

PARK BOARD

March 9, 2009

The March 9, 2009 Park Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Jim Schuster, Chairman. Park Board members present were Brenda Freehling, Sharri Racheter, Jim Schuster, Paul Wagner, and Kenneth Wessler. John Booth was absent.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Randy Moore, Parks Manager; Alissa Paoella, Daily Chief Union; Neale Yeomans, Guardian Industries; Jim Shane; Kent Shane; and Sarah Molnar, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>PARK</u>	<u>POOL</u>	<u>TREE</u>
Bomer's Exhaust			42.43
Farmers Commission		22.44	
JR Equipment		413.65	
OP Aquatics		781.63	
Peachtree Business Products		52.00	
Streacker Tractor Sales	<u>669.52</u>		
Total	1157.61	781.63	42.43

TOTAL BILLS: \$1,981.67

A motion was made by Mrs. Freehling, seconded by Mr. Wagner, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$1,981.67. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the February 9, 2009 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each Park Board member, were approved as received.

At this time Mr. Neale Yeomans, Guardian Industries Plant Manager, presented a check to the City for \$450.00 towards the purchase of a new volleyball net for a second volleyball court to be constructed in Harrison Smith Park. Mayor Washburn and the members of the Park Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Yeomans and Guardian Industries for the donation.

Mr. Jim Shane and Mr. Kent Shane, representing the Wyandotte Ghost Riders (formerly called The Sycamore Grasshoppers) a vintage baseball team, addressed the Park Board indicating that they would like to use the grassy area at the east end of Harrison Smith Park for home games and noting that they would like to use Harrison Smith Park for their home park and home field. Park Board members voiced no objections and indicated that game dates should be submitted for scheduling purposes.

Mr. Moore reported that Kirby's Sand and Gravel is willing to donate sand for the second volleyball court to be constructed in Harrison Smith Park, and Uni-Grip, Inc. has donated shredded rubber for the playgrounds in the parks. Mayor Washburn and Park Board members expressed their appreciation for these donations.

Mayor Washburn indicated that he was recently contacted by new a representative of the Korean Wall, as interest was previously expressed in locating a monument in Bicentennial Park. Mayor Washburn informed the representative that discussions will have to be held with the Park Board concerning the placement of any monuments in the City's parks.

Park Board members reviewed and discussed the pool rules and regulations, pool opening date and hours of operation, prices for pool admission, and the advertisement for pool personnel.

A motion was made by Ms. Racheter, seconded by Mrs. Freehling, as follows:

- Maintain the existing pool rules and regulations;
- The opening date for the 2009 swimming pool season will be Friday, June 5, 2009 (weather permitting) and provided there are no additional cancellations and make-up days scheduled for Upper Sandusky Schools;
- The pool hours will be Monday thru Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., with twilight hours from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.;
- The 2009 admission rates are: Family (limit 4) - \$65.00 plus \$10.00 for each additional family member; Single - \$40.00; Senior Citizen (over 60) - \$35.00; Daily Pass - \$3.00; Out of County Membership (limit 4) - \$85.00 plus \$10.00 for each additional family member; Out of County Single Membership - \$50.00; and Twilight Rates - \$1.50; and
- Authorize the Mayor to advertise for pool personnel for the 2009 swimming pool season.

Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Moore reported that the hillside to the north of Rivers Edge Subdivision, leading to Stepping Stones Park on the east side of the Sandusky River, slid as a result of excessive moisture due to the snow melting and recent rainfall. Mr. Moore presented his plans to repair the hillside including the installation of a 20" wide grate and tile. A quote from East Jordan Iron Works for the grate was presented. A quote for the necessary tile including the purchase of solid tile at a cost of \$1,252.00 or the purchase of rolled tile at a cost of \$1,080.00 was also presented. It was noted that the hillside will have to be repaired when the weather permits.

A motion was made by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Ms. Racheter, to authorize the purchase of the materials necessary to repair the hillside leading to Stepping Stones Park on the east side of the Sandusky River. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Moore presented three quotes obtained for the purchase of a new mower for use by the Parks Department. It was noted that the mower will be utilized to mow hillsides. This purchase has been appropriated in the City's budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Wagner, to approve the purchase of a new mower for the Parks Department at the lowest quote received. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Wessler inquired about the following: when will trash barrels be placed in Harrison Smith Park; if the City sweeps the walking path around the reservoir; and if Pheasants Forever will be maintaining the prairie grass at the reservoir? Mr. Moore noted that there are currently some trash barrels in Harrison Smith Park with the remainder to be set out when the barricades in the park are removed and the entire park opens and that the Park Department frequently sweeps the walking path around the reservoir with the City's street sweeper. Mayor Washburn indicated that Pheasants Forever will be working with the Service Department to maintain the prairie grass at the reservoir.

Mrs. Freehling inquired as to if ice skating was permitted in Harrison Smith Park during this winter. Mr. Moore stated that ice skating is not permitted on the large pond and 6" of ice is required on the small pond before ice skating is allowed and since the ice never got thick enough skating was not permitted. Mr. Freehling suggested the City check into a portable ice skating rink for next winter. It was noted that several years ago the City had a portable ice skating rink set up in Harrison Smith Park and the liner was ruined after an individual walked through it with ice skates on and while the ice was melted cutting holes in the liner. Park Board members requested Mr. Moore check into costs for a portable ice skating rink.

Park Board members reviewed the following language proposed to be included in Section 549.12 Discharging Firearms: "5. As part of a limited and controlled hunt authorized by and on the conditions established by the Upper Sandusky Parks Department and/or Service Department to abate an unsafe, unsanitary or nuisance condition created by an overpopulation of animals and/or fowl; or". It was noted that the Safety Committee had previously approved and recommended to City Council the adoption of #1. through #4. of this newly proposed Section.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Wagner, to recommend to City Council to approve subsection #5 of Section 549.12 Discharging Firearms as presented. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Wagner reported that he will be attending a meeting of the Winter Fantasy of Lights Committee tomorrow.

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

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Sarah J. Molnar, Clerk

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Jim Schuster, Chairman