

ALLIANCE PARK BOARD MINUTES
August 9, 2018

The Alliance Park Board held a special meeting Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.

Present: President Harry Paidas, Vice President Gary King, Secretary Jennifer Mastroianni. Also in attendance were Director Kim Cox, Foremen's Chris Zufall, Scott Davis, Asst Foreman Kyle Grove and Office Manager Jennifer Baxter.

The meeting was called to order by President Harry Paidas at 2:32 p.m.

Jennifer M. moved to adopt the agenda, Gary seconded. The motion carried.

Gary moved approval of the minutes from the June 28, 2018 meeting, Jennifer M seconded and the motion carried.

Public Speaks: City Council member Andy Grove introduced himself and said he is looking forward to helping the City with their financial situation and to reassure The Park Board to trust in the Mayor's plans for Capital projects. He also applauded the staff on doing a wonderful job and keeping all the Parks looking nice.

Administrative Reports:

Silver Park & Butler Rodman: Chris reported that they stained and sealed 4 bridges, 3 gazebos, split rail fence and all 6 x 6 pillars; pressure washed the office at Silver Park, landscaping, mowing, painted gates at Butler Rodman and Earley's Hill Park; set up for days in the park festival, Jennifer M asked what it is we do to get things ready for Carnation Days; we make sure all electric boxes and hydrants are working properly, haul tables, make sure all the handicap, no pets allowed and no parking signs are posted, we put barricades and no parking signs for the islands on Milton Street, set up the pop booth and the jumper for Friends of The Park; repaired shingles at the Romanian Gazebo and Memorial Shelter; picked up the picnic tables from the rib burn off at the mall parking lot, Jennifer M asked how many tables we have, Chris replied 90 total picnic tables. Harry asked if mowing is caught up, Chris said it is going well.

Cemetery: Kim reported lots of mowing, weed eating and cleaning up. Mitch's staff is getting caught up. Mitch came in on the weekend to get everything ready for the annual Cemetery Tours that take place on two Sundays during Carnation week. Kyle Grove took the lead last week while Mitch was on vacation; he had some headstones replaced back on their foundations that were knocked over. We are down to only 2 seasonals working. Harry asked what the progress was with the Mausoleum, Kim said she met with the Administration and because it is a historical building we need to do more research on what we are allowed to do. The Chapel is currently closed due to lots of damage from raccoons and we are waiting on estimates for the repairs, we received the go ahead from the Insurance Company.

Recreation-Athletic Fields: Scott reported all summer baseball and softball has finished, fall ball will be starting the weekend of August 18. Setting up for fall soccer, which begins the weekend of August 18. Started removing all the damaged yellow piping that is on the fences at Earley's Hill, Silver Park, and Butler Rodman ball fields. Aid Pest Control sprayed all the ball fields for ground bees that have been nesting all along the infield dirt and the dugouts, they are gone now. Hot stove and A/M softball tournaments went well. The wood bat tournament was canceled due to low sign ups. There is a meeting Monday August 13 for the construction of the new building at Butler Rodman Park.

Harry met with Abby Honaker the service organizer for University of Mount Union; they want to do a major project for the Parks on their service day. Abby compiled a list of projects that included a new building at Butler Rodman Park, miniature golf course, bocce courts and corn hole games. She will have around 200 volunteers in one day to work on projects. They have an arrangement with Lowe's that will donate all the materials. Kim spoke with Roger Westfall about the building project; she also met with Mike Dreger and the Mayor but was told there are steps to go through before getting the building project completed. Abby met with the Mayor and reported back to Kim and Harry about their meeting. The Mayor likes the idea but we wouldn't be able to start this fall, to hold off until spring of 2019. Community Day is September 29 with all the volunteers, and the Park staff on hand to get other projects completed.

General Administration: Kim reported next Friends of the Parks meeting is Tuesday August 14, noon at Poncho's; low impact aerobics, pound in the Park, yoga and tennis is still going on, volleyball league starting in September at the First Christian Church, we had some issues at the YMCA with the kids running around; busy with Carnation Festival and Days in the Park; huge book donation from the library after the book sale for our little libraries; Arch Park tree planting \$765 donation, Madison Park donations for tree plantings and removal; touch a truck is September 22 at Butler Rodman Park; project list for the next year or two, ideas to move forward with, need to prioritize, supplemented by grants or contributions to utilize our money the best way we can and informing the public of all our projects and what is funded by the Levy, everything will be documented, the purpose of the project list. The future Park project list is as follows; Butler Rodman Building and Amenities, Thompson Snodgrass spray Park, Memorial Park basketball court, Maple Beach walkway and basketball court painting, Silver Park restroom renovation by the lake and the Rustic Shelter, Cemetery mausoleum renovation, bring back Christmas lights at Silver Park, beautification & mulching program and equipment inventory upgrades.

Gary asked the closing date of the RCC pool, it is August 19 due to all the lifeguards going back to school, hard to staff and the attendance is low, the majority of pools close when school starts; Jennifer M made the flower pots that are by the bridge at Silver Park with donations from Friends of The Park. Harry cannot attend the Friends of the Park meeting but he would like a Park board member to attend; he feels they need our support.

Park Board Commissioners will meet September 27 around 12:00 -12:30 to go to all the Parks to see them and what is needed for improvement. Harry talked about the perimeter of Butler and possibly creating a path and clearing the brush through Mac Trailer property, maybe even connecting through the trails. Engineer Curtis Bungard could help us with the plans. Harry said now might be the time to act on it. The boy scouts have done some work at the trails, fixing the bridge and laying down walking mulch on the pathways; safety is an issue with the wooded fields, a female was recently assaulted at Deer Creek trail.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Jennifer M. moved to adjourn, Gary seconded and meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.
The Park Board went into executive session.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.


HARRY PAIDAS, President


GARY KING, Vice President