

ALLIANCE PARK BOARD MINUTES
April 25, 2017

The Alliance Park Board held the regular meeting Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.

Present: President Harry Paidas, Secretary Lindsay Kehres, Director Kim Cox, Foreman Chris Zufall and Office Manager Jennifer Baxter.

The meeting was called to order by President Harry Paidas at 2:35 p.m.

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

Harry made a motion for approval of the minutes from March 21, 2017 meeting, seconded by Lindsay, all in favor motion carried.

Public Speaks: None

Mayor to Speak: Mayor Alan Andreani spoke with us about the lawsuit issued by Mr. Okey regarding City Council not properly going into executive session. He went over and cleared up some confusion of the proper steps needed before any boards go into an executive session meeting.

Administrative Reports:

Silver Park & Butler Rodman: Chris Zufall to represent for the foremen's and reports their itinerary. Harry said they can alternate for each future meeting. Opening of restrooms and shelters; turned on water fountains; fixed Silver Park lake lights, out since last fall; installed fountain at Kidwell Lake; spring cleanup, leaves, sticks, trimming trees, mowing; Kiwanis clean-up, volunteers stained Maple Beach amphitheater and deck; Abby Honaker from University of Mount had volunteer students paint barrels and picnic tables at the caboose with food designs & colorful art work, Chris Zufall will finish with stain on the tables; Kim handed out pictures of the tables and the group that volunteered their time.

Cemetery: Chris Zufall reported Mitch Kirby serviced 6 Funerals since last meeting; picking up sticks, limbs and litter at the Cemetery; installed all new signs at entrances of the Cemetery; backfilled all settled graves with fill dirt; installed sod on 3 graves; completed spring decoration sweep; turned on water spigots; laid out 17 foundations for local monument companies; lots of mowing and trimming; Harry asked roughly how many burials do we average yearly, Kim said she would find out that information.

Recreation-Athletic Fields: Kim reported big bat sign ups is complete and teams are being formed, we allow 80 kids to sign-up which allows 10 teams of 8 on each team, registration starts in January and the season runs for 6 weeks in June & July. Kim added it's a parent-child whiffle ball league that gives the child an introduction to baseball, softball concept with rules, sportsmanship and activity; the cost is \$25 donation per child who then receives a t-shirt and the money collected goes towards up-keep of the ball fields; last week baseball & softball games have started at all the parks, soccer is underway at Regina Coeli fields, flag football has begun at Maple Beach.

General Administration: Kim reported CDBG Earley's Hill grant of \$23,000 for installation of new playground equipment has begun; Skate park repair project, the monies raised (\$20,000) from donations and grants will begin May 1 and once the repairs start and more money needs funded, Friends of The Park are

willing to help finance; concrete pool repair project at RCC starting next week, received a \$25,000 grant for the repairs; ordered Fit Park equipment for phase 2, donations (\$15,000) from Greater Alliance Foundation, Friends of the Park and City of Alliance; Civic Trust Board are taking beautification grant applications until May 1, 2017; Arch park meeting for landscaping issues Kim met with Broom, Mazzoli and Lundgren; summer programs are pickle ball, yoga, walking, healthy living class, low impact aerobics, fit park circuit class and Jennifer may be starting a women's volleyball league, Harry asked if there is a cost to these programs, Kim replied we take donations for Friends of the Park but will be charging \$80 team for volleyball league to help with cost of refs, up keep of sand court in front of RCC and prize for the league team winner; great turn out with volunteers from University of Mount Union with Abby Honaker painting art designs on picnic tables for the Farmer's Market downtown at Caboose parking lot; Kiwanis one day event was a success with cleaning up Maple Beach surrounding area and staining the amphitheater & benches; sent cards to Jill Grove for new baby and Bobb Hobbs passing, he was a big contributor to Friends of the Park ; RCC pool preparation is under way; Harry asked if there's much vandalism, Chris replied at Maple Beach amphitheater gutter was down, some shingles were torn off the roof and at the concession stand there was some damage. Harry said maybe we need some security signs posted around the parks.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Regina Coeli fields; Kim is inquiring about the up keep of the ball fields, it's time consuming and no one uses them anymore for league play, ACSC soccer leagues use Regina Coeli field, we previously maintained the fields at the Armory until the Park Board passed a policy that we will not be maintaining fields that are not City owned, the Lil Aviators since have moved from Armory to Maple Beach.

Harry commented that last year we took the summer off for meetings and that May 16, 2017 will be the last meeting for the summer, we will only meet if an emergency meeting is needed.

Lindsay moved to adjourn Harry seconded, meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.

Next Meeting: May 16, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.



HARRY PAIDAS, President



GARY KING, Vice President