

PARK BOARD

January 9, 2012

The January 9, 2012 Park Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. Park Board members present were John Booth, Jim Geary, Jack Leonard, Sharri Racheter, Rick Roberts, and Kenneth Wessler.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Randy Moore, Parks Manager; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

At this time Park Board members reorganized and opened nominations for Chairman. A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to nominate Mr. Booth as Chairman. A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Racheter, to close the nominations for Chairman. Upon Voice Vote, on the motion to close the nominations, all members voted Yes. The motion carried. Upon Voice Vote, on the motion to nominate Mr. Booth as Chairman, all members voted Yes. The motion carried.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>TREE</u>
Associate Green Industries	35.00
Mike Schoenberger Tree Service	<u>2775.00</u>
Total	2810.00

TOTAL BILLS: \$2,810.00

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Geary, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$2,810.00. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the November 14, 2011 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each Park Board member, were approved as received.

Park Board members reviewed the following community events requesting reservations in the City Parks for 2012:

- The Wyandot Ghostriders would like to hold the Mayor's Cup Vintage Baseball Tournament in Stepping Stones Park on Saturday, June 2, 2012 and Sunday, June 3, 2012.
- The Wyandot County Humane Society would like to hold their annual "Pawzfest" in Harrison Smith Park from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 10, 2012 and utilize the White Shelter in conjunction with the event.
- The Wyandot Sportsmen would like to hold their annual Fishing Derby at the pond in Harrison Smith Park on Sunday, June 24, 2012 and utilize the White Shelter in conjunction with the event.
- The Upper Sandusky Heritage Bicycle Ride would like to hold a bike tour on Saturday, July 14, 2012 to begin and end in Bicentennial Park.
- The Open Door Resource Center would like to use the Bandshell in Harrison Smith Park on Sunday, July 22, 2012 for their annual Family Fun Festival. The event will include a service in the morning followed by a music festival. A walk-a-thon may be held in conjunction with the event.
- The Native American Gathering would like to utilize the open area to the east of the swimming pool in Harrison Smith Park for their annual event on Saturday, August 18, 2012 and Sunday, August 19, 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. Geary, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to accept the community events and dates as requested. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Moore presented a quote received from Schmidt Machine Co., Upper Sandusky, through the State purchasing program, for the purchase of two zero turn mowers, one for the Parks Department and one for the Water Department, at a total cost of \$9,950.00 for both mowers (\$18,950.00 less the trade-in of two mowers at \$9,000.00).

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Ms. Racheter, to approve the purchase of one zero turn mower for the Parks Department, with the Service Committee to also review the quote for the possible purchase of a second zero turn mower for the Water Department. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Moore presented a quote of \$25,000.00 from Harris Electric to move the outfield lights and score board located in Water Works Park to the open field in Harrison Smith Park. Considerable discussion was held concerning moving the lights and score board. The sale of the outfield lights on govdeals.com was suggested. Mr. Moore was asked to contact other municipalities to determine if there is any interest in the possible purchase of the outfield lights. Mr. Moore suggested the score board not be sold and instead be moved to the open field in Harrison Smith Park. Park Board members requested Mr. Moore obtain a quote from Harris Electric to move the score board only and report his findings at an upcoming Park Board meeting.

Mr. Moore requested approval for the purchase of a new pickup truck and snow plow through the State purchasing program for the Parks Department. Mr. Moore indicated that he does not expect the purchase price of the pickup truck to exceed \$20,000.00. It was decided to postpone the purchase of a snow plow for the time being as the need for the snow plow will probably not be necessary by the time the pickup truck is delivered.

A motion was made by Mr. Geary, seconded by Ms. Racheter, to approve the purchase of a new pickup truck through the State purchasing program for the Parks Department, not to exceed \$20,000.00. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Geary reported that the local VFW Post 2842 will be donating \$1,000.00 towards the World War II Memorial to be placed in Bicentennial Park.

The installation of a temporary fence at Water Tower Park for the Girls Slow Pitch Softball League was discussed. It was noted that approximately 300' of fence will be needed. Park Board members requested Mr. Moore check into the cost and available heights of temporary fencing. Mr. Geary noted that the tallest temporary fence will be needed. Mr. Booth will contact a representative from the League to further discuss the fence.

It was reported that the Lions Club have built a storage building within the swimming pool area for the storage of swim equipment owned by the Upper Sandusky Swim Team and The American Red Cross. Park Board members expressed their appreciation to the Lions Club for their donation.

Mr. Moore reported that Mr. Mike Courtad donated two heaters for the pond at Duck Pond for the benefit of the ducks living at the pond.

Mr. Roberts inquired as to if there is a long term plan for the use of Water Works Park. It was noted that due to flooding issues, the costs of repairs in the park are excessive and have occurred frequently. Mr. Moore indicated the he is planning to have the Park Department employees mow the parking lot area and possibly a path through the park for 2012.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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John Booth, Chairman