

PARK BOARD

May 12, 2014

The May 12, 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.

Other present included: Randy Moore, Parks Manager; Marla Ritter, Pool Manager; Tom Shumaker; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>PARK</u>	<u>POOL</u>	<u>TREE</u>
A-1 Printing		145.00	
Brown Supply	238.54		
Carmar Gardens			413.00
Fastenal		20.79	
Heritage Cooperative	176.81		
North Branch Nursery			3209.00
OP Aquatics	418.50		
Peacock Water Conditioning	6.50		
Upper Sandusky Girls Softball	<u>1240.00</u>		
Total	2080.35	<u>165.79</u>	<u>3622.00</u>

TOTAL BILLS: \$5,868.14

A motion was made by Ms. Racheter, seconded by Mr. Blackburn, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$5,868.14. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the April 14, 2014 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each Park Board member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the May 5, 2014 special Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each Park Board member, were approved as received.

Mr. Shumaker addressed the Park Board and indicated that he has had several individuals contact him concerning no available parking at Duck Pond Park. Ms. Racheter will inquire with Mrs. Jan Thiel, Steer Barn owner, as to if she has any objections to individuals parking in the Steer Barn parking lot located adjacent to the west of Duck Pond Park. Mr. Moore stated that Mrs. Thiel previously had the Duck Pond Park mowed, however it has not been mowed yet this year and due to the mess created by the ducks living at the pond he suggested the ducks be gotten rid of. It was noted that there are currently approximately thirty (30) ducks living at the pond. Mr. Wessler indicated that Mayor Washburn has inquired with Mr. Brad Baaske, Ohio Division of Natural Resources, as to the possibility of eliminating the ducks from this property and he is currently waiting on a response from Mr. Baaske.

Fishing at the Duck Pond Park pond was also discussed and it was noted that there are currently no age restrictions on individuals who fish at Duck Pond Park pond. Mr. Roberts indicated that he feels that fishing at this pond should not be permitted.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Ms. Racheter, to recommend to City Council to adopt an ordinance to limit fishing at the Duck Pond Park pond to children ages 16 years of age and under only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mr. Blackburn	-	Yes
Mr. Leonard	-	Yes
Ms. Racheter	-	Yes
Mr. Roberts	-	No
Mr. Wessler	-	Yes

The Chairman declared the motion carried by a 4-1 vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to enter into an executive session to discuss the hiring of pool cashiers. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Racheter, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to hire Kelsi Knapp, Brody Johns, and Amber Cox as pool cashiers and Nick Reid as an alternate. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Racheter, to increase the hourly rate of pay for the pool assistant managers to \$10.50 per hour. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning umbrellas for the swimming pool to provide shade for patrons. Mr. Roberts suggested smaller patio umbrellas be purchased along with weighted bases instead of purchasing large sunbrellas for \$3,250.00 each. Mr. Moore will take care of purchasing the patio umbrellas and weighted bases and picnic tables will be provided by the Parks Department.

Mrs. Ritter inquired about allowing occasional one hour adult swim sessions after regular pool hours. Park Board members voiced no objections. Mrs. Ritter indicated that she will have two lifeguards on duty during these times. The cost of admission for the adult swim was discussed and Park Board members agreed that \$1.50 should be charged.

Mrs. Ritter also inquired about the possibility of allowing water aerobics classes to be held at the pool after regular pool hours. Park Board members requested additional information on this matter including any possible associated fees or costs.

It was noted that the following dates have been set for the Upper Sandusky Swim Team (USST) 2014 home meets: Wednesday, June 25; Wednesday, July 2; and Wednesday, July 9.

Mrs. Ritter indicated that Mrs. Jen Ruhlen, USST, has asked if holes can be drilled in the pool deck to set poles for the backstroke flags. It was noted that Mrs. Ruhlen is still researching the matter. Park Board members referred this request to Mayor Washburn to have him make the decision on the holes to be drilled after the necessary information is obtained.

Ms. Racheter reported that she witnessed someone loading wood in their vehicle at the reservoir. Mr. Moore will look at the area to determine if the individual was cutting wood or picking up loose wood laying on the ground.

Mr. Moore reported that "No Swimming" signs have been placed near the ponds in Harrison Smith Park and Duck Pond Park and he is still checking on the life ring stations to also be located near these ponds, as agreed upon by the Park Board at their April 14, 2014 meeting.

Mr. Moore presented the following quotes to cover the existing shingle roof of the shelter in Bicentennial Park with a metal roof as the existing roof has been damaged by the wind:

Norbert Frey Roofing Upper Sandusky, Ohio	-	\$4,400.00
Jason Yeater Roofing Upper Sandusky, Ohio	-	\$10,000.00

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to approve the quote of \$4,400.00 from Norbert Frey Roofing to cover the existing shingle roof on the shelter in Bicentennial Park with a metal roof. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Leonard reported that the Winter Fantasy of Lights (WFOL) Committee met recently and while the City was not selected as a recipient of the 2014 WFOL event they would like to donate money each year to the park to assist with the roadway maintenance. Mr. Leonard indicated that the Wyandot Council on Birth Defects and the Upper Sandusky Music Department have been selected as the recipients of the proceeds of the 2014 WFOL event. Mr. Leonard suggested that the speed bumps in the park be built back up to slow traffic as the bumps are currently very low. Mr. Moore indicated that the snow plows hit the bumps when plowing snow and decrease the height of the speed bumps and these bumps are rebuilt each year. Mr. Moore stated that the Street Department has been working to patch the roadways in Harrison Smith Park and the cost to the City thus far for these repairs is \$19,000.00.

Park Board members reviewed a request from the Wyandot County Youth Commission for their annual free swim to be held on Friday, August 8, 2014. Park Board members voiced no objections to this request.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kenneth Wessler, Chairman