

The Minutes for the Park Board Meeting held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center.

Mark Dickerson opened the Park Board Meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Present: Jean Garascia, Sally Wahlbrink, Tina Swindle, Jane Davis, Kathy Endorf, Alease Dailes, Judy Mantych, Alderman Mark Roth and Mark Dickerson; Director of Parks & Recreation.

The Minutes for the Park Board Meetings held in November and December 2011 were accepted as presented.

Mark reported Theo Douglas left in November for another job. We have hired two new drivers, one in December and one in January. They are getting acclimated with the area. Mark stated within a month or so it should be going good. It was pretty hectic at the start. Kris Boston was driving for about three weeks and then he filled in on the days the first new driver was off until the second driver started.

Mark reported we have several maintenance projects we are working on. We are taking bids for roof repairs instead of replacement for the roof in the gym and racquetball court. I hope to get the bids back by February 1st and present them to the Board of Alderman on February 2nd so we can get the go ahead with the repairs. We are also working on the locker rooms. We are taking bids for new partitions for the locker rooms. I'd like to get this taken care of either between the winter and spring session of classes or between spring and summer classes. Once I get a contractor lined up I'll look at our schedule. A discussion followed on the various finishes available for the partitions as well as prices. Mark said we have started going through the lockers in the locker rooms so we can clean and paint them. We'll also repaint the ceilings so when we get the new floor and partitions in the whole room will look new. Mark stated once we get the roof repairs and locker rooms taken care of the last thing we'll try to do is the carpeting.

We are taking registration for the winter session of classes and the classes begin next week. It is starting a week later than usual. We still have some pay as you go classes going on this week.

Mark reported having a meeting on Thursday morning with Ameren in regards to planting on easement areas in our City. There are utility easement areas in all of our parks. Ameren will give you money to use for their recommended plantings that don't grow as tall so they won't have to trim trees on the easements.

Mark reported next week MoDOT has a meeting about busses. We got our last bus in 2006 and it is a MoDOT bus. It has 120,000 miles on it now. I'll go see where we stand on that. Mark stated he went to a meeting about two years ago and they wouldn't even take an application unless you had over 100,000 miles on your bus. This is the plan for seniors and people with disabilities. They pay 80 to 90% of the cost of the bus and the City pays the rest. I think we paid around \$4,000.00 or \$5,000.00 for our current bus. Alderman Roth stated so you fill out an application and get on a waiting list and Mark said yes. A discussion followed.

Mark said we are working around the weather and trying to get some trimming done at the parks.

Mark asked if anyone had questions concerning the monthly worksheets. Alderman Roth asked if we chart the numbers on a yearly basis and Mark said yes. Alderman Roth asked about the higher number of swimmers on November's participation compared to December's and Mark stated it was due to swim and exercise class participation. Mark made copies of the Annual Participation Reports for the Rec Center, Senior Transport Service, Room Reservations and Park Reservations. A discussion followed on the various annual reports as well as fees for room and park reservations.

Mark brought up the problems with the sound system at the City Employee Christmas Party. After several visits, the worker from Tech Electronics figured out there were several wires crossed when it was installed. He said they will come out and recalibrate and balance everything. He gave me a price on replacing the cordless microphones because the ones we have are about 15 years old and shot. The new ones will run about \$500.00 each. Mark said he will probably take it to the Board of Alderman on February 2nd. A discussion followed.

Mark mentioned a problem with the control system for heating and cooling at the Rec Center. I can manually shut things down but it gets so cold at night you could burst some pipes. Hopefully that will be resolved tomorrow.

Mark stated that's about all I have right now. We are putting the Spring Brochure together and it should be delivered around February 18th. Mark asked if anyone had any questions or anything else.

Jean Garascia asked how much longer before the carpeting will be replaced. Mark stated the very earliest it would be is before summer and the latest would be in the fall. A discussion followed on possible color choices. Mark stated if he went with anything other than carpet it would probably be ceramic tile. The only thing is it would be a lot noisier so we'll go with carpet.

Alease Dailes asked if Mark had ever considered advertising the parks in the brochure and Mark said we do. A discussion followed. Mark stated we do it in the spring and summer brochures because that is when they get used. Mark mentioned we started taking reservations on January 3rd. We have 4 or 5 people who run in and get their dates all the time. We end up turning a lot of people away because they all want the same dates. A discussion followed concerning Bissell Hills Park being the least used since it is smaller. Mark said if we decide to increase the size of the shelter at Bissell Hills Park we'd have to get some grant money but we'd still have to come up with some money. Mark stated 15 years ago we redid the restrooms at St. Cyr Park and it was over \$100,000.00 just for the restrooms. You would want restrooms, a storage area and a shelter and it would probably cost \$250,000 to \$300,000.00. A discussion followed. A roller rink was mentioned as a possible addition. Mark mentioned the problem with the basketball court at Pruitt Park and how quickly the rims were taken down after the incident. Mark said he'd been thinking about putting a basketball court in at Doherty Park in the south end of the City but if you use grant money it has to stay open. Jean mentioned the hoops being taken out at Belgrove Park because of what was going on down there. Mark mentioned that was over 20 years ago and they were playing up there at night, using their headlights and they weren't residents. Mark said that should have been a Police matter. A discussion followed.

Kathy Endorf reported an issue with usage of the racquetball court on the night of the Silver Bells Party in December. A discussion followed.

The Park Board Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Mark Dickