

**PARK BOARD
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Wednesday, July 6, 2022
City Council Chambers

MINUTES

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

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

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

Approval of Minutes:

Beth Mason made a motion to approve the June 1, 2022 meetings as recorded. Tyler Cruz seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

President's Report:

Beth stated the Park Commission gave Smith Field to Circleville Girls Softball. They have not touched it and have done nothing with it. She stated she would like to make a motion to give that to Tiger's Softball. They can use that for the smaller kids and the City can actually benefit from the other leagues going down there and getting the area cleaned up and ready for use. Baseball and Soccer are willing to help to get the field ready and get some equipment down to make that a field again.

Beth Mason made the motion. Tyler Cruz seconded the motion. Beth Mason, Yea; Tyler Cruz, Yea. All in favor. Motion carried.

Beth stated she will send Tabitha Rosier an email notifying the league of this decision. Beth will send out an email this evening and tag Park Commission.

Service Director's Report:

Jim Stanley is on vacation, so there will not be a report from him.

New Business/Old Business:

Beth stated there is a request from the Beckley's to use the Garden City Park on August 6th from 5-9 p.m. for an annual block party. Beth Mason made a motion to allow this. Tyler Cruz seconded the motion. Beth Mason Yea. Tyler Cruz Yea. All in favor. Motion carried. Brenda will notify the person that made the request.

Beth stated the next item is a request from Pickaway Soil & Water Conservation Group to teach archery safety and allow the students to shoot arrows in a designated area at Mary Virginia Crites Hannan Park during their Experience Earth Camp in July for a week. Beth Mason explained this is a controlled lesson and all will not be out the shooting arrows. Tyler Cruz made a motion to allow this and Beth Mason seconded the motion. Beth Mason Yea; Tyler Cruz Yea. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next there is a request from Matt Tootle to allow a trackless train to be on site at Mary Virginia Crites Hannah Park on August 14th for a birthday party at the Starkey Pavilion. Beth explained this is like the train at the zoo or in some of the malls. Will not hurt anything. Beth Mason stated she did not see an issue as this type of entertainment is used at parties. Tyler Cruz made a motion to allow and Beth Mason seconded the motion. Beth Mason Yea; Tyler Cruz Yea. All in favor. Motion carried.

The next item is a request from the Pickaway County Democratic Party to waive the fees for renting the Starkey Pavilion for a meeting on July 7, 2022. Beth stated the fees are waived for these kinds of events and felt it was appropriate. Tyler Cruz made a motion to waive the fees for the rental. Beth Mason seconded the motion. Beth Mason Yea; Tyler Cruz Yea. All in favor. Motion carried.

Brenda Short will notify all of the above of their approvals.

Public Comments:

Robyx Paxton on behalf of Tiger's Youth Softball requested use of the storage unit at Ted Lewis Park for a new gator. This is the storage unit that Circleville Girls Softball just got their stuff out of.

Beth Mason stated she thought Jim had stated previously that the City was going to use that until after the park construction was completed.

Robyn explained they had a big equipment purchase (gator) and have no where to store it.

Beth stated she was sure that the building would be the right place to store this.

Robyn stated they were going to put up security cameras there to monitor the inside and outside.

Beth asked Brenda to check with Jim Stanley when he returns next week to see what he thinks. She stated they could use part of the building that PeeWee Football has.

Robyn stated they are going there today to help clean it out after this meeting, but it is pretty stocked full of stuff. She stated they applied for some grants to help fund the rest of it. They do not have a date scheduled to pick it up yet, but would like to pick it up within the next month or two.

Tyler brought up the option of storing it at Barthelmas Park.

Robyn stated that doesn't work for them, because they do not have a way to transport it to Ted Lewis for use. They do not have a trailer to transport.

Beth stated that if they do decide to use Ted Lewis to store it, she would advise to put cameras up and notify their insurance agent is aware.

Tyler Cruz stated he did have an item he would like to bring up in reference to the parks. He is questioning about funding for the parks and park board. In terms of budgeting and where the City is in terms of funding, he would like to be able to get some funding for the Park Commission. He would like to be able to have a fund for the upkeep of the parks, projects that need done at the parks and just some beautification of the parks.

Brenda Short asked what kind of funding or fundraising was he looking at.

Tyler explained there is stuff at the parks that need painted or replaced and spruced up.

Brenda explained that the City has a line item in their budget for upkeep of the parks and that is used for upkeep of the parks and repairs that need done.

Tyler stated he would like to know how the Park Commission could have funds to allow some beautification to be done at the parks.

Beth Mason said there has been some fundraising done in the past to raise money to help with Ted Lewis.

Brenda stated she would talk with Mr. Stanley when he returns next week and would report back at next month's meeting.

Tyler stated he was looking at paint for some of the signs or buildings, funds for the mole issue.

Robyn Paxton stated maybe this is something the board could apply for a grant to assist with this.

Beth stated Pickleball has received many grants and that might be a good idea. She also stated that Tom Davis is awesome about helping out with the grants they received through the county.

He would be the first one here to assist with getting the grants.

Robyn explained that there is a lot of money out there and would be great if someone could apply for the money.

Tyler asked that Brenda please check into this and report back at next month's meeting.

Vanessa Buckner inquired who pays for things like if the back stops were damaged.

Beth Mason stated that is covered by the league's insurance policy. Maybe the City's insurance would cover vandalism.

Adjourn

Beth Mason made a motion to adjourn. Tyler Cruz seconded. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Brenda Short, Clerk