

ALLIANCE PARK BOARD MINUTES
January 18, 2018

The Alliance Park Board held the regular meeting Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.

Present: Vice President Gary King, Secretary Jennifer Mastroianni and participating by telephone conference call was President Harry Paidas. Also in attendance was Director Kim Cox, Foreman Scott Davis, Athletic Field Commissioner Matt Trainer and Office Manager Jennifer Baxter.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Gary King at 2:35 p.m.

Gary moved approval of the minutes from the November 28, 2017 meeting, Jennifer seconded and the motion carried.

Public Speaks: None

Administrative Reports:

Recreation-Athletic Fields: None

Cemetery: Serviced 11 Funerals since last meeting, picked up sticks / limbs and litter, gave Mainwaring Chapel a really good cleaning, helped Park staff with painting inside RCC, cleaning and painting inside the Log Cabin, cleaned up remaining debris from the Rustic shelter being damaged from a bad storm, painting barricades and cleaning / waxing of vehicles, maintenance of mowers and trimmers.

Silver Park & Butler Rodman: Scott Davis reported the Log Cabin kitchen, hallway and restrooms have been painted as well as the RCC kitchen and hall. Fixed the roof, repaired shingles and sheeting on the maintenance building at Silver Park. Pulled the rotted 6 x 6 parking bollards at Regina Coeli, cleaned the Silver Park office building gutters. As soon as the Insurance adjuster approved for a roll off dumpster from Kimble we took the roof off the damaged Rustic Shelter and cleaned up all the debris. The Rustic will be re-built, we received a check for \$20,000 from our Insurance Company that went into the capital code and we will start in the spring. Chris Zufall got estimates already to start the work; Jeff "Skilet" Keane Construction will be doing the block work and Burden Electric will be doing the electric. Repaired and stained picnic tables, maintenance of equipment, painting barrels, and plowing snow. On Martin Luther King Day the University Of Mount Union students assembled and painted 18 barricades, all materials and hardware was provided by the University.

General Administration: Kim reported that all department heads received an email from the Mayor stating the City received word from State Auditor Dave Yost that it is in fiscal caution, City Council is still in favor of a Park Levy on the May ballot. The pool filter at RCC will be installed in early spring, the funds have been allocated and a match of \$19,000 has been committed from GAF. Women's volleyball, low impact aerobics have been going strong and yoga will be starting again in February, staff has been working hard getting ready for big bat and Easter egg hunt. University of Mount Union students helped Monday on Martin Luther King Day stuffing eggs for the Easter egg hunt event. Kim said she will be attending the OPRA conference Jan 27-31, 2018 for CEU's, CPRP license; and will be speaking at the Quota Club meeting on Feb. 2. The next Friends of the Parks meeting is Feb. 13, 2018 at noon at the Elks, all members are welcome to attend. Sent out Friends of the Parks membership letters for renewals and encouraged the Park Board members to join as well. We are in the process of getting donations from Rotary and family members for the Skateboard Landscape project.

Carter's Copy has signs ready for proof for the new rules sign at the disc golf. Working on getting names for the Levy Committee, more detailed when Harry Paidas is back from vacation. Submitted the 2017 inventory and budget request to the Administration office.

A/M softball request to make more parking spaces in the grass area at the entry way has been denied; the Park doesn't want to lose more grass area and they are concerned about safety issues. Aaron Cade asked if they could get a golf cart for use at games to transport people to and from their cars, Kim told him A/M Softball Association would have to have some kind of liability insurance for it and the Parks would have no liability for it.

Last meeting the request from Helen Miller at Senior Center for snow plowing of their lot was tabled until the Park Board received more information from Kim. Kim supplied the board with a list of all the plowing we do throughout the City and she said we are already short staffed to take on any more areas of the City. Also there is no overtime budget for weekend events and that the center rents out their building for many events. Kim said she has yet to hear back from Helen regarding this matter and felt maybe she went a different direction. Harry thinks it is bad timing right now with trying to get a Park Levy on the ballot and feels if the Levy passes we could probably help out more with other departments, and we will be able to do a lot more in the next five years. We plow the entire City owned lots with only four full time people and two plow trucks.

Harry suggested we need an early February meeting to discuss the Park Levy; we need to announce leadership for the committee and start getting organized. Kim said Kevin Knowles is taking care of the deadlines and making sure all paperwork is correct.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Matt Trainer is requesting permission for approval of a new rule added to our policies & procedures for Athletic Fields; tournaments must be scheduled and completed within a single weekend block and also approval for a wooden baseball tournament for 9 – 18 year olds to take place in May-September, 2018 at Butler Rodman and Earley's Hill fields. Kim, Scott and Matt met with representatives from 3 off the bat, a wood bat manufacturer company located in Dover. They loved our facilities, the City and the surrounding area and would like one central location to have for their baseball and softball tournaments. They are willing to pay our staff to work on the fields and if all goes well they will keep it here for many years. They would recommend for all teams and visitors to stay in Alliance and use our hotels and restaurants. Matt said we would still cater to Hot Stove and A/M girls Softball and would work around their schedules and everything would run through Friends of The Parks; Harry wants to make sure the priority first is with Hot Stove and A/M Softball.; Matt said there are usually no games played on Sundays for Hot Stove and he has convinced them to stacking of more games on 1 field throughout the day instead of all games played on every field at one specific time; the proceeds would go into the Friends of The Park baseball account and it will benefit the community as well as the concession stands at Butler Rodman and Earley's Hill.

Gary King motioned to approve, Jennifer M. seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Scott will draw up a 1 year contract with fees and policies.

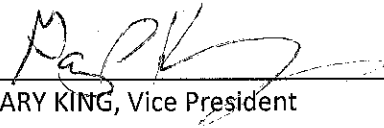
Approval of the new Cemetery Rules and Regulations books, the board will look at the books once they get back from Carter's Copy; tabled until the next meeting.

Harry moved to adjourn the meeting, Jennifer seconded, and meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Friday, February 9, 2018 at 10:00am



HARRY PAIDAS, President



GARY KING, Vice President