

PARK BOARD

October 10, 2016

The October 10, 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 Jon Blackburn, Bob Blocksom, Jack Leonard, Kip Wentling, and Kenneth Wessler.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Keith Niederkohr, Parks Manager; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>PARK</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>
Automated Petroleum		46.67
Automated Petroleum	204.87	1201.87
A-1 Printing	322.80	
First Aid Now	68.45	204.95
HD Supply	199.90	
Heritage Cooperative	248.06	174.54
Karen Kline		254.00
Lexis Nexis		501.52
Peacock Water		12.50
Pilot Travel Centers		258.77
Richard Grafmiller		1232.58
Romich Sales & Service	373.57	30.65
The Drone Store		5235.00
County of Wyandot		86.00
Washington Auto Parts	<u>189.16</u>	<u>1097.78</u>
Total	1606.81	10336.83

TOTAL BILLS: \$11,943.64

A motion was made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Blackburn, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$11,943.64. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the September 12, 2016 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The position of pool manager for 2017 was again discussed. Mayor Washburn suggested the position be advertised now and applications be reviewed at the November 2016 Park Board meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Blocksom, to authorize the Human Resource Officer to advertise for the position of pool manager for the 2017 swimming pool season. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Park Board members reviewed information from the Ohio Department of Transportation regarding Access Ohio 2040, a coordinated effort with local jurisdictions to designate Ohio's first U.S. and State Bike Route network. Mayor Washburn indicated that the Service Committee has also reviewed this information and recommended to City Council to proceed with legislation, therefore no action of the Park Board is required.

Mr. Blackburn indicated that he attended the Farmers Market in Harrison Smith Park last Saturday and saw a potential problem with foul balls from a softball game that was being played on the diamond to the south of the Farmers Market vendors. It was noted that these vendors were facing away from the softball field and there were foul balls hit in the direction of the Farmers Market. Mr. Blackburn inquired about the possibility of increasing the height of the fence. It was noted that this option would not stop all foul balls. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that there usually aren't softball games being played on Saturday mornings but there was a tournament being played on that day. It was suggested that the Farmers Market vendors be made aware that they can set up on the opposite side of the road when softball games are being played.

Mr. Niederkoehr reported that donations were received from the Young Professionals and the Trinity Evangelical Church Youth Group towards the outfield fence that was installed at the east ball field in Harrison Smith Park. Mr. Niederkoehr addressed the Rotary and they will be holding a board meeting soon to determine if they will be donating to the project. Interest in donating to the project was also expressed by Fairhaven and Westbrook Inn. Signage acknowledging the donors will be placed below the scoreboard at this field. Mr. Niederkoehr also noted that tile will soon be placed on the top of the fence at this field.

Mr. Niederkoehr indicated that traffic and parking issues for the Winter Fantasy of Lights will be experienced this year due to the Sewer Separation Project that is currently taking place. Mr. Blackburn indicated that there is an upcoming meeting of the WFOL Committee and this matter will be discussed.

Mr. Niederkoehr reported on problems experienced recently with two separate weddings that were both held in Stepping Stones Park during the month of September. Both weddings removed all of the picnic tables from the large gazebo and did not replace them. The second wedding left artificial flower pieces/parts scattered on the ground and there was cake and food left on the floor of the gazebo. Discussion was held concerning possible steps to prevent and deal with similar incidents that may happen in the future.

Mr. Leonard inquired as to the status of the converting the inline hockey rink in Bicentennial Park into basketball courts. Mr. Niederkoehr indicated that the necessary paperwork and estimates have been submitted for the grant funding from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for this project. The completion date for the project is in 2018.

Park Board members thanked Mr. Rick Roberts for his service to the Park Board.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Kenneth Wessler, Chairman