

ALLIANCE PARK BOARD MINUTES
May 16, 2017

The Alliance Park Board held the regular meeting Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.

Present: President Harry Paidas, Vice President Gary King, Secretary Lindsay Kehres, Director Kim Cox, Foreman Scott Davis 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 Gary, all in favor motion carried.

Lindsay made a motion for approval of the minutes from April 25, 2017 meeting, seconded by Gary, all in favor motion carried.

Public Speaks: None

Administrative Reports:

Silver Park & Butler Rodman: Scott Davis is representing for all the foremen's and is giving their reports for the month. Opening of restrooms and shelters; lots of mowing, weed eating at all the parks; some areas at Butler Rodman and Maple Beach not mowed yet, to wet from all the rain. Seasonal workers started Monday and Wednesday of this week, 14 total as of now working. Floyd Kirksey is starting to spray the ball field fences from weeds and overgrown grass. The construction company has been working all month at the skate park renovation, it is fenced off and closed until the end of May, and all materials have been covered by the grants. Scott said they ran into problems at the RCC pool, the repairs are taking longer than they expected, the plaster should be finished this week so they can start to prime, paint and re-fill the pool, should be open by Memorial Day; the decision to eliminate the lights in the pool was due to the electrical not being up to code, time consuming and cost was an issue, there aren't many evening pool parties. Berger electric made sure it was all grounded with light cavities, fill and plaster.

Cemetery: Lots of mowing, weed eating, 4 Funerals since last meeting; picking up sticks, limbs and litter at the Cemetery. Harry asked that we specify number of funerals in our weekly report.

Recreation-Athletic Fields: Baseball and softball leagues have started their season. Harry noticed on his walks that Regina Coeli is mowed but the infield is gone and asked if anyone still plays on the ball fields, Scott replied we still mow it because of youth soccer, he thinks we should officially eliminate it because it's not our property and Hot Stove doesn't want it either for practices or games, there's only been 1 game played in the past 3 years. Beech wood park is allowing us to use their 3 fields if needed, they would drag them and we would line them for games, Hot Stove would supply the bases, Harry said that would be fine if we need them. Scott said sign-ups are way down for hot stove baseball and softball leagues due to travel leagues and spring soccer. Big bat schedules went in the mail last week, season to begin in June. Pickle ball begins on Thursday, Janet Dillon teaches it, they go to the YMCA in the winter and Silver Park in the summer, and there are 2 courts that have been painted for pickle ball at the tennis court area. Activities are posted on social media, Parks & Recreation Facebook page and the Alliance Review. Alliance High School athletic director Mike Schott reached out to Kim for the use of Silver Park tennis courts for fall and spring tennis team, Kim said she will be getting back with him because she needs more information, how long the season is and how many courts would they need, she wants the community to have a few of them for recreational use.

General Administration: Kim reported CDBG Earley's Hill grant of \$23,000 for installation of new playground equipment has been installed and encouraged the board to stop by and look how nice it turned out, lots of positive feedback, it made the play area larger. Skate park repair project, the monies raised (\$19,500) from donations and grants is in progress and should be completed by end of May. The concrete pool repair project grant of \$25,000 has begun and should be completed by Memorial Day. Getting ready to install new fit park equipment for Phase 2. Lots of summer programs are beginning, pickle ball, yoga, walking, healthy living class, low impact aerobics, fit park circuit class, and women's volleyball. RCC pool information regarding public swim lessons and memberships has been advertised to the public, ordered new RCC rule signs. The staff is making the necessary preparations for the Memorial Day celebration at the City Cemetery on May 29. Rex Jackson is doing an Eagle Scout project at Butler Rodman nature trail. Walmart gave a large donation of toys for Easter egg hunt next year. There was a tree dedication by shade tree commission for Ina Hays at City Cemetery, who passed away recently; she was a big supporter of the cemetery. Harry suggested a fundraiser like the Alliance Hospital does, one can purchase a tree/plaque and mulch for \$1,000 in memory of a loved one, also maybe a bench with a plaque in memory of a loved one. These fund-raising ideas will be discussed at a future Friends of the Parks meeting. Kim handed out many articles that were in the Alliance Review regarding all the improvements throughout the Parks and RCC pool, also she was told about an article in the Canton Repository about Alliance to create a "pocket park", she is excited about the beautification of the City's empty lots but was not aware of this and who will maintain the lots, she is concerned about the funding's and her staff being able to keep up with all the mowing, mulching and weed eating if it falls on them. There is no more capital money to spend at this time and the Parks equipment is getting run down and old, we usually get used equipment from the Water Distribution but the maintenance goes up because of all the wear and tear, we have 3 trucks that the floor boards are gone, our newer trucks are on lease payments until 2019, we have been trying for 3 years to replace some mowers and trucks.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

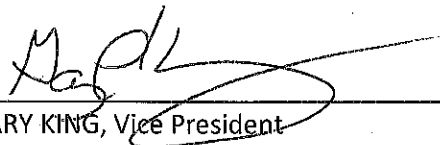
Lindsay moved to adjourn Harry seconded, meeting was adjourned at 3:10m.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2017 (unless an emergency meeting is needed)

Executive Session:



HARRY PAIDAS, President



GARY KING, Vice President