

PARK BOARD

February 8, 2021

The February 8, 2021 Park Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the park maintenance building in Harrison Smith Park by Kenneth Wessler, Chairman. Park Board members present were Jennifer Banta, Jon Blackburn, Bob Blocksom, Kip Wentling, and Kenneth Wessler. Jack Leonard was absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Keith Niederkohr, Parks Manager; Aaron Korte; Bill Gillen; Callan Pugh, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

|                            | <u>PARK</u>   | <u>GENERAL</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| AT & T                     | 40.68         |                |
| AT & T                     |               | 68.83          |
| AT & T                     |               | 125.32         |
| AT & T                     |               | 211.97         |
| AT & T                     |               | 299.12         |
| AT & T                     |               | 770.89         |
| AEP Ohio                   |               | 31.60          |
| AEP Ohio                   |               | 48.43          |
| AEP Ohio                   |               | 5200.48        |
| Automated Petroleum        | 60.22         | 2481.91        |
| Bill Sowers Tree Service   |               | 7100.00        |
| Columbia Gas of Ohio       |               | 4381.76        |
| The Daily Chief Union      |               | 498.85         |
| Farmers Equipment Inc.     | 30.60         |                |
| Farmers Equipment Inc.     | 1471.60       |                |
| Farmers Equipment Inc.     |               | 338.94         |
| First Aid Now              | 87.35         |                |
| First Aid Now              |               | 51.20          |
| First Aid Now              |               | 84.10          |
| First Aid Now              |               | 93.60          |
| First Aid Now              |               | 156.15         |
| Gottfried Electric         |               | 322.50         |
| Heritage Cooperative       | 15.25         |                |
| Karen Kline                |               | 254.00         |
| Kimmel Corporation         |               | 1367.45        |
| Matt Patchett              | 150.00        |                |
| O'Reilly Automotive Inc.   | 72.14         | 87.11          |
| Pilot Travel Centers       |               | 481.96         |
| Sherwin Williams Co        | 114.70        |                |
| Staples                    |               | 320.74         |
| Thomas Scientific          |               | 14.79          |
| Thomson Reuters            |               | 272.31         |
| Treasurer, State of Ohio   |               | 100.00         |
| Washington Auto Hardware   | 121.71        | 822.01         |
| Wyandot County Health Dept | 165.00        |                |
| Wyandot Tractor            | <u>248.30</u> | <u>104.68</u>  |
| Totals                     | 2577.55       | 26090.70       |

TOTAL BILLS: \$28,668.25

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Wentling, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$28,668.25. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the January 21, 2021 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each Park Board member, were approved as received.

Mr. Bill Gillen again addressed the Park Board as a follow up from the January 21, 2021 Park Board meeting where he presented a request for the installation of lights along the walking path in Stepping Stones Park on the east side of the Sandusky River at the bottom of the hill near the pedestrian bridge. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that he has met with Harris Electric regarding this request and he is currently waiting on a quote for this work. It was noted that there is a nearby lift station which could provide electric to this area. There are many factors to be considered with this work including boring the electric line, obtaining an easement as there is property in the area not owned by the City, police access to the area, and flooding. Park Board members asked Mr. Niederkohr to continue working on this request, and Mr. Wessler indicated that the Safety Committee will need to be involved as access to the area by the police department will be limited. Mr. Gillen stated that he will contact the Park Board in the spring for an update and he will forward this information on to the residents of Rivers Edge Subdivision asking for this lighting.

Mr. Korte addressed the Park Board and indicated that the subcommittee formed to discuss the swimming pool has met twice and will hopefully be presenting their recommendations at the March Park Board meeting. Mr. Korte noted that the City is currently advertising for all employment positions at the swimming pool.

Park Board members reviewed the following schedule for swim lessons for 2021 as received from Mrs. Jill Eyestone:

- Regular swim lessons for students going into 2nd grade or older: June 21 - July 2, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. each Monday – Friday those two weeks.
- Infant and toddlers plus a Level 1 for students completing Kindergarten: July 5 - 9, 2021; Level 1 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. and infant and toddlers 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. All infants and toddlers must be accompanied with an adult in the water.

A motion was made by Mr. Wentling, seconded by Mr. Blackburn, to approve the swim lesson schedule for 2021 as received from Mrs. Jill Eyestone. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Wessler reported that the request received at the January 21, 2021 Park Board meeting to close West Hicks Street (north side of the railroad tracks), west of South Warpole Street, during games played by the Girls Slow Pitch Softball League was forwarded and reviewed by the Safety Committee. The Safety Committee was not in favor of closing this section of street as this closure could create traffic and parking issues. Safety Committee suggested the installation of netting above the outfield fence along West Hicks Street. Mr. Niederkohr will contact vendors to obtain prices for this netting and report back to the Park Board.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that the City budgeted \$30,000.00 for a dump truck for the Parks Department in 2021. The Parks Department's current dump truck is a 1990 Ford F Super Duty and the engine won't start. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that he found a listing from Rollerena Auto Sales, 50263 SR 14, East Palestine, Ohio 44413 for a used 2015 Chevy Silverado 3500 with a dump bed for \$30,280.00. Mr. Niederkohr noted that he has been weighing the options involving this purchase including the possibility of repairing and auctioning the existing dump truck or scraping the vehicle.

A motion was made by Mr. Blocksom, seconded by Mr. Wentling, to approve the purchase of a used 2015 Chevy Silverado 3500 with a dump bed from Rollerena Auto Sales, 50263 SR 14, East Palestine, Ohio 44413 for \$30,280.00. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Niederkohr thanked the organizers of the Winter Fantasy of Lights noting that they are a great organization and great to work with and they had another great year. Mr. Niederkohr stated that he is proud to be affiliated with this organization.

Mr. Niederkohr again reported on the possibility of obtaining grant funding through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources available for boat ramps, boat docks, and kayak access points along rivers, as presented at the January 21, 2021 Park Board meeting. Mr. Niederkohr noted that a representative from the Ohio Scenic River Program looked at several locations along the Sandusky River as possible kayak launch areas. Mr. Niederkohr noted that the estimated cost of a launch location would be \$1,500.00, and it would be easier to build these launch areas in house. Mr. Niederkohr noted that there is an area near the Indian Mill that has been utilized for canoes and kayaks to carry out that does need some improvements. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that he has discussed this matter with Mr. Ben Buckland, Law Director, who stated that there is a statute in Ohio Revised Code that protects municipalities against injuries, etc. from individuals utilizing these areas. Mr. Buckland recommended signage be placed to indicate launch and carry out locations.

Mayor McColly shared a letter received from the Winter Fantasy of Lights thanking the Park Board for their contributions and being part of the annual event.

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