

Regular Meeting Summary
Centerville-Washington Park District
July 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance: Commissioners Lee and Siefker; 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 June 11, 2012 work session and regular meeting.

VISITORS

Steve Huff, Grant Nature Center Director, attended the meeting.

FISCAL

The Board reviewed and approved the June 30, 2012 Financial Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Action. The Board approved a motion authorizing the program manager, business manager and operations manager to award seasonal staff bonuses with a total amount not to exceed \$1,500.

2012 Revised Appropriation Budget. The Board approved the 2012 Revised Appropriation Budget.

2012 Revised Appropriation Resolution. The Board approved the 2012 Revised Appropriation Resolution.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Ms. Siefker thanked Mr. Carter for choosing the humane approach in handling the bee problem at Red Coach Park. She said she enjoyed attending the Americana Festival and that the Park District booth and float looked good. Mr. Lee added that he appreciates the effort by the staff to make the festival and the float such a success. He suggested that perhaps next year someone could ride on the float in recognition of their contributions to the Park District. Mr. Lee presented language regarding visitor behavior for possible inclusion in an update of the Rules and Regulations. He also proposed additional signs be posted in the main high usage parks noting that dogs must be on leash in the parks. He suggested the signs could be combined with the trail makers and offered to serve on an ad hoc committee. Ms. Siefker said she is not in favor of more signs. She noted that the vast majority of respondents to the dog park survey said they know that the rules state that dogs must be on leash. Mr. Lee said he wants to re-enforce the rule with the public. He also expressed his approval of the skatepark programming and OSHA submissions in the strategic plan quarterly report.

STAFF REPORTS

Mrs. Marks reported that she attended Stroller Strength as a participant while on vacation. She said she was glad to hear the participants excited about the Neighborhood Park Parties and other free programs this summer. She announced that Erin Morley and Chris Fife have scheduled a volunteer training for July 17, 2012 from 5:30-7:30 P.M. Ms. Siefker praised Stroller Strength for the great workout it provides. Mr. Lee praised the staff for the Neighborhood Park Parties. Mrs. Marks explained that the CPR training conducted by the Washington Township Fire Department provides American Heart Association certification. Ms. Siefker said she is happy to see the collaboration with the Washington Centerville Public Library for the Paws in the Park program on September 21, 2012.

Mr. Carter reported this is the third week of not mowing in the parks. He said the benefit of saving fuel and reducing emissions is offset by the loss of trees due to the drought. He also reported many trees and branches down due to the wind storm and the closure of Iron Horse Trail for the weekend until a tree service could

remove a dangerous branch hanging over the trail. He also reported that several of the aluminum poles that support the baseball backstops at Oak Grove Park were bent by the wind.

Mr. Feldmann reported the receipt of the final insurance reimbursement check for the 2011 storm damage. He also reported that the curbs for the projects at Schoolhouse and Oak Grove Parks are scheduled for installation on Wednesday. Ms. Siefker inquired about composting restrooms for Oak Grove Park. Discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of various restroom options since Montgomery County does not have a schedule for the sewer extension to the park. Mr. Feldmann reported that he met with a representative of the Montgomery County Health Department and learned that if the flow meets required criteria a septic system may be used at the Smith house at Bill Yeck Park.

Mrs. Smith thanked Mrs. Ball and Mr. Cochran for all their work to create the great Park District float for the Americana Festival. She also announced an additional advance of \$135,000 from the July real estate collections has been received since the June financial report was prepared.

Mrs. Kennard stated that the staff did an awesome job at the Americana Festival. She announced that the community is under a red flag warning and a recreational fire ban. She also announced that attendance at programs is still very high despite the heat with 129 children attending the Summer Recreation Program at Oak Creek South Park last week. Mrs. Kennard praised the staff for the wonderful grand opening of the Mark Kreusch Nature Playce and thanked all those who made the project happen.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.