

PARK BOARD

May 14, 2012

The May 14, 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, Rick Roberts, and Kenneth Wessler. Sharri Racheter was absent.

Others present included: Randy Moore, Parks Manager; Don Spiegel; Shaun Sharp; Devin Manns; Derrick Gault; Jordan Witten; Aaron Kline; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>PARK</u>	<u>TREE</u>
Bill Sowers Tree Service		4864.00
Brown Supply Co.	158.70	
Clarke Mosquito	183.64	
Kerr's Auto Service	1683.78	
North Branch Nursery	8062.00	
Peacock Water Conditioning	6.50	
Schoenberger Tree Service		1275.00
Schmidt Machine Co.	9950.00	
Village of Rockford	<u>80.00</u>	
Total	20124.62	<u>6139.00</u>

TOTAL BILLS: \$26,263.62

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Leonard for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$26,263.62. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the April 9, 2012 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each Park Board member, were approved as received.

At this time Mr. Shaun Sharp, representing a group of individuals seeking to convert one of the tennis courts in Harrison Smith Park into an additional basketball court, addressed the Park Board with this request. Park Board members stated that they are willing to work with the group but indicated that only one of the tennis courts will be used for this purpose, with the other tennis court to be maintained as a tennis court. Mr. Roberts suggested the group form a committee and assist Mr. Randy Moore, Parks Manager, with this process. Mr. Moore noted that Mayor Washburn indicated at the April 9, 2012 Park Board meeting that he would inquire with Mr. John Joseph about the possibility of fabricating basketball backboards for this court.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Geary, to enter into an executive session to discuss personnel. 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. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to hire Mr. Aaron Kline as an employee of the pool pending his submission of a completed application. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Booth inquired with Mr. Geary as to the status of the World War II memorial to be placed in Bicentennial Park. Mr. Geary indicated that funds are still be raised for this memorial.

It was noted that the outfield light poles that were located in Water Works Park are currently being installed at the open diamond in Harrison Smith Park.

It was also noted that the fence purchased for placement in Water Tower Park as a barrier between the park and the adjoining neighbors' properties has been installed.

A request was presented from the Salvation Army and Wyandot County Youth Commission to utilize the white shelter in Harrison Smith Park on Friday, August 10, 2012 for their annual "Party in the Park" and to offer free swimming as part of the event.

A motion was made by Mr. Geary, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to approve the Salvation Army and Wyandot County Youth Commission to hold their annual "Party in the Park" at the white shelter in Harrison Smith Park on Friday, August 10, 2012 and allow free swimming in conjunction with the event. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Moore presented the resignation of part-time Park Department employee Mr. Willie Stowe, effective August 31, 2012. It was decided that this position will be advertised in June and Park Board members will review the applications received at the July 9, 2012 Park Board meeting. This position would be part-time as needed and include weekends.

Mr. Roberts reported that the recipient of the 2012 Winter Fantasy of Lights (WFOL) funds will be the Wyandot County Nursing Home. The WFOL has expressed concerns about the operation of the bucket truck with the upcoming resignation of Mr. Willie Stowe; as Mr. Stowe has operated the bucket truck in the past for the WFOL.

Mr. Roberts presented a concern about baseballs being hit over the fence at the lighted ball diamond in Harrison Smith Park recently onto the tennis courts and basketball court while a family was playing tennis and someone playing basketball was brushed by a baseball. Park Board members decided to have Mr. Moore post a sign on the field stating, "Softball Diamond Only".

A request was presented from Mrs. Kendra Myers, 4-H Advisor, for her 4-H club to hold a dog show at the dog park in Water Works Park on Saturday, June 30, 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to allow Mrs. Myers 4-H club to hold a dog show at the dog park in Water Works Park on Saturday, June 30, 2012 as requested. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Park Board members agreed that a tour of the parks will be held on June 11, 2012, prior to the regularly scheduled Park Board meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the log cabin in Harrison Smith Park.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

John Booth, Chairman