Park Board members discussed the possibility of installing stop signs where the roadways intersect in this area making a three-way stop.

A motion was made by Mr. Huffman, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to proceed with the installation of stop signs in the area west of the west ball field where the roadways intersect making this a three-way stop, provided that the Police Department deems these stop signs enforceable. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Tom Eyestone, representing the Veterans Heritage Foundation of Wyandot County, addressed the Park Board regarding the possible placement of a World War I Memorial in Bicentennial Park. The 6' x 8' black granite monument would stand approximately 10' high on a base and a sub-base and would have the image of The Spirit of the American Doughboy etched on one side and a quote by General John J. Pershing along with local statistics carved on the opposite side. Mr. Eyestone provided information on the history of The Spirit of the American Doughboy. It was noted that the Veterans Heritage Foundation of Wyandot County will pay for all materials and labor for the project and they would like to dedicate the memorial to the City on Veteran's Day.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to give preliminary approval to the Veterans Heritage Foundation of Wyandot County for the placement of a World War I Memorial in Bicentennial Park. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Eyestone also addressed the Park Board indicating that some individuals feel the existing Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Bicentennial Park is in the wrong location and it belongs in the northwest quadrant of the memorial area in Bicentennial Park and the Veterans Hall of Fame Monument belongs in the location of the existing Vietnam Veterans Memorial. It was noted that the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is in five pieces. This issue will be addressed with the veteran's clubs and additional information will be presented at a future Park Board meeting.

Mr. Leonard inquired as to the status of the cleanliness of the pool as was noted prior to the Park Board members visit to the pool following the June 13, 2016 Park Board meeting. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that this matter is still be addressed.

Mr. Niederkohr stated that approximately \$3,000.00 has been raised by two groups including Trinity Evangelical Church, as reported at the June 13, 2016 Park Board meeting, who would like to see a fence installed at the east ball field in Harrison Smith Park. Quotes were obtained from Lucius Fence for a 200' fence at a cost of \$10,600.00 and for a 265' fence at a cost of \$14,000.00. Mr. Niederkohr will obtain other quotes for this project.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that patching of roadways in Harrison Smith Park began today.

Mr. Niederkohr stated that the Winter Fantasy of Lights inquired as to the possibility of a walk-in entrance door at the white shelter which would allow easier access when the lights and displays are being stored at the white shelter. A quote of \$300.00 for the door was obtained and the Winter Fantasy of Lights has asked if the City would be willing to split the cost. After discussion, Park Board members agreed to split the \$300.00 cost for a walk-in entrance door for the white shelter.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kenneth Wessler, Chairman