

**PARK BOARD
CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE
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Wednesday, June 1, 2022
City Council Chambers

MINUTES

Members Present: Beth Mason, Megan Travis, Tyler Cruz, Jim Stanley, and Clerk Brenda Short.

Brenda Short did the roll call. Beth Mason, Megan Travis and Tyler Cruz were all present.

Beth Mason called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Megan Travis made a motion to approve the May 2022 Meeting Minutes as submitted, seconded by Tyler Cruz. All in favor, motion carried.

President's Report:

Beth stated she did not have anything to report

Service Director's Report:

Jim Stanley stated if you haven't been out to Ted Lewis Park, they have been pouring concrete at the splashpad today. Poured concrete floor in the new shelter yesterday. Per our last progress meeting with the contractor, they are still on track for scheduled opening date. All is good with that. We have been trying to get someone to quote us some tick spray out at the dog park at MVCH Park and have not received any yet.

Public Comments:

Shelly Fauver from the Tiger Girls Softball League asked about the use of the building at Ted Lewis Park.

Jim Stanley stated that building floods and it is his understanding that it is unfit to run concessions out of it. He stated he believes Pee Wee Football runs concessions out of it. He is not sure that the Health Department would approve.

Beth Mason stated she should contact Pee Wee Football and see what they say.

New Business/Old Business:

Beth Mason stated the first item is “**Misc. Maintenance at Parks**”. Megan Travis stated at Ted Lewis the shelter house with the wood siding has graffiti on the back side and the Ted Lewis painting on the front has graffiti on it. She asked if the Service Department could at least paint the outside of the building brown to get rid of the graffiti. There is also a door on one of the buildings that has a large hole and would like a new door put on. The dugouts are getting black all around the back of them and requested they be power washed and maybe painted.

Jim asked if those were all at Ted Lewis and Megan stated yes.

Jim stated he did not see why we couldn't do the painting. The door is on the building near Rosewood.. He stated he wanted to bring up that the Street Department went to turn the water on to that building and discovered there are plumbing leaks in that building. That building at some point needs to be replaced; it is in poor shape. We can continue to maintain it. Does the Park Commission want us to continue to make repairs to the plumbing to allow the water to be on in that building? Beth Mason stated both softball and pee wee football would get use out of that building. Megan stated she feels it would be less money to get the water working at this point than to replace the entire building. Jim stated it would be but these issues are just a constant occurrence for that building. Beth Mason asked if that building still floods. Jim stated yes it does. It needs to be located differently and on some raised ground. He stated it needs to be decided what type of building is needed out there. Are you looking for a concession stand like Barthelmas Park, centrally located or what do you want at that Park. We will go ahead and fix the plumbing and look at the door to repair or replace.

Beth Mason stated the fence that was cut at Barthelmas Park between the park and the apartment complex has been fixed again. A board member fixed it again. He put another whole piece of fence over what had been cut and fastened it to what they had cut. Metropolitan Housing states the fence is not their fence. They did clean up all the trash that was blowing everywhere out there and stated they are keeping an eye on the fence to make sure it is not cut. Jim stated it may be the Park's fence, but that is not who is cutting it. Beth stated they have installed some trail cams out there and they will be caught if they do it again. Jim stated this may also be required at the bathrooms because we are going through big rolls of toilet paper weekly being wasted. It gets pulled out and thrown all over the bathrooms every week. The problem is not going away.

Beth Mason stated they still have wood bees in the Eric Clark Shelter House. She asked if they could put up wood bee traps there. Jim Stanley stated he didn't have a problem with it. Beth stated baseball will buy them and put them up.

Tyler Cruz stated the current concession stand that is on top of the field for soccer, there is no working water and it came out brown and then stopped. There is no electricity on one side of the building. It is a full-scale concession stand and leaves them not being able to use it. He requested the Service Department to look at it and determine what needs to be done. The building is locked and the City has keys to enter.

Request for Use:

Beth Mason stated there is a "Request for Use" form from the Pickaway Co. Developmental Disability for use of a diamond at Barthelmas Park for MRDD Softball. This would be for practice on Mondays and Tuesdays from 6-8 pm. The games are played elsewhere.

Beth made a motion to let them use the diamond as requested. Megan seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried. All Park Commission members need to sign the request and return to Brenda to notify them that it was approved.

Public Comments:

Beth stated they will now take Public Comments. Each person must come to the front and state their name and address in order to speak. Each will be given 3 minutes to address the Commission.

Tabitha Rosier – 2964 Penny Royal Road, Clarksburg Ohio – Circleville Girls Softball.

"I don't know where to begin. This is my second meeting ever being here. The very first meeting

everyone had open arms and wanting to work with me and congratulating me for taking over Scott Gaskin's position and now I am the scum of the earth. No one will work with me and nobody

wants to discuss anything with me. Nobody knows who I am. I have a heart of gold. I am about

the children and have always been. I have representatives here tonight that are little kids that back me 100%. They get awards no matter what they do. I want to know why Ted Lewis Park started to be an issue with this league since I took over. Why all of a sudden numbers had to be part of this. It is about the parents that drive to drop their kids off and pay fees. It should not be

