

**Regular Meeting Summary**  
**Centerville-Washington Park District**  
**October 14, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 P.M. with the following in attendance: Commissioners Lee, Monahan, and Sánchez; Mrs. Kennard, Director; and Mrs. Smith, Business Manager. The Board approved the minutes of the September 9, 2013 work session and regular meeting.

***FISCAL***

The Board reviewed and approved the September 30, 2013 Financial Report and voucher list.

***NEW BUSINESS***

Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing Tax Levies. The Board approved the Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.

Declaration of Unneeded, Obsolete or Unfit for Use Personal Property. The Board approved a motion declaring the following 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:

Truck #4 - 1996 Chevrolet C2500

The Board noted the hiring of Allyson DeShurko to the position of Recreation Coordinator.

The Board noted the hiring of Mark Fogarty to the position of Seasonal Operations Technician I.

***COMMISSIONER COMMENTS***

Mrs. Sánchez said she likes the new safety surface under the Activity Center Park playground and was glad to see the project complete. She also commended Mrs. Kennard on her handling of the firearms in the parks questions.

Mr. Monahan requested Mr. Carter check the seams on the new safety surface. He reported that the grand opening of the fitness trail at Oak Grove Park was good.

Mr. Lee expressed his disappointment that the strategic plan objective of constructing a challenge course has been delayed due to the departure of staff.

***DIRECTOR'S REPORT***

Financial Highlights:

- The Park District received the final settlement of 2013 real estate collections from Montgomery County in September. In October the County sent the final \$18,794 they still owed due to an error.
- The Montgomery County auditor and treasurer charged \$10,000 more in real estate and land bank fees in 2013 than in 2012. The Park District had anticipated this possibility and had budgeted the higher amount.
- The Park District received several donations in September - an additional \$541 in memory of Chris Estabrooks, \$150 for a Rotary brick, \$400 for programming from George Greenleaf, \$100 for the seed nursery from the Penbrooke Garden Club, and \$800 from the Moorehead family for a memorial bench. Centerville Baseball League contributed \$3,000 for a matching funds project.
- The Montgomery County Solid Waste District has approved the Park District submission for payment from the Buy Recycled Grant Program.

#### Administration Highlights:

- A public input survey is underway on the Park District Facebook page and web site to gather feedback on preferences for future park improvements.
- The OPRA Jack Gallon Board Development Institute is scheduled for Sunday, February 2 in Sandusky, Ohio. Topics for commissioners' education include Levy Campaigns, Funding Sources, and Board Development.
- The commissioners provided names of potential members for the upcoming park levy committee.

#### Program Highlights:

- Fall programs are in full swing with families enjoying the parks at the Pumpkinpalooza intergenerational program, Kooky Kreature Feature Halloween Mini-Trail, and fitness programs for children and adults. Coming up at the end of the month is our 30<sup>th</sup> annual Haunted Trail, the district's largest volunteer participation program that includes two nights of scare stations at Grant Park.
- The new fitness trail at Oak Grove Park is receiving lots of attention, including people with disabilities or those looking to rehabilitate after surgery.
- New Recreation Coordinator, Ally DeShurko joins the staff on Tuesday, October 15, 2013. Ally formerly worked for the district for three summers in the Summer Recreation Program.

#### Development Highlights:

- Construction of the new entrance and parking lot for the Smith Entrance to Bill Yeck Park begins this week. During construction, the entrance will be closed to the public; however parking is available at Forest Field Park to access the trails at Bill Yeck Park.

#### Operations Highlights:

- The Park District is finishing up the improvements to the Parkhaven entrance to Bill Yeck Park this month. Surrounding neighbors were surveyed for their preferences which include new swings and nature play area, benches, information kiosk, and expansion of the native grass/meadow areas.
- New shade structures will be installed at the Activity Center Park sprayground this fall to accommodate additional seating near this popular recreation facility.
- Two operations technicians recently completed the National Playground Safety Institute's certified safety inspector program. The district maintains two certified technicians on staff at all times to ensure the safety of the playgrounds throughout the Park District.
- Two Boy Scouts recently completed the requirements for the Eagle Rank by completing projects in the parks. The community benefits from their volunteer work while the scouts gain valuable leadership and project coordination skills. Congratulations to the following scouts:
  1. Jackson Bennett, Troop 530, constructed and installed four benches at Divided Ridge Park.
  2. Jason Gaitonde, Troop 116, constructed and installed four benches at Weatherstone Park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 P.M.