

PARK BOARD

January 11, 2016

The January 11, 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, Jack Leonard, and Kenneth Wessler. Paul Huffman, Rick Roberts, and Kip Wentling were absent.

Others present included: Keith Niederkohr, Parks Manager; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that the Park Department has been busy working in the park maintenance building painting and rearranging. After rearranging, an additional vehicle was able to be parked in the building. Mr. Niederkohr also noted that approximately one-third of the lights in Harrison Smith Park, as part of the Winter Fantasy of Lights, have been taken down. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that he has been discussing budgeting with Mr. Mark Droll, City Auditor, for possible roadway repairs in Harrison Smith Park. The possibility of adding stone for parking near the ball diamond located adjacent to the swimming pool and near the Artz Pavilion to alleviate vehicles from causing ruts when the ground is soft was discussed.

Mr. Blackburn stated that the Winter Fantasy of Lights had a record year for attendance in 2015.

It was noted that the pool house renovation is in progress as concrete has been poured and electrical work is being done.

Mr. Niederkohr also reported that issues were experienced recently with the lift station located near the restrooms in Harrison Smith Park. Necessary repairs will be addressed under the Wastewater Treatment Department budget with both pumps to be repaired, new controls to be installed, etc.

A letter from the Wyandot County Humane Society was reviewed requesting use of the white shelter in Harrison Smith Park on Sunday, June 12, 2016 for their fourteenth annual Pawzfest dog walk. Park Board members voiced no objections to this request.

Park Board members reviewed the dates set for swim lessons for 2016 as follows: June 20 thru July 1 – regular swim lessons; no lessons the week of July 4; July 11 thru July 15 – infants and tots.

Mr. Niederkohr indicated that the transfer of Mr. Andy Wiegand to the Park Department needs to be addressed. It was noted that due to a lack of quorum this issue will have to be addressed at the next Park Board meeting.

Mr. Niederkohr further reported that he and Mr. Matt Patchett, Parks Department employee, will be graduating from the Tree Academy in December 2016 after working on a Senior project later this year together.

Due to a lack of quorum, the meeting adjourned.

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Kenneth Wessler, Chairman