

PARK BOARD

February 8, 2016

The February 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, Kip Wentling, and Kenneth Wessler. Rick Roberts was absent.

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

The following bills were presented:

	<u>PARK</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>CAP. IMP.</u>
AEP Ohio		3632.20	
AT & T	96.53		
Artistic Bronze Inc.			165.00
Automated Petroleum	10.49	945.64	
Bill Sowers Tree Service			1995.00
Buckeye Pumps Inc.		12411.00	
Columbia Gas of Ohio	145.42	3210.43	
Rall Supply	203.98	392.99	
Treasurer, State of Ohio		100.00	
United States Postal Service		16750.00	
Wyandot County Health Department	<u>147.00</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	603.42	37442.26	2160.00

TOTAL BILLS: \$40,205.68

A motion was made by Mr. Wentling, seconded by Mr. Leonard, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$40,205.68. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the November 9, 2016 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each Park Board member, were approved as received.

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

Jill Blackburn and Holly Johnson addressed the Park Board requesting permission to hold an Art Day in Harrison Smith Park, in the area of the bandshell, on Saturday, June 18, 2016 with a backup date of Saturday, June 25, 2016. It was noted that the bandshell is available on June 18, but two events are already scheduled at the bandshell on June 25. There will be no admission charge for the event and they requested the roads in the area be closed to vehicular traffic during the event. Park Board members voiced no objections to the request and asked that more details concerning the event be presented to the Park Board in May.

Mr. Niederkohr presented a statement of hours the Parks Department employees worked on the Winter Fantasy of Lights and fuel usage related to the project that will be submitted to the Winter Fantasy of Lights Committee.

It was noted that all lights in Harrison Smith Park as part of the Winter Fantasy of Lights have been taken down. Park Board members requested the barricades at Harrison Smith Park be removed since the lights are down.

It was noted that Mr. Andy Wieging has been working temporarily in the Parks Department. Mr. Wieging was hired as a full time employee by the Service Committee for the Sanitation Department. Mr. Niederkohr recommended Mr. Wieging be made a permanent full time employee in the Parks Department.

A motion was made by Mr. Wentling, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to approve Mr. Andy Wieging's transfer from the Sanitation Department to the Parks Department as a full time employee. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that he has been obtaining prices for a new tractor for the Parks Department with the trade in of a tractor that is approximately thirty (30) years old plus the finish cut mower on the back of the tractor and snow blade used with this tractor. A quote was obtained from Wyandot Tractor, through the State Purchasing Program, of \$18,300.00 for an open cab John Deere tractor with a 60" mid mount mower deck. It was noted that a tiller can be purchased separately that can be used by all service departments with this tractor.

A motion was made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Blackburn, to approve the purchase of an open cab John Deere tractor with a 60" mid mount mower deck from Wyandot Tractor, through the State Purchasing Program, for \$18,300.00. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Niederkohr recommended the Park Board consider giving Mr. Matt Patchett, Parks Department employee, a \$1.00 per hour pay raise. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that Mr. Patchett is very knowledgeable of the operations of the Parks Department and has been a tremendous help during Mr. Niederkohr's transition to the position of Parks Manager.

A motion was made by Mr. Wentling, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to approve a \$1.00 per hour pay raise for Mr. Matt Patchett, effective at the beginning of the City's next pay period. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Niederkohr noted that the Parks Department employees have organized and painted the park maintenance building located in Harrison Smith Park and this work has boosted the employees' morale.

Mr. Blackburn indicated that a local Boy Scout is will be working to obtain his Eagle Scout and would like to do a project for the parks. Mr. Niederkohr suggested trees in the parks be labeled to identify the tree species.

Mr. Wessler stated that Mr. Bob Buckingham from Forest, Ohio owns a fish hatchery and has fish who eat mosquito larvae. Mr. Wessler suggested Mr. Niederkohr contact Mr. Buckingham and these type of fish possibly be obtained for the ponds in Harrison Smith Park and Duck Pond.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kenneth Wessler, Chairman