

PARK BOARD

November 14, 2011

The November 14, 2011 Park Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by John Booth, Chairman. Park Board members present were John Booth, Jim Geary, Sharri Racheter, Paul Wagner, and Kenneth Wessler.

Others present included: Randy Moore, Parks Manager; Tom Eyestone; Brad Batton; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>PARK</u>	<u>TREE</u>
Bill Sowers Tree Service		1275.00
Levering Excavation	2500.00	
Romich Sales & Service	66.89	
J & J Sales	64.00	
Angie's Upholstery	<u>90.00</u>	
Total	2720.89	<u>1275.00</u>

TOTAL BILLS: \$3,995.89

A motion was made by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Wagner, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$3,995.89. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the October 10, 2011 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each Park Board member, were approved as received.

Mr. Tom Eyestone, on behalf of The Wyandot County Vietnam Traveling Wall Foundation, addressed the Park Board, again addressed the Park Board concerning the World War II monument being proposed for placement in Bicentennial Park. A letter received from Mr. Eyestone was reviewed containing the dimensions of the proposed monument and addressing questions and concerns raised by Mr. Geary on other monuments located in Bicentennial Park during the October 10, 2011 Park Board meeting. Mr. Eyestone noted that research continues on some of the issues that were raised.

A motion was made by Mr. Geary, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to remove his motion made at the October 10, 2011 Park Board meeting to table any action on the proposed WWII monument pending the receipt of additional information; and move The Wyandot County Vietnam Traveling Wall Foundation proceed with their plans for the WWII monument to be placed in Bicentennial Park. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Park Board members reviewed a draft Ordinance prepared to amend Chapter 953 of the Codified Ordinances, to update the rules and regulations for the City's Parks to include all City Parks. Park Board members also discussed a recommendation to review the fines imposed for individuals unauthorized to fish in the Harrison Smith Park pond. It was decided that the fines will remain the same and the Ordinance will be presented to City Council.

Mr. Booth indicated that he and Mr. Geary met with representatives from the Girls Slow Pitch Softball League and discussed the possibility of the league installing a temporary fence as a barrier between Water Tower Park and the neighbors' properties. Mr. Booth also noted that the league would like to improve the practice backstop. Discussion will be continued on this matter in early 2012.

Mr. Moore reported that he is currently waiting on written quotes to move the outfield lights from Water Works Park to the open field at Harrison Smith Park.

Mr. Moore also reported that the lift station at Harrison Smith Park has been completed and was working well until the leaves fell from the trees and caused it to be plugged.

Mr. Moore noted that the Winter Fantasy of Lights is ahead of schedule at putting lights up in Harrison Smith Park.

It was noted that Mr. Mike Courtad has offered to donate an aerator for the pond located at the entrance of Duck Pond Subdivision that would operate through the winter months for the ducks living at the pond. Park Board members voiced no objections.

Mr. Moore indicated that over the winter months the Park Department will be removing several thorn trees located within the City right-of-way to the rear of Mr. Bob Halm's property located at 651 Riverview Drive and adjacent to Stepping Stones Park.

Mr. Moore also requested that there is currently a surplus in the Park budget and he would like the Park Board to consider the purchase of a small pick-up truck that could be used by the Park Department to plow snow on the paths in the parks. Mr. Moore indicated that in the past the Park Department always had to borrow the equipment from other City departments to do this work. Mr. Moore also requested consideration of the purchase of a zero turn mower for the Parks Department. Park Board members noted that Mayor Washburn should be consulted concerning these purchases.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

John Booth, Chairman