

**Regular Meeting Summary  
Centerville-Washington Park District  
August 12, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 P.M. with the following in attendance: Commissioners Lee, Monahan, and Siefker; Mrs. Kennard, Director; and Mrs. Smith, Business Manager. The Board approved the minutes of the July 8, 2013 work session and regular meeting.

***VISITORS***

John Merkle from Boy Scout Troop 116 attended the meeting to meet a requirement of the Citizenship in the Community badge.

***FISCAL***

The Board reviewed and approved the July 31, 2013 Financial Report and voucher list.

***OLD BUSINESS***

Revised Rules and Regulations. The Board approved a motion to revise the Rules and Regulations of the Centerville-Washington Park District.

***NEW BUSINESS***

Revised Authorization for Expenditures. The Board voted against a motion to change the procedures for authorizing expenditures.

The Board made note of the hiring of Kyle McGeary as a seasonal operations technician.

***COMMISSIONER COMMENTS***

Ms. Siefker presented literature she received at the Midwest Native Plant Conference. She announced the grand opening on August 13, 2013 of a section of multi-use trail extending from the University of Dayton into Kettering. She also suggested staff investigate the possibility of linking the hiking trails in Bill Yeck Park to the trails in Sugarcreek MetroPark.

Mr. Monahan reported that a neighbor at the Greene Line Park Party inquired about clearing honeysuckle in the park and arranging a volunteer day to clean litter from the creek.

Mr. Lee reported that a resident at the Oak Creek South Park Party inquired about the I-675 crossing for the Iron Horse Trail. Mr. Lee recommended the staff research the I-4 crossing in Sanford, Florida.

***DIRECTOR'S REPORT***

Financial Highlights:

- The Park District received \$1.5 million in advances from the second half real estate collections. The final settlement is due in September.
- The Park District received the final \$400,000 of the \$500,000 donated by Robert F. Mays.
- 2013 water expense is down \$3,400 from 2012 due primarily to less watering from hydrants.
- Savings to budget have been recognized on the following projects:
  - Schoolhouse Parking and Lighting
  - Oak Creek South Skatepark and Asphalt Paths
  - Sealcoating Projects
  - Newsletter Printing

#### Administration Highlights:

- The recent Facebook photo contest attracted 17 entries, 1,160 total votes, 809 unique visitors, and 28 new Facebook likes. Congratulations to Marilyn Florkey who received the most votes, with a picture of her granddaughter at the Passport to Nature Crazy Creeking program.
- The CWPD You Tube channel has a new look promoting activities, programs and history of the Park District.

#### Program Highlights:

- The Sweet Treats Doggie Ice Cream Social has been rescheduled for Wednesday, August 28 from 6:00-7:00 P.M.
- The Park District participated in a region-wide trail count to gauge how the community uses the multi-use trails. When compared with data gathered in 2009, usage was up on Sunday, but down on Wednesday (probably due to threat of rain).
- Fall program registration started today and most of the children's and many family/adult programs filled quickly. The community continues to want and support park programs.
- Interviews have begun to fill the open Outdoor Education Coordinator position.

#### Development Highlights:

- Oak Grove Park Fitness Trail equipment will be installed the week of August 26 and a grand opening is planned for October 1, 2013 from 5:00-6:30 P.M.
- Once the Montgomery County requirements for sanitary sewer line placement are met, the Iron Horse Park shelter project will go out for bid, with construction soon to follow.
- The Robert F. Mays Park development project will be ready to bid once the Park District receives approval for the storm drainage plan from Montgomery County.
- The re-bid for Bill Yeck Park – Smith entrance development will be advertised this week.

#### Operations Highlights:

- A new sound system has been installed at Schoolhouse Park thanks to a matching funds donation from the Wee Elk Football Association.
- The Park District is hosting one site of the CUSA Mead Cup soccer tournament over Labor Day weekend at Oak Grove Park.
- The operations staff is busy preparing all athletic fields and practice areas to accommodate the busy fall youth soccer and football seasons. Information on practice site locations can be found on the Park District website.
- The Park District is hosting a Baseball/Athletic Field Workshop conducted by the Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association at Schoolhouse Park on Wednesday, September 11, 2013. The workshop is designed for area parks and recreation organizations and will highlight the Park District's award-winning field maintenance practices and provide information on industry updates.
- Chris Pion from Fiver Rivers MetroParks will present a Sustainable Trail Maintenance Workshop for operations staff on Friday, September 20, 2013 followed by a trip to Sugarcreek MetroPark to observe trail work in progress.
- The playground at the Activity Center Park will be closed for several days beginning September 8, 2013 to allow for replacement of the safety surface.
- Interviews are underway to fill the open operations technician positions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 P.M.