

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 4, 2009**

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The Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session on February 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Veteran's Memorial Park Depot, West Warren Street, Germantown, Ohio.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Mike Engler, Steve Mersch, Darrell Rhoades, Jenifer Shyrigh and Ryan Waits.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Tom Geglein and Bob Neff were absent.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Also present were Scott Sizemore, Becky Rhoades, Ed Gerdeman, Annie Sizemore, Acting Village Manager and one visitor. Terry Johnson arrived at 7:10 p.m., Ben DeGroat arrived at 7:25 p.m. and Mark Kozarec arrived at 7:55 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Rhoades moved to approve the January 7, 2009 minutes, second by Mr. Mersch.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Engler, yes; Mr. Mersch, yes; Mr. Rhoades, yes; Mrs. Shyrigh, yes; Mr. Waits, yes. 5 for, 0 against. MOTION CARRIED.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

Bob Smith questioned putting in a port-a-john in the parking lot on South Main Street for people who walk. Mr. Rhoades explained that area is not part of the park.

Mr. Engler questioned if it would be worth it to go ahead and add a port-a-john in that area if we are going to do something with the tobacco barn.

Mr. Rhoades then commented that he is working with the Lions Club about putting in a vaulted restroom. He added that a port-a-john cannot be moved out of the park because they are all needed in the park area.

Ed Gerdeman stated we have been able to get three signs for the recreational trail. One will be placed on Route 725, the tobacco barn and in Kercher Park near the kais. They would like the signs to read "Twin Valley Trail" or "Germantown Twin Valley Trail." The signs will also point to the restrooms and show mileage. The Miami Conservancy District wrote a grant for the signs and Mr. Gerdeman was able to get Germantown included. Signs are valued at \$2,400. He will need help installing the signs.

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Mr. Johnson stated he would present the issue to Council by email so that we can have it done as soon as possible.

Mr. Gerdeman then stated he wanted Germantown to be part of the district wide bike/hike trail. They have had approximately 500 people camp on the trail so far.

Mr. Gerdeman then questioned if there is anything else the Park Board is currently doing.

Mr. Mersch stated he would like to work on the tobacco barn with Mr. Gerdeman responding that it would be nice to clear across from the tobacco barn for access to the creek. He added that you need to open up the area first and then determine use. The people will tell you how it is going to be used.

**MEMBER REPORTS:**

Mr. Engler passed out park assignments for the year. He commented that the Kercher Park trash cans need emptied. The apron to the soccer complex will be done by Zimmerman and there will be four fields and a double parking lot on Astoria.

Mr. Engler concluded by stating that Kleem is quoting prices for signs. We already have "pick up after dog" signs.

Mr. DeGroat stated SPS would also like to give a quote for concrete.

Mr. Rhoades stated he has been talking to companies about vaulted restrooms. These restrooms are priced in the neighborhood of \$30,000 and would be operational within three days. He has talked to Steve Fugate and they meet all the EPA requirements. He is also meeting with the Lions Club to see if they would be interested in helping with it as a project.

Mr. DeGroat stated he is getting price quotes from CJ Trim for the Depot and gazebo.

Mr. Waits questioned the port-a-john in the parking lot of the Municipal Building. An explanation was then made to Mr. Waits.

Mr. Rhoades stated he heard the Park Budget was being turned over to the Village with Mr. DeGroat explaining that is being done but everything will remain basically the same. There will be some changes as far as purchase orders being done.

Mrs. Shyrigh commented that since Christmas items are on sale it would be a good time to purchase lights or a Christmas tree.

Mr. Johnson stated he received an email from Bob McClain regarding park issues that need to be addressed. A copy of the email is attached to the minutes.

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Mr. Johnson then addressed the solar spot lights that the Board has discussed. The comments that he has read have not been good and he thinks we may have to go the electric way.

Mr. Kozarec stated the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are participating in Students Helping Out on May 15<sup>th</sup> for four hours. He suggested that they contact the Park Board for ideas on what they could.

**VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Mersch to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Anna M. Sizemore  
Acting Village Manager