

## PARK BOARD

May 27, 2020

The May 27, 2020 special Park Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the swimming pool in Harrison Smith Park by Kenneth Wessler, Chairman. Park Board members present were Jon Blackburn, Bob Blocksom, Aaron Korte, Jack Leonard, Kip Wentling, and Kenneth Wessler.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Keith Niederkohr, Parks Manager; Mark Droll, City Auditor; Catie Richman; Heather Smalley; Callan Pugh, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The purpose of this meeting was to tour the swimming pool facility and discuss the pool opening.

Mr. Niederkohr and Miss Richman gave Park Board members a tour of the swimming pool facility.

Mr. Droll reviewed financial information pertaining to the swimming pool and noted that the pool reports back to 1983 only show two years of positive cash flow. Mr. Droll indicated that it costs approximately \$13,000.00 to set up the pool for operation and the pool has experienced \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 in losses in each of the last two years. Mr. Droll noted that the City's Income Tax Collections are currently down 8% and a portion of the income tax goes into the Park budget. Factors that would decrease labor costs at the swimming pool this year including the cancellation of swim lessons and swim team were noted. Mr. Korte stated that the Park Board is responsible as stewards to be financially responsible. Mr. Niederkohr was asked for his input regarding the opening of the pool and he indicated that he feels there is a need to move forward with the opening. Mr. Niederkohr further noted that the Splash Pad located in Bicentennial Park will be ready to be opened in the near future and patrons will be responsible to practice social distancing. Miss Richman was asked for her input regarding the opening of the wading (kiddie) pool and she stated that she feels it should be opened. Sanitizing and social distancing practices in the pool house, locker rooms, and pool area will need to be observed and monitored during regular pool hours and during pool parties. It was suggested that Mr. Jeff Ritchey, Wyandot County Health Department – Director of Environmental Health, be asked to attend the lifeguard (pool staff) meeting to go over COVID-19 (coronavirus) regulations and guidelines that will need to be followed.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Blocksom, to open the swimming pool, the wading (kiddie) pool, and the splash pad on or before June 15, 2020. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning advertising for the positions of manager, assistant manager, and lifeguards for the swimming pool.

A motion was made by Mr. Wentling, seconded by Mr. Blackburn, to advertise for the positions of manager, assistant manager, and lifeguards. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Blocksom, to enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried. Upon completion of the executive session, the Park Board reconvened into regular session.

A motion was made by Mr. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Wentling, to advertise for cashiers for the swimming pool. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The sale of concession items this year was discussed. Several of those in attendance indicated their preference for the sale of water to the public. It was noted that Mr. Jeff Ritchey, Wyandot County Health Department – Director of Environmental Health, will be consulted regarding this matter.

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