

**Regular Meeting Summary
Centerville-Washington Park District
March 12, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance: Commissioners Lee, Weisman, and Williams; Mrs. Kennard, Director; Mr. Feldmann, Development Manager; Mr. Carter, Operations Manager; Mrs. Marks, Program Manager; and Mrs. Smith, Business Manager. The Board approved the minutes of the February 13, 2012 work session and regular meeting.

VISITORS

Steve Huff, Grant Nature Center Director, reviewed the raised bed gardening program.

Jolene Walker, Jane Dawson, Judith Keegans, and Bob Jackson attended the meeting to learn more about the upcoming Board position opening.

FISCAL

The Board reviewed and approved the February 29, 2012 Financial Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Centerville Wee Elks Football Association Agreement Addendum. The Board approved an addendum to the Centerville Wee Elks Football Association Agreement.

Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Agreement. The Board approved a motion authorizing an agreement with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office for park patrol services in an amount not to exceed \$11,000 for the 2012 calendar year.

Ms. Margaret Weisman's appointment to the Board of Park Commissioners expires May 13, 2012. Anyone interested in being considered for this appointment should submit correspondence of this interest no later than 4:30 P.M. Friday, March 30, 2012, to Montgomery County Common Pleas Court, ATTN: Nancy E. Brookshire, Human Resources Officer, 41 North Perry Street, Room 383, Dayton, Ohio 45422.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Ms. Weisman said she was impressed with the off-leash dog park analysis prepared by Jason Dickensheets and Tim Holtz as well as the plan for neighborhood park parties.

Mr. Lee requested the following items be added to the Board Item Status Report: 1) Study of alternate delivery of quarterly newsletter to reduce the cost – i.e. volunteers, with other agencies' publications 2) Oak Creek South Park deck and overlook – construct in-house or with volunteers 3) Marking of all entrances to all parks. Mr. Lee also said the park party program is an excellent idea. He requested information on the status of the Park Foundation proposal and Mrs. Kennard explained that it is almost ready for Mr. Rogers' review.

Mr. Williams inquired about the budget for the children's area at the Americana Festival. Mrs. Marks explained that the committee is budgeting \$3,000 less for the area, but that staff will still be able to provide a great day for the children.

STAFF REPORTS

Mrs. Marks announced that the Park District will hold Friday night parties with ice cream and activities in 33 parks beginning this summer through fall of 2013. She said she will be seeking sponsors for these events.

She also announced the Woodcock watch is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 7:15 P.M. at Grant Park. Lastly, she reported that Katy Malcolm started work as the Park District naturalist on Monday, March 5, 2012.

Mr. Carter explained his responsibilities as operations manager and described upcoming projects. He announced that the off-leash dog area proposal recommends the area be located in the I-675 meadow in Grant Park.

Mr. Feldmann described his duties as development manager and announced numerous projects in the parks during 2012. He reported that Vectron is seeking an easement in Silvercreek Park along Yankee Street. He explained that the Park District will need to insure that the easement does not interfere with the proposed multi-use trail through the park. He also reported that Wally Hollyday is preparing a proposal to design additional hardscape and seating around the skatepark at Oak Creek South Park and that the new drinking fountain will be located near the skatepark.

Mrs. Smith explained her responsibilities as business manager. She announced that real estate tax collections are ahead of 2011 collections. She reported that the 2010-2011 biennial report will appear as a four-page spread in the summer newsletter to be delivered in late April. She also announced that a Facebook page for the dog park at Oak Grove Park along with the rainout line are being used to announce closures of the facility. Mrs. Keegans praised Communications Coordinator Catherine Ball for the new look of the Park District quarterly newsletter.

Mrs. Kennard announced the Heart of Centerville is sponsoring A Community A'Fair at Centerville High School on March 17, 2012, from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. She reported that the crisis management plan is under review by the Centerville Police Department, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, and the Washington Township Fire Department. She announced that Bob Corbin donated \$1,000 to the Park District which will be used to buy poles to start a Nordic pole walking program next winter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 P.M.