about where they are coming from. I have kids drive from Waverly to be in my league and that is because I like to teach kids. I want to know why Pumpkin Show is being taken from us. That is 50% of our fundraising, just like everyone else in this room. You are making it impossible, impossible for me to continue this league by taking this from me. I also want to know why Pumpkin Show was voted on behind closed doors. I want to know why this league is biased against me. This shirt that I wear today, I am a volunteer. It has a different name. Everyone in this building is a volunteer. Why is my emails not being answered. I get told to call the Mayor's office and he tells me to call the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. He tells me to call Beth. I am getting a run-a-round and no answers. Our \$38,000 worth of items in storage at Ted Lewis and it's being disposed of – everyone else consider this. This is stuff to help Ted Lewis when we set up Pumpkin Show, ruined by rain. It was taken out of storage shed and set outside with a tarp and it is ruined by rain. I would have been willing to give it to Tiger Girls if they needed extra equipment, but now it is ruined from where it got wet. Personal checks were taken out of storage

and put under a tarp. People could have jumped the fence and gotten them and embossed more

money that I would have had to deal with, Mind you on record, \$5,000 was the last check we

received.” 3 minutes reached

Vanessa Buckner – Soccer – 120 Walnut St., Circleville Ohio

“Where are we with the soccer fields being treated for moles”. Jim Stanley stated he was still waiting on an alternative price. The field has been rolled twice. The dry fertilizer is too expensive

we are waiting on the price for liquid grub killer. We will do what we can and will continue to roll

it. Vanessa stated the holes create a danger for the children. Tyler Cruz stated that professionally, this is what he does and if there is anything he can do to assist, he is willing to help. He explained there is a gap period when it comes to moles and that period has passed. Early spring is when you start treating typically. Jim Stanley stated if that is something you want to take a look at, we can have someone meet you out there when you have time.

Nathan Rosier - 2964 Penny Royal Rd, Clarksburg Ohio

“I have some questions. Number 1 is Pumpkin Show parking. You allow Pee Wee Football to join in Pumpkin Show Parking, correct? How can they do that without seeing the rosters. How can you give them Pumpkin Show parking if they do not turn in their rosters until fall. You are dismissing your own rules.”

Megan Travis stated once the rosters are turned in, it will be re-evaluated.

Nathan Rosier continued: “There was a rule about grass & weeds on the field when the fields were granted. The rule states if there is grass and weeds on the field, the the league loses use of the fields. You made that rule. There is grass and weeds on the fields at Ted Lewis and Barthelmas. Why are these meetings not publically announced?”

Brenda Short, Clerk stated the meeting dates are published in the Herald each month.

Nathan Rosier continued: “Why was the meeting about Pumpkin Show not published.”

Beth Mason stated that was voted on at the last meeting and that meeting date was open to the public.

Brittany Arthurs – 14223 US 22, New Holland, OH

“I wasn’t prepared to talk today. I am just a parent and have two daughters that play for Cicleville Girl’s Softball. I want to know why, as a parent, our kids don’t deserve the same thing as other leagues are getting. Why do our kids not deserve the opportunity to play at Ted Lewis? My little sister played at Ted Lewis. Why do our kids not deserve the funding from Pumpkin Show parking like the other leagues are getting. Why do our kids get their cather’s equipment trhown out into the rain. Y do our kids get their extra jerseys thrown out into the rain. Why are my girls not entitled to the same exact perks that the other chidren in the other leagues get. I do not know what the issue is as far as before when this league was a league and

had different board members and everything else. I have watched the meetings on YouTube and it is always bickering between adults, but when do the kids matter. When do these children matter. The children that you voted to take money from, the children that you voted to take fields from – when do these kids matter? We do not turn kids away that do not live within the city. We are non profit and if they cannot pay, we do not turn them away. Now, they are getting thrown to the ground like they are nothing. Sorry, you are not worthy of the other benefits that the other children get. Over 100 children. 14Y has over 50 children that now do not get the same benefits. I had to get face masks to replace the ones ruined from being thrown out in the rain. These little kids do not have face masks for today. When is this going to be about the kids. Kids have played there and have memories and friends there and now they can't play there.”

Dawn Starner – 4086 SR 138, Circleville Ohio

“I am not one to talk. The answer is – I drove out there today. You have a pretty good park to play on for your hundred kids. We have 250 plus kids.

Outbreak of screaming between those in audience.

Office stopped the meeting and stated if it happens again, he will be making arrests for disorderly conduct.

Dawn Starner continued: “ I don't know what you are talking about with your stuff being out in the rain. Our league is about the kids. That is why we have 250 plus kids. We can't just three fields. That is why we need five fields. The other league has five fields out on 22 that they have access to, You were given Smith Park and it is a complete mess that has not been used at all. If they do not want that field, then we could use it and clean it up.

Catherine Cameron – 26616 Gay Dresbach Road

“I have been in attendance at a lot of park meeting. This has gone back further than that. It is not about the name of a league. It's not about a fight between leagues. I personally am an alumni of Circleville Girl's Softball. I spent my entire life from the time I was 9 years old until a senior in high school playing. My father was the President of Girls Softball League. I ask you that if you were a parent living in an area that had that many city children not able to be serviced because of kids from outside the city, how would you feel. Would you be frustrated that your tax paying dollars were being spent on people from outside the city and those resources were not going to kids that don't have kids to play on. It is not a petty disagreement trying to take anything from anybody. The sad fact remains there are not enough resources for anybody that wants to use the fields. The Park Board initiated a ruled and had been discussed several times since last October about the percentage needing to live within the city. It was no surprise. All leagues were able to establish their lists. The City Park Building was addressed back in October that it needed to be shared and needed to be cleaned out. Again, in April, it was addressed that items needed to be removed from that building. In my opinion, this was not a blind side.

Adjourn

Beth Mason made a motion to adjourn. Megan Travis seconded. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Submitted by: Brenda Short, Clerk