

PARK BOARD

April 9, 2012

The April 9, 2012 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, Jack Leonard, Sharri Racheter, Rick Roberts, and Kenneth Wessler.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Martha Parks; Matt Swavel; Don Spiegel; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>PARK</u>	<u>POOL</u>	<u>TREE</u>
A-1 Printing	184.00		
Associate Green Industries	35.00		
Bill Sowers Tree Service			3625.00
BSN Sports	950.00		
Brown Supply	242.17		
Forestry Suppliers, Inc.	49.53		
Hall Plumbing	224.97		
Heritage Cooperative	482.75		
Wyandot County Health District		<u>405.00</u>	
Total	<u>2168.42</u>	<u>405.00</u>	<u>3625.00</u>

TOTAL BILLS: \$6,198.42

A motion was made by Mr. Geary, seconded by Ms. Racheter, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$6,198.42. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the March 12, 2012 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each Park Board member, were approved as received.

At this time Mrs. Martha Parks addressed the Park Board concerning the hourly wage paid to lifeguards. Mrs. Parks indicated that she researched the lifeguard wages and found that the City has paid the lifeguards the same hourly wage of \$8.00 per hour for the past thirteen (13) years. Mrs. Parks stated that she inquired with Tiffin, Marion, Bucyrus, Sycamore, and Forest and found that some communities give an annual wage increase and some assist the lifeguards with training expenses. Mr. Booth reviewed the annual swimming pool report for the past several years and noted that the swimming pool operates at a deficit every year. Considerable discussion was held concerning lifeguard wages and pool expenses.

A motion was made by Mr. Geary, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to pay each lifeguard a \$25.00 bonus at the beginning of the 2012 swimming pool season and a \$25.00 bonus at the end of the 2012 swimming pool season. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Matt Swavel, representing the Girls Fast Pitch Softball League, addressed the Park Board and explained that the poles at the AO Smith field are over forty (40) years old and due to their condition they cannot be moved to Harrison Smith Park, as indicated at the March 12, 2012 Park Board meeting. Mr. Swavel stated that he spoke with Mr. Dan Harris, Harris Electric, other individuals and businesses concerning the possibility of moving the poles and lights from Water Works Park to the open field in Harrison Smith Park and found people and businesses willing to donate their time and equipment to move the poles and lights. Electric will have to be provided to the area where the poles will be placed in Harrison Smith Park and the approximate cost for this will be \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Geary, to approve payment to Harris Electric for electric to be installed to the poles and lights to be relocated from Water Works Park to Harrison Smith Park at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.00. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Don Spiegel inquired as to the possibility of creating an additional basketball court in Harrison Smith Park and using one of the tennis courts for this purpose. Mayor Washburn noted that he will inquire with Mr. John Joseph about the possibility of fabricating basketball backboards for this court and he will report his findings at the next meeting. A request for a drinking fountain in this area was also presented. Mayor Washburn will check on the location of water lines in the area for the purpose of installing a drinking fountain.

The following quotes received for chlorine for the 2012 swimming pool season were reviewed:

O.P. Aquatics Columbus, Ohio	-	\$1.50 per gallon plus \$25.00 delivery fee
Maumee Valley Bottlers Napoleon, Ohio	-	\$2.29 per gallon plus \$25.00 delivery fee

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Geary, to approve the quote of \$1.50 per gallon plus \$25.00 delivery fee received from O.P. Aquatics, Columbus, Ohio, for liquid chlorine for the swimming pool for the 2012 season. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Racheter, seconded by Mr. Geary, to enter into an executive session to discuss pool personnel applications. Upon Voice Vote, 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. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Geary, to hire the following pool personnel: Cashier – Katie Grafmiller, Savannah Piecha, Nichole Simonis, and Abby Kline (substitute); Lifeguards – Jacob Beach, Alexandra Cheney, Courtney Collins, Taylor Dilley, Samuel Molnar, Alexander Parks, Zachery Parks, Justeen Searfoss, Marie Stansbery, Abigail Warfel, and Scott Warfel; and Assistant Managers – Jacob Beach and Marie Stansbery. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to hire Sarah Bennett as the Pool Manager. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Wages for the pool staff were again discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Booth, seconded by Ms. Racheter, to pay the pool staff the following hourly wage: Cashiers - \$7.70, Lifeguards - \$8.00, and Assistant Managers - \$9.00. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The closing date for the 2012 swimming pool season was discussed. It was noted that the first day of school for Upper Sandusky Schools is Wednesday, August 22, 2012.

A motion was made by Ms. Racheter, seconded by Mr. Geary, for Tuesday, August 21, 2012 to be the final day of the swimming pool season and for this day to be a day of free admission. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Park Board members agreed to purchase each lifeguard a swimsuit for the 2012 swimming pool season.

Mayor Washburn reported that he was contacted by a representative from the Wyandot County EMS concerning the fence that was placed at the corner of the roadway and exit drive in Harrison Smith Park, west of the parking area at the swimming pool. It was noted that in the past when the EMS was called to the pool for an emergency they parked in this area, but in 2011 after being called to the pool the EMS unit could not park in this area due to the fence being in this location. It was determined that the fence should be removed.

Mr. Booth suggested the Park Board take a tour of the parks on Monday, June 11, 2012, prior to the regularly scheduled Park Board meeting.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

John Booth, Chairman