

**Regular Meeting Summary
Centerville-Washington Park District
February 8, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance: Commissioners Birdseye, Weisman, and Williams; Mrs. Kennard, Director; Mr. Kunkel, Operations Manager; Mr. Feldmann, Development Manager; Mr. Carter, Operations Supervisor; Mr. George, Athletic Supervisor; Mrs. Shear-Lanese, Office Manager; and Mrs. Smith, Business Manager.

The Board approved the minutes of the January 14, 2010 work session and regular meeting.

FOREST FIELD PARK PLAN PRESENTATION

Mr. Feldmann presented three concept plans for an additional parking lot at Forest Field Park and the development of the southwestern field. The plans displayed the maximum number of soccer fields that could be accommodated after construction of the new lot. The Board discussed the pros and cons of the various plans.

VISITORS

John Havert, 8217 Station House Road, asked about the safety of those walking from the front to the back of the park after a driveway is built to the back of the park. Mr. Feldmann responded that a sidewalk will be built alongside the driveway.

Greg Brown, 6796 Twin Fork Court, asked when parking would be added at the Smith property that was recently added to Bill Yeck Park. Mr. Birdseye responded that the Park District must approve a master plan for the site before any parking can be added.

Mr. Havert questioned why the line of site is an issue for the new parking lot. Mr. Birdseye responded that security is the issue and a security discussion followed including the possibility of lighting the lot.

Mr. Havert asked where the Board draws the line on athletic spending. He asked how Park District spending compares with other districts. He suggested benchmarking with other organizations. He questioned the use of Park District facilities by nonresidents. Mr. Williams responded that nonresidents do pay fees to play on Park District fields. Mrs. Kennard further explained the residency policy for athletic leagues. She said that leagues must meet residency requirements in order to use Park District fields at all and that individual teams in the league must pay nonresident fees if they do not meet the requirements. She also explained that the Park District includes three types of parks; community parks are used for large group activities, neighborhood parks are small parks for walk-in use, and nature parks are to preserve natural and historical areas. Ms. Weisman stated that nonresidents playing on local teams allows resident children to play on more competitive teams.

Mr. Havert said that Forest Field Park is for neighbors, too. He offered to have a group of neighbors meet with the staff.

The Board agreed to eliminate from consideration the plan with the parking lot located in Forest Field West. Mr. Birdseye said they would make a decision between the remaining plans after cost estimates are available.

Steve Huff reviewed fourth and fifth grade school programming at Grant Nature Center. Discussion followed on how the Park District and school district could work together to provide programming for the population that is not currently reached.

FISCAL

The Board reviewed and approved the January 31, 2010 Financial Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff Recognition. The Board recognized Brian Kunkel upon his retirement for thirteen years of service as the Park Operations Manager of the Park District.

Personnel Action. The Board approved the hiring of Ken Carter as Park Operations Manager.

NatureWorks Advance. The Board advanced \$27,975 from the General Fund to the Park Improvement Fund for use as seed money for a NatureWorks matching grant for Weatherstone Park to be advanced back to the General Fund after receipt of the NatureWorks grant.

Declaration of Unneeded, Obsolete or Unfit for Use Personal Property. The Board declared ten office chairs as unneeded, obsolete, or unfit for use by the Park District and to dispose of said items in a manner authorized by the Ohio Revised Code.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Birdseye reported that he spoke with Mr. Havert by telephone over the weekend and that the Commissioners need to be proactive in educating citizens about the Park District.

Ms. Weisman suggested that the newsletter and web site present information more succinctly such as using bullet points and FAQ's.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Kunkel reported that Joel Thornton and Matt Sever successfully completed the invasive species course online through Purdue University. Ms. Weisman requested that the web site include such information as why part of the dog park is closed off by fencing.

Mr. Carter reported on a meeting with Lucy Siefker and a representative from the Ohio Division of Wildlife to learn about grant opportunities for equipment for an archery program to be presented in conjunction with Centerville Schools.

Mrs. Kennard thanked Mr. Kunkel for thirteen years of service to the Park District. She said she enjoyed working with him and he will be missed. She also reported that a retirement luncheon for Mr. Kunkel is scheduled for Friday, February 12, 2010. Mrs. Kennard announced that the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission will hold a Going Places Phase II Workshop on February 18, 2010 at the Centerville Police Department training room. She also announced that the Centerville Women's Civic Club is seeking Celebrating Women nominations. Mrs. Kennard thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association annual

conference. She reported that all the sessions she attended were excellent and that the conference was well attended.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.