

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JULY 1, 2009**

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The Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session on July 1, 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, Tom Geglein, Steve Mersch, Bob Neff, Darrell Rhoades, Jenifer Shyrigh and Ryan Waits.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Terry Johnson, Scott Sizemore, Annie Sizemore, Acting Village Manager and one visitor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Shyrigh moved to approve the June 10, 2009 minutes as presented, second by Mr. Neff.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Geglein, yes; Mr. Mersch, yes; Mr. Neff, yes; Mr. Rhoades, yes; Mrs. Shyrigh, yes; Mr. Waits, yes; Mr. Engler, yes. 7-yes; 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Bob McClain stated that he cleaned the interior of the Toll House. He asked that it be put on the maintenance list that the first floor needs to be replaced and recommended Bear Creek Woodworks to do the work. The upstairs floor is great. Vents have to be put in the crawl space.

Mr. McClain then addressed the Antique Fire Apparatus Show and questioned if there is an area that could be used for trailer parking.

Discussion then took place regarding parking areas with it being determined to block off a portion of Comstock Street between Farmersville Pike and Plum Street.

Mr. McClain stated the gazebo has seventeen spindles missing and recommended that the railing be redesigned. The Board then briefly discussed the possible redesign.

Mr. McClain then questioned when the brush pile would be burnt at Kercher Park with Mrs. Shyrigh stating that she would check into the matter.

Mr. Engler presented a plaque to Mr. McClain for all the work he has done on the Park Board and as a Council Member and Township Trustee.

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MEMBER REPORTS:

Mr. Engler stated that work was started on the Weber Sports Complex this week and he will have an article done for the press. He has received a quote from Dave Zimmerman for the apron and curbing in the amount of \$8,013.75.

Mr. Engler went on to say that the ground has not been sprayed and the farmer is in the process of taking the crop out.

Mr. Geglein stated he started taking the bolts off the basketball poles and then questioned what we have to do with the storage area with Mrs. Sizemore stating that she will report back to the Board.

Mr. Geglein then stated that there are 400 kids registered for soccer this year which makes it the biggest year so far.

Mr. Mersch stated that he has been talking to John Stubbs who owns the farmland near the tobacco barn.

Mr. Mersch then stated that the police have been making visits to the watering hole.

Mr. Neff stated he received a letter from Patty Leppla concerning the use of the stage for July 24th. The Board then discussed the portable stage, charging a rental fee, and the need for a rental agreement. Mrs. Sizemore will discuss the issue with the Law Director.

Mr. Neff then reviewed the July 4th parade assignments and asked that everyone be at Veteran's Park at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Rhoades stated that everyone needs to be aware that our connection with Five Rivers Metro Parks, Ed Gerdeman, is no longer there. He went on to say that vandalism is on an all-time high at the parks and he is trying to keep up with the park maintenance. He will order boards for the park benches and will look at what can be done for repair to the gazebo.

Mrs. Shyrigh stated the Fire Department will be setting up the food booth on Friday morning and will leave it up until after the Antique Fire Apparatus Show. They will also be moving picnic tables from the shelter to provide a seating area near the food booth.

Mrs. Shyrigh then questioned doing something in the park since the Historical Society is not having the Founder's Day Antique Show.

Mr. Waits stated he would like to see more police presence in the parks. He has scouted an area where he feels the volleyball court should be.

Mr. Rhoades stated the sand is still there from the previous volleyball court but the area is low and there is a water problem.

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Mr. Waits stated he would take a look at the area on Saturday. He then questioned if we can put up a wooden fence around the dumpster at Kercher Park. Mrs. Sizemore will check into the fencing.

Mr. Waits then questioned if we can put up any privacy fence around the wellfields along the bike path.

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Johnson stated the flags are in and need to be picked up.

Mr. Neff excused himself from the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

The Board then had a lengthy discussion on the issue of a park employee. Some concerns that were voiced are the need for full-time or part-time, supervision, job descriptions and whether or not the parks would be neglected if the work was done by Village staff due to the work load they already have. It was determined to continue the discussion at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Mersch to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna M. Sizemore
Acting Village Manager