

**ALLIANCE PARK BOARD MINUTES**  
**February 21, 2017**

The Alliance Park Board held the regular meeting Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.

Present: President Harry Paidas, Vice President Gary King, Secretary Lindsay Kehres, Director Kim Cox, Foreman Scott Davis, Chris Zufall, Mitch Kirby, Asst. Foreman Kyle Grove, and Office Manager Jennifer Baxter.

The meeting was called to order by President Harry Paidas at 2:30 p.m.

Harry made a motion to adopt agenda, seconded by Gary, all in favor motion carried.

Harry asked for approval to the minutes from Nov. 15, 2016 meeting. Harry made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Lindsay, all in favor motion carried.

**Public Speaks:** None

**Administrative Reports:**

**Silver Park & Butler Rodman:** Chris Zufall reported they painted the maintenance office and lunch room, installed new floor and counter tops; painted the Log cabin; serviced the equipment; built 46 new tables for Miller, Kiwanis, and Maple Beech pavilions, 34 tables were budgeted to purchase and 12 were donated by Kiwanis for that shelter; Mitch commented that the old tables were donated to the police gun range and they were in pretty bad shape; fixed and stained 70 picnic tables at Silver Park; Harry asked what seems to be the life of tables, Chris responded if not graffiti quite a long time, we re-do and seal them every year; tore down old chimney at Butler Rodman; picking up leaves & sticks throughout the parks; working on quotes to repair the skate park, Kim will go into more detail with that; cutting lids off barrels to be painted, 30 barrels were donated by Damon's.

**Cemetery:** Mitch reported 9 funerals since Jan. 1, 2017; picked up sticks and litter at cemetery & Parks; gave the Mainwaring Chapel a really good cleaning; backfilled all settled graves with fill dirt; helped the Park staff on a few of their projects; overhauling mowers and trimmers before spring; finishing cleaning up leaves that didn't get finished in the fall, due to the mild weather.

**Recreation-Athletic Fields:** Kim Cox reported that they haven't let Matt Trainer back yet for seasonal hire, waiting on budget approval around end of March; University Mount Union students for service day met at RCC, stuffed Easter eggs (5 boxes) for the Annual Easter egg hunt; big bat sign ups have started and is in full swing; Alliance/Marlinton softball, Hot Stove baseball and ACSC- soccer club are taking sign-ups.

**General Administration:** Kim reported she attended City Council meetings & Friends of the Park meetings; spoke with Richard at the CDBG meeting for application idea; met with Bob Fonte from Stark Parks; yoga is still going strong on Mondays from 6-7 at the First Christian Church on Beech; low impact aerobics is still going on every Tuesday & Thursdays 9-9:45am at the church; approval to order playground equipment for Earley's Hill from CDBG grant; installed new expression swing at Butler Rodman Park; submitted 2017 budget, waiting on approvals; Kim and Scott attended the OPRA conference at Kalahari in Sandusky, Ohio, it was a great conference leaving them with excellent ideas for our Parks; fit park grant of \$5,000; Kiwanis donated \$2,040 for new picnic tables for shelter; Monument donation from the Romanian Club for the gazebo; Friends of the Park have raised \$2,375 for 2017 memberships; GAF skate park repair grant, need \$9,000 to match,

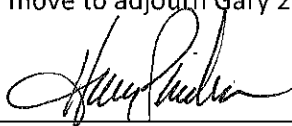
First Friends Church donating \$2,000, we have letters out to many businesses' asking for donations, we have 90 days to match the grant, if don't get them we may need to consider closing the Skate Park, Gary asked what are the major repairs, Kim responded when we received the used structure it was already had a 10 year life cycle, it was designed for skate boarding but mostly used by bikes and it is causing wear and tear on the wood structure, to replace the 4 x 8 sheets each cost around \$200, we don't have the staff or the funds to keep up with the major repairs, Harry asked if our liability is ok with the community, Kim said that Law Director Jen Arnold approved and liability is ok, Harry also asked who was the brains behind this park, Kim said we use to have a skate park committee, this has been something in the works for a long time, once the call came that there was equipment available, Mayor Toni Middleton at the time and John Gross traveled to Myrtle Beach to pick it up; Kim suggested we should invest in a Master Plan of the Parks Dept., it will outline areas of the park that needs maintained and what we can budget for, Scott talked about the importance of it if we would ever need a Park Levy, it justify' s everything we do and budget for, Kim will apply for an application to possibly get a grant for the Master Plan; Kim said as a staff we are concerned about the direction of this department, Harry suggested our future may have to be funded from Friends of The Park; Kim introduced an invisible spray that when it rains designs would form, she thought maybe University or High School students could get stencils for an art project; Kim showed a picture of synthetic ice for skating rink at Memorial park, she is hoping to maybe install one.

**Unfinished Business:** Harry said they are watching carefully the neighbors (potter's creek) by RCC, there is enough brush there right now blocking entrance to RCC, but when continue south it is easy to make way over from potters creek property to RCC property, on the left side of Brayton are new developers and they need to know not to encroach onto our property, the front part of RCC is considered wet land but further back is getting to be a concern.

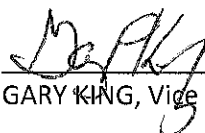
**New Business:** None

**Next Meeting:** March 21, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.

Harry move to adjourn Gary 2<sup>nd</sup> it meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.



HARRY PAIDAS, President



GARY KING, Vice President