

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS ANDERSON TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

February 12, 2013

Angie Stocker, Vice President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Anderson Township Park District ("ATPD") to order at 6:30 pm at Park District Headquarters, 8249 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45244. Present were Board Members: Nadine Gelter and Dale Bartholomew.

Also present were: Ken Kushner, Executive Director; Emily Armstrong, Assistant Director/Board Clerk; Brian Jordan, Financial Officer; Mike Smith, Operations Manager; Jessica Fall, Recreation Manager; Sheila Fehn, Office Manager; and Scott Lahman, Business Specialist.

GUESTS: Lisa Wakeland, Forest Hills Journal.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA: Mrs. Gelter moved the Board approve the Agenda. Mr. Bartholomew seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter; Mrs. Stocker, and Mr. Bartholomew. (3); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Public to Address the Board: No one from the public wished to address the Board at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Juilfs Park Playground Renovation: Mr. Kushner reported staff continues to work on the Juilfs Park Playground project as the weather permits. The ground either needs to be dry or frozen, as opposed to the current wet status.

Future Park Improvements Plan: Mr. Kushner stated the first part of the public opinion survey is planned for this spring/summer. He presented a Forest Hills Journal article that ran January 30th regarding the ATPD's plans to seek community input on future park improvements.

NEW BUSINESS:

Calendar of Events: Mr. Kushner provided a Calendar of Events for the Board's review of upcoming programs and events. He stated in addition to the listed events and programs, the Recreation Department has volleyball and basketball leagues running seven days a week in the RecPlex gym, as well as in various Forest Hills School District gyms and area church facilities.

Potential Youth Sports Partnership: Mr. Kushner reported staff is exploring the possibility of forming a partnership with the Kiwanis Basketball Association ("KBA") for their 7th-12th grade boys' recreational basketball program. KBA has been providing boys' basketball in the community since 1957. Both entities share the goal of continuing this long-standing community program.

Mr. Bartholomew stated he spent twenty-five years with the KBA and said it is a really good community program.

Recreation Department Financial Summary ~ 2012: Mr. Kushner presented the 2012 Recreation Department Financial Summary.

Mr. Bartholomew stated the report contained great numbers, representing significant participation.

FUNDRAISING AND GRANT ACTIVITY:

Juilfs Park Playground Fundraising: Mr. Kushner reported the Juilfs Park Playground fundraising continues with the Apple Tree project.

Pickleball: Mr. Kushner stated staff is working with the enthusiastic Anderson Pickleball Club (“APC”) to construct pickleball courts at Clear Creek Park. Anderson resident and APC President, Michael McCalmont, continues to spearhead the fundraising drive for the materials and equipment to construct the courts. Currently, staff and members of the APC are finalizing a NatureWorks grant application for which the ATPD would provide the required 25% match in land, labor, and construction equipment. The group continues to raise private funds for the project. Last year the Board agreed to provide the land and labor for the project. The new pickleball courts will be managed according to the ATPD’s rules, regulations, and policies for recreation facilities. They will be open to the public and exclusive use will require a reservation and associated fee.

Mrs. Stocker confirmed with Mr. Kushner that the APC is covering the costs associated with the construction of the pickleball courts, besides the land, labor, and construction equipment.

REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL:

Staff Changes: Mr. Bartholomew moved the Board approve staff’s recommendation for the following people on their actual dates of hire/re-hire:

Hire: **Brad Bibus**, Recreation I, Assignable Staff

Re-hire: **Amy Perry (Bleimund)**, Recreation II, Assignable Staff

Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter; Mrs. Stocker, and Mr. Bartholomew. (3); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Training: Mr. Bartholomew moved the Board approve the registration and related costs of the **Ohio Employment Law Update** seminar; and the 2013 **Auditor of State Local Government Officials’ Conference** for Mr. Kushner for an amount not to exceed \$660. Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter; Mrs. Stocker, and Mr. Bartholomew. (3); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2013-04 ~ NatureWorks Grant: Mrs. Gelter moved the Board approve **Resolution 2013-04, authorizing application for a NatureWorks grant** for Pickleball Courts at Clear Creek Park. Mrs. Stocker seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter; Mrs. Stocker, and Mr. Bartholomew. (3); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Purchase Order Approval: There were no Purchase Orders to approve at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURES:

Mr. Bartholomew moved the Board approve the **January, 2013 Financial Reports and Authorize the Expenditures** as presented by Mr. Jordan.

Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter; Mrs. Stocker, and Mr. Bartholomew. (3); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Bartholomew asked the minutes from the January 15, 2013 meeting be tabled until the March meeting to allow for review and changes.

PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: No one from the public wished to address the Board at this time.

Mrs. Gelter stated she is interested in the new fee being charged by Colerain Township Parks and asked if their entity is governed similarly to the ATPD.

Mr. Kushner said he would contact the Colerain Township Parks Director and report back to the Board with his findings.

At 6:53 pm, Mrs. Stocker moved the Board adjourn into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition. Mr. Bartholomew seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter; Mrs. Stocker, and Mr. Bartholomew. (3); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board took a short break.

At 7:12 pm, Mrs. Stocker moved the Board adjourn the Executive Session and re-open the Regular Meeting. Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter; Mrs. Stocker, and Mr. Bartholomew. (3); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

No decision was made by the Board at this time.

At 7:13 pm, there being no further business to be brought before this Board, Mrs. Stocker moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter; Mrs. Stocker, and Mr. Bartholomew. (3); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Emily Armstrong
Board Clerk

Dale Bartholomew

Angie Stocker

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