

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance: Commissioners Weisman and Williams; Mrs. Kennard, Director; Mr. Carter, Operations Manager; Mr. Feldmann, Development Manager; Mrs. Castillo, Program Manager; Mrs. Brandt, Recreation Coordinator; Mrs. Shear-Lanese, Office Manager; and Mrs. Smith, Business Manager.

The Board approved the minutes of the February 8, 2010 work session and regular meeting.

VISITORS

Steve Huff described programming for kindergarten and first grade at Woodbourne Springs Park and the summer enrichment program entitled Naturally Smart at Grant Nature Center.

John Havert, 8217 Station House Road, expressed his concern about additional traffic on Centerville Station Road with the increased use of Forest Field Park. Mr. Williams explained that staggered start times will help relieve congestion at the entrance to the park and that the City of Centerville plans to widen the road.

Mr. Havert asked if the city will add signage and run radar. Mr. Williams said that the Park District will notify the police department when park usage is increased.

Mr. Havert suggested a sign along the park exit to warn visitors that road traffic does not stop at the exit. Mr. Williams suggested a flashing light might be possible.

John Miller, 7573 Pelbrook Farm Drive, asked where the new parking lot will be located. Mr. Feldmann explained that the new lot will be located straight back from the current lot.

Greg Brown, 6796 Twin Fork Court, reported that soccer practices were held in the park today and he opened the closed section of the parking lot when the winter lot filled to capacity.

Mr. Havert reported that the bridge north of the meadow is missing a board.

Mrs. Weisman suggested that volunteers could walk the trails and note maintenance needs to Park District staff.

David Lee, 1592 Rockleigh Road, announced that he volunteers as a park ambassador. He reported that it is not feasible to walk all the trails at this time due to the ice and snow, but when he hikes he gives a maintenance report to staff.

Mr. Carter suggested maintenance concerns be submitted via the Park District web site.

Mr. Havert requested a copy of the 2010 budget.

FISCAL

The Board reviewed and approved the February 28, 2010 Financial Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Action. The Board approved the hiring of the following:

Program Assistant:

Andrea Lapp

Seasonal Park Operations Technician I:

Alex Gibson

Brandon Harrison

Michael Lenz

Scott Lucas

Bryan Urban

Devon Walton

Seasonal Park Operations Technician II:

Frank Bachnicki

Don Bartley

Chase Cecil

Bruce Holroyd

Jeff Kunst

2010 Revised Pay Ranges. The Board approved revising the 2010 Pay Ranges to include the new position of facility supervisor.

Agreement with Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. The Board authorized an agreement with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office for park patrol services.

Creating Community Connections Implementation Committee Appointment. The Board appointed Janice Gomez to a three-year term as citizen representative on the Creating Community Connections Implementation Committee.

2010 Softball Umpire Services. The Board approved a contract with Moraine Tourney Umpires for umpire services for the 2010 Park District Adult Softball Leagues.

Oak Creek South Park Declaration of Restrictions. The Board approved a Declaration of Restrictions for Oak Creek South Park as required by the state of Ohio for the NatureWorks grant.

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

Mr. Birdseye made the following announcement: Mr. J. William William's appointment to the Board of Park Commissioners expires May 10, 2010. Anyone interested in being considered for this appointment should submit correspondence of this interest no later than 4:30 P.M. Friday, March 26, 2010, to Montgomery County Common Pleas Court, ATTN: Nancy E. Brookshire, Court Project Analyst/Human Resources, 41 North Perry Street, Room 103, Dayton, Ohio 45422.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Birdseye sent his comment that the reclamation of the play equipment from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is a win-win proposition for taxpayers.

Mr. Williams praised Mr. Carter and Mr. Holtz for their visit to Hocking College to recruit staff. Mrs. Kennard explained how staff works with students to make their seasonal employment at the Park District qualify as internships. Mr. Williams also praised staff work with the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Carter reported that operations staff has begun the removal of the play equipment from WPAFB and will temporarily store the equipment at Oak Grove Park. He also reported that the Centerville Kiwanis Club, the Centerville Community Church, and the Centerville Rotary Club will be volunteering in the parks in April.

Mr. Feldmann reported that he attended the Montgomery County Sanitary Department pre-construction meeting for the Donnybrook Park and Black Oak Park sewer projects which will be completed by Evans Landscaping. He reviewed the revised headquarters expansion plans with the Board.

Mr. Birdseye sent a question to Mrs. Shear-Lanese regarding the lack of evening use of the Nature Nook. She answered that there has been little demand for evening usage. The Board directed her to notify the library of the Nature Nook availability. Mrs. Shear-Lanese noted that the response to the online newsletter in lieu of the mailed version has been limited.

Mrs. Brandt reported that beginning this summer the Stroller Strength program will include an age range of six weeks to preschool for the children. She also announced that the Park District is offering a fitness program for adults who no longer have children in this age range.

Mrs. Castillo announced that Kristen Marks is trained as a facilitator of the new Growing Up Wild program of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. She also reported that program staff will present programs for the Centerville City Schools Teacher Institute this spring and summer.

Mrs. Smith reported that real estate tax collections in 2010 are ahead of collections in 2009.

Mrs. Kennard reported on the progress of the Eco-Crew, including offering more recycling in the parks and using more environmentally friendly fertilizers. She said that the headquarters expansion will include some LEED objectives.

Ms. Weisman praised the Eco-Crew for their passion, planning, and effectiveness.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.