

PARK BOARD

May 10, 2021

The May 10, 2021 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. Jennifer Banta was absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Keith Niederkohr, Parks Manager; Dick Eyestone; Lesley Hayman; Dan Hayman; Bill Sturgeon; Callan Pugh, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>PARK</u>	<u>POOL</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>
OPERS and OP&FPF			61054.00
Payroll			131584.66
A-1 Printing		111.72	
AT & T	40.79		
AT & T			69.19
AT & T			125.32
AT & T			213.07
AT & T			300.56
AT & T			773.58
AEP Ohio			323.73
AEP Ohio			3380.36
Automated Petroleum			49.94
Automated Petroleum	337.17		1730.34
Catherine Richman		60.00	
Columbia Gas of Ohio			2066.43
DMC Technology Group			2400.00
Daily Chief Union			505.80
Heritage Cooperative	506.88		30.48
Kerr's Automotive Repair			760.38
Kimmel Corporation			1786.35
Liberty Flagpoles			3150.00
Natalie Mouser	100.30		
North Branch Nursery			632.00
Patrick's Automotive	375.51		
Pilot Travel Centers			317.79
Quill			67.99
Rall Supply	116.46		539.81
Rea & Associates			3000.00
Schmidt Machine Company	129.03		
Staples			482.12
Stephen Campbell			10696.00
Thomson Reuters – West			291.37
Wyandot Tractor	<u>216.41</u>		<u>243.05</u>
Totals	1822.55	171.72	226574.32

TOTAL BILLS: \$228,568.59

A motion was made by Mr. Blocksom, seconded by Mr. Wentling, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$228,568.59. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the April 12, 2021 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each Park Board member, were approved as received.

Mr. Dick Eyestone, representing the Winter Fantasy of Lights (WFOL), addressed the Park Board and noted that the displays, lights, etc. for the WFOL are stored in five semi-trailers and the WFOL is losing the current location where the trailers are sitting so a proposal is being prepared for the construction of 40'w x 70'l shed like structure in the southwest corner of Harrison Smith Park for the storage of the displays, lights, etc. that are currently being kept in the five semi-trailers. Mr. Eyestone indicated that this location was selected as this corner of the park is unused by the public. Mr. Eyestone stated that the storage area for the five semi-trailers is approximately 1,937 square feet and the proposed building will be approximately 2,800 square feet with 8'h sides and a 13' peak. The building will look similar to the last building built in the park being dark brown in color with roll-up doors and walk-in doors and a driveway to the building will be installed. Mr. Eyestone noted that he has spoken with Mr. Dan Harris, Harris Electric, regarding electric to the building; and Mr. Victor Koehler, Koehler Surveying, will be surveying the site; and Mr. Niederkoeh has contacted OOPS about underground utilities and it was determined that there are underground lines in the area but not at the proposed construction site. Mr. Niederkoeh noted that due to the slope in this area the site will need to be leveled and the foundation of the proposed building should not be like a pole barn but instead it should be a laid-up block foundation. Mr. Eyestone indicated that the WFOL does not anticipate folding the annual event and he senses it will continue to grow, however should the event cease the building will become the property of the City. Mr. Eyestone stated that the WFOL plans to finance the entire project and submit the proper documentation to the State for the necessary permits for the building. Mayor McColly indicated that the City is on board for this project.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to authorize the Winter Fantasy of Lights committee to proceed with plans for a shed like structure in Harrison Smith Park to store displays, lights, etc. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mrs. Lesley Hayman, representing the Winter Fantasy of Lights (WFOL), addressed the Park Board noting that she is the head of the WFOL walk-thru that will be held this year on Monday, November 29, 2021 and Tuesday, November 30, 2021; and she indicated that since this is the 25th year of the WFOL a small pyrotechnic (fireworks) ground display lasting 6 to 8 minutes is being considered to open this year's walk-thru. Mr. Bill Sturgeon, who is a licensed fireworks exhibitor, explained the process of obtaining the necessary permit thru the State Fire Marshall and the steps required for the discharge of fireworks including the presence of the Fire Department and the required setbacks between and crowd and the fireworks being shot off. Mr. Sturgeon indicated that the area to the west of the teepee on the south side of the pond, between the pond to the north and the back roadway to the south in Harrison Smith Park is the site being considered for the discharge of fireworks. Mr. Sturgeon noted that the company who sells fireworks for a show must provide insurance. Mr. Sturgeon addressed a concern that was presented to him of other events in the park wanting to discharge fireworks, and he indicated that this is not possible without first the necessary permit from the State Fire Marshall and a licensed fireworks exhibitor. Several concerns were raised including safety, enough room for people to watch with the required setbacks, a possible steady flow of people and a significant crowd size, the proximity of the fireworks being discharged and any WFOL displays in the area, possible dry weather and leaves on the ground. Mr. Eyestone, Mrs. Hayman, and Mr. Sturgeon addressed these concerns and Mr. Sturgeon noted that the type and smaller size of the fireworks do not pose concerns. Mr. Wessler suggested a small fireworks show for the members of the Park Board be done to give a better idea of what will occur on the evening of the walk-thru. Mr. Sturgeon stated that this is possible however there will be expenses involved including a permit to be obtained thru the State Fire Marshall along with the purchase of fireworks. Mr. Wessler noted that the Park Board cannot vote on this matter until the Safety Committee, Fire Department, and Police Department have been informed and have no objections to this event.

The hiring of lifeguards and cashiers for the swimming pool for the 2021 season was addressed.

A motion was made by Mr. Wentling, seconded by Mr. Blocksom, to approve the hiring of the following Lifeguards: Cali Andres, James Blackburn, Sydney Cusac, Gage Frey, Elizabeth Plymale, Hannah Plymale, Cade Rothlisberger, Josie Smalley, Sydney Stuckman, Reagan Ward, and Lindsay Weininger; and the hiring of the following Cashiers: Ashley Dilley, Emma Dilley, Max (Nadia) Morrison, Micah Shasteen, and Zachary Sheaffer. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Niederkoehr reported on a quote he received from Tackett Fence, Marion, Ohio for netting at the Girls' Softball Field at Water Tower Park, as previously discussed earlier this year. The quote of \$12,890.00 from Tackett Fence includes new posts, netting above the outfield fence along West Hicks Street, and new netting to replace the existing netting above the outfield fence along South Warpole Street as this netting has holes and is in need of replacement, and cable for the top of the netting. Mr. Niederkoehr suggested the possible use of snow fence for this year and that the existing netting along South Warpole Street be patched. Mr. Niederkoehr will communicate with the Girls' Softball League to determine how much they are willing to assist with the cost of this expense.

Mr. Niederkoehr thanked members of the community for cleaning up after their pets while walking in the parks. It was noted that there are doggie bags and trash receptacles available in all of the parks for this purpose. It was also noted that a dog drinking fountain has been installed at Water Works Dog Park, 240 Orchard Drive. Mr. Niederkoehr also thanked Shook Construction for donating a crane to move the restrooms from the former Water Works Park up the hill to the Water Works Dog Park.

Mr. Niederkoehr reported that the Tree Commission has been discussing the replacement of trees planted in the downtown area and he is currently working on donation amounts for anyone interested in purchasing a tree to be planted in the downtown area.

It was noted that the Water Treatment Plant employees are preparing the swimming pool in Harrison Smith Park to be opened.

It was also noted that the Splash Pad in Bicentennial Park has been prepared for opening which is being planned for Memorial Day weekend, or earlier depending upon the weather. Mr. Niederkoehr indicated that due to recent cold weather, bales of straw were placed on the ground to insulate the underground backflow device at the Splash Pad to help prevent it from freezing.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kenneth Wessler, Chairman