

PARK BOARD

August 8, 2016

The August 8, 2016 Park Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kenneth Wessler, Chairman. Park Board members present were Jon Blackburn, Paul Huffman, Jack Leonard, Rick Roberts, Kip Wentling, and Kenneth Wessler.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Keith Niederkohr, Parks Manager; Holly Johnson; Jill Blackburn; Janie Blackburn; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>PARK</u>	<u>POOL</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>
AT & T			134.07
AT & T			96.53
AT & T			96.53
AT & T	49.80		
AT & T			186.60
AT & T			255.84
AT & T			102.35
AT & T			191.16
AT & T			1743.81
Automated Petroleum	52.01		330.17
Automated Petroleum	290.76		1547.76
Ballreich's		272.00	
Brohl & Appell	7.50		
Columbia Gas of Ohio			331.95
Gottfried Electric	69.70	341.50	507.80
Heritage Cooperative	217.56		122.50
Kimmel Corporation			1481.60
O'Reilly Auto Parts	106.71		44.50
Peacock Water	10.50		
Pfeifer Hardware	897.88	13.98	1191.65
Rall Supply	740.95		699.96
Schwan's		1069.69	
Service Supply Ltd.	1083.00		
Sherwin Williams	145.88		
US Resurfacing			39529.04
Verizon Wireless			417.34
Wyandot Tractor			<u>898.13</u>
Total	<u>3672.25</u>	<u>1697.17</u>	<u>49909.29</u>

TOTAL BILLS: \$55,278.71

A motion was made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Blackburn, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$55,278.71. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the July 11, 2016 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each Park Board member, were approved as received.

Ms. Holly Johnson and Mrs. Jill Blackburn addressed the Park Board regarding the Art in the Park and Antique Fair event held in Harrison Smith Park on Saturday, June 18, 2016. Mrs. Johnson indicated that the event was a huge success and they would like permission to begin planning for the event for next year to possibly be held on Saturday, June 17, 2017 in the northwest corner of the park utilizing the bandshell and the open area across the road, possibly from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Park Board members voiced no objections to this request. It was noted that barricades were set up for the event this year to prohibit vehicular traffic in this area and they would be needed again next year. A contest involving historical landmarks is being considered for 2017 which could include paintings and photographs. Mrs. Johnson indicated that the Ohio Arts Council has offered two types of grant funding for the event, one to help cover advertising and in-kind cost and, and second for the performers. Ms. Johnson and Mrs. Blackburn will keep the Park Board updated on plans for the event.

It was noted that the stop signs have been placed in the area west of the west ball field where the roadways intersect making this a three-way stop, as approved at the July 11, 2016 Park Board meeting. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that stop bars will be painted on the roadways in this area soon by the Street Department.

It was also noted that the Lions Club is planning to install a sidewalk to the kiddie playground located in Harrison Smith Park.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that he and Mr. Scott Musgrave, Water Distribution Supervisor, recently met with Mrs. Marla Ritter, Pool Manager, concerning issues at the swimming pool including cleanliness. Mr. Niederkohr noted that Mrs. Ritter has indicated that this will be her final year as pool manager. Mr. Niederkohr suggested that interviews be held next year for the pool staff and job descriptions be reviewed with them. Mayor Washburn indicated that he has been contacted by Miss Catie Richman who is interested in the pool manager position for 2017. Mayor Washburn suggested that if the Park Board is interested in hiring Miss Richman that she be hired early.

It was noted that at the August 1, 2016 Safety Committee meeting, Police Captain Dan Ross expressed appreciation on behalf of the Police Department to Mr. Keith Niederkohr, Parks Manager, and employees of the Parks Department for the landscaping work that was done recently at the Safety Building.

Mayor Washburn reported that the City has been awarded a \$50,000.00 grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources with the assistance of Ohio Senator Dave Burke to convert the inline skate rink in Bicentennial Park into basketball courts. The project would include asphalt, security camera, lights, etc.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to thank Senator Burke for his assistance in obtaining this grant funding. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The possibility of again utilizing the existing basketball court in Bicentennial Park during the winter as an ice skating rink was discussed. Mr. Niederkohr will check into the cost of a liner for an ice skating rink.

Mr. Niederkohr stated that he has obtained an additional quote from Tackett's Fence for a 265' outfield fence at a cost of \$11,840.00 to possibly be installed at the east ball field in Harrison Smith Park. Mr. Niederkohr noted that some of the funding needed for the fence will be provided by the Trinity Evangelical Church Youth Group, the Co-ed Softball League, and the Young Professionals. Mr. Niederkohr will be addressing the Rotary Club soon and he plans to ask if they would be willing to donate to the project. Mr. Wessler suggested the Lions Club also be contacted concerning this project.

Mr. Blackburn inquired as to if vending machines for Harrison Smith Park have ever been considered with all of the activities that occur in the park. It was noted that due to potential vandalism, cameras would have to be installed near these vending machines and the machines would possibly have to be located in secured cages. Mr. Huffman indicated that it would be more cost effective for the City to hire a vendor to install and maintain the machines. Mr. Niederkohr will check into this possibility for next year.

Mr. Niederkohr reported on memorial donations received from Lucas Batton Funeral Home in memory of two individuals. Memorial donations for one individual totaled \$150.00 and a tree will be planted in their memory, and memorial donations for the other individual totaled \$30.00 and will be used towards park improvements, possibly towards the fence to be installed at the east ball field in Harrison Smith Park, as discussed earlier in this meeting.

A thank you was read, that was presented by Mrs. Johnson, to the Park Board from the Wyandot Arts Council, for their support of the first annual Art in the Park and Antique Fair for 2016.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kenneth Wessler, Chairman