

PARK BOARD

July 14, 2014

The July 14, 2014 Park Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kenneth Wessler, Chairman. Park Board members present were Jon Blackburn, Jack Leonard, Sharri Racheter, Rick Roberts, and Kenneth Wessler. Kip Wentling was absent.

Others present included: Mark Ellis, Law Director; Dee Braun; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>PARK</u>	<u>POOL</u>	<u>TREE</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>
American Fire & Safety Services		485.00		
Ballreich's		197.20		
Brown Supply Co.	160.07			
Bill Sowers Landscape			4350.00	
Bill Sowers Tree Service & Nursery			7850.00	
Heritage Cooperative	362.65			236.18
Peacock Water Conditioning	12.50			
Peachtree Business Products	341.50			
Schwan's Home Service Inc.		345.33		
Service Supply Ltd.	1066.79			
Tackett's Fence Service	125.00			
Wyandot County Recorder				28.00
Total	<u>2068.51</u>	<u>1027.50</u>	<u>12200.00</u>	<u>264.18</u>

TOTAL BILLS: \$15,560.19

A motion was made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Ms. Racheter, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$15,560.19. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the June 9, 2014 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each Park Board member, were approved as received.

Ms. Dee Braun addressed the Park Board concerning the possibility of holding a triathlon and/or a duathlon in 2015 and utilize Harrison Smith Park, the reservoir, and the bike path. Ms. Braun indicated that they are considering holding the duathlon in the spring or fall and holding the triathlon in July or August, or holding both events in one weekend with one event scheduled on Saturday and one event scheduled on Sunday. Details for the use of the pool for the triathlon will need to be worked out. Ms. Braun indicated that proceeds from the event(s) will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Ms. Braun also inquired about the possibility of holding a color run. Park Board members indicated that they are willing to work with Ms. Braun and expressed their support.

Mr. Mark Ellis, Law Director, addressed the Park Board as requested concerning the possibility of selling Duck Pond Park. It was noted that the City has owned this property since 2003. Mr. Ellis explained the process for selling the property including that the legislative body (City Council) needs to determine that the property is no longer needed for any municipal purpose. City Council, with the support of the Park Board, by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote has to authorize the sale. The property would have to be sold in a public sale with an advertisement for the sale to be placed in the newspaper once a week for five consecutive weeks. The property would need to be appraised and bids received can be rejected. Mr. Ellis reviewed the deed restrictions for the property including: no building shall be built on the property, the property must be maintained as a passive public property, and parking for a maximum of three full-sized vehicles can be created on the property. Mr. Ellis stated that the Park Board needs to justify their course of action in their recommendation (i.e. no municipal purpose) to City Council if they want to proceed with the sale of this property. Park Board members agreed to discuss the matter further with Mayor Washburn and Mr. Randy Moore, Parks Manager.

Mr. Leonard expressed concern for access of emergency vehicles should an emergency occur at the far north end of Stepping Stones Park. Mr. Leonard inquired as to if the Wyandot County EMS has a key to the padlock to release the cable to allow such access. An inquiry will be made with Mr. Moore concerning this matter.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kenneth Wessler, Chairman