

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
MINUTES
May 2, 2013**

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY Mayor Robert J. Doerr at 7:30 p.m. Copies of all ordinances and resolutions to be considered at the meeting were made available for public inspection prior to the time of consideration by the Board of Aldermen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by Mayor Doerr.

Mayor Doerr asked for a moment of silence due to the untimely passing of Tina Roth – previous Park Board member and wife of Alderman Mark Roth.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Robert J. Doerr, Detective Applegate (sitting in for Chief Pruett), City Clerk Deni Donovan, City Attorney Kevin O’Keefe, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Paro, Alderman Merz, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Hollis.

ABSENT: Alderman Roth

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Alderman Smith moved for the approval of the Agenda, seconded by Alderman Hollis. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED BOARD MINUTES: Alderman Smith moved for the approval of the, April 18, 2013, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Alderman Smith moved to open the meeting to the public, as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

JOE ZICKEL, 1111 BELGROVE (QUINN SAW): He began by saying he has had his business in Bellefontaine Neighbors for the past 23 years and has had issues with QuikTrip for the last 2 years. Mr. Quinn was concerned about the recent passage of Ordinance #2231. He was told it was prepared, due to the recommendation by Planning & Zoning, for the purpose to accommodate larger drive entrances to allow for safer access and to bring the City’s code more in line with St. Louis County. He argued if it was the purpose to mirror St. Louis County, then the Board better review again because there are discrepancies; he cited Section 40.30-2. He mentioned the phrase “right in, right out” several times. He was also concerned about the required footage needed for a 3rd drive. “The City is opening up itself to a liability if someone gets hurt”. When asked by the City Attorney, he stated the last statement was his opinion.

CATHERINE COX-COLVIN, 10542 DRUID DRIVE: Not only has she bought a house in Bellefontaine Neighbors, but grew up and lived here all her life. She is very upset how the street she lives on has been basically taken over by teens who hang out in the street. She fears for her safety and has had numerous run-ins with harassment and trouble from these kids. She feels when the Police have been called, they seem uninterested and not willing to help. Chief Pruett asked her and the other neighbors to stay after the meeting so he could talk to them about specifics. He was unaware of the problems she was experiencing on her block.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone else wished to address the Board. Hearing none, Alderman Smith moved to bring the meeting back to the Board, seconded by Alderman Hollis. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: The Board was not given the Minutes from the April 25, 2013, meeting. Alderman Hollis reported they are still concerned about the parking issues on Lebon, although they have not come to any sort of decision yet. No letters have been mailed out to the residents yet. This matter involves both Wards 1 and 4. The commission will continue to review the Code Book. The Mayor stated, per the advice of the City Attorney, there is no need to make any changes in Chapter 17 at this time.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the April 15, 2013, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported the next event will be the Bicycle Rodeo; there are many activities planned for this day. The "Back to School" event is moving forward. The next planned events are the Fishing Derby and the Family Golf Night.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the March 12, 2013, Minutes. Alderman Smith reported Beautification Day was cancelled due to rain; a new date has not been set. Alderman Smith asked Alderman Paro about the verbiage she used in the Newsletter regarding the Christmas awards. She stated she was being "politically correct" when writing articles in the Newsletter about the "Holiday" Decorating Award vs. "Christmas"; they want it changed back to Christmas.

PARKS BOARD COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the April 16, 2013, Minutes. Alderman Merz reported the carpet is in at the Rec Center. Three adult swim parties have been scheduled for the summer.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR: Mark Dickerson reported they are working on getting the pools and parks ready for the summer. The bus runs seem to be pretty consistent. The outside pool will open on Saturday, May 25th; weather permitting. Tents may be needed for the Recycle Event tomorrow; Mark offered the tents he has. Thanks to Alderman Jordan for volunteering to BBQ. Alderman Schultz thanked Mark for all the yards they have cut so far. Mayor Doerr told Mark there is no grass to cut in the middle of Birch Manor; there is only a dead tree there.

CITY ATTORNEY: Said there was no need to make any changes to Chapter 17 of the City Code.

CHIEF PRUETT: No report given

CITY COLLECTOR: Collector Tranel asked how the kids were being notified about the Back to School Event. He was told via Newsletter, website and postings on the signs. It is only for BN residents. He wished everyone a Happy Local Government Week!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORT OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Robert J. Doerr asked if the Board had discussed nominating a new Board President; they want to wait until Alderman Roth is present. The Mayor reported on the following:

- The City of Hazelwood sent a thank you to Bellefontaine Neighbors for the offer of help after the tornado hit their City this past April;
- The Human Relations Commission is hosting an open house on May 15th at 7 p.m.;
- The Mayor and Ted Stocker met with Mr. Moss with RGSD to discuss the demolition of East Junior High. They are in the process of getting more bids although the bleachers will be coming down soon.
- The Shepley Bridge Project is in the works;
- The St. Cyr Bridge Project will begin in 2014;
- The Belgrove/Coburg Lands Project will begin after July 1, 2013; and
- The Mayor had a meeting with Mayor Jones of Dellwood that went very well.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN MERZ: Sent his condolences to the Szverra and Roth and his families on their recent losses.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Sent his condolences to the Szverra and Roth and his families on their recent losses.

ALDERMAN SMITH: His is not able to make the recycle event. The new City banners are in. He wished all the ladies a Happy Mother's Day.

ALDERMAN HOLLIS: She sent her condolences to the Roth family. The animal clinic being held on June 1st is open to all; not just residents.

ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO: He sent his condolences to the Roth family. He has received a few complaints from the residents about the students who walk home from Central Junior High and causing some trouble along the way. He thanked the Police Department for helping the situation. It was suggested talking to Kelli McCrary, the new Director of Safety and Security for RGSD.

ALDERMAN PARO: Bellefontaine Community Pride is planning the 63rd Anniversary celebration; several people and groups have volunteered to help. Reminded everyone about the Recycling Event being held this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – rain or shine. She thanked Alderman Jordan for BBQing that day.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: He sent his condolences to the Roth family. GO BLUES!

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Alderman Smith moved to open the meeting to the public as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

WILL ROBERSON, 1422 HAVILAND: Thanked Mayor Doerr for taking the time to attend the Sherwood Hills Association meeting; it was greatly appreciated.

CATHERINE COX-COLVIN, 10542 DRUID DRIVE: When asked what happened to the left turn lane onto Shepley Drive from Bellefontaine Road, she was told St. Louis County deemed it unnecessary. There is a problem with Riverview High School lets out and the buses come barreling down Shepley to turn onto Lilac; they never stop at the light. Chief Pruett will have the Officers check it out.


Mayor Doerr asked if anyone wished to address the Board. Hearing none, Alderman Smith moved to bring the meeting back to the Board, seconded by Alderman Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Jordan.
Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on May 16, 2013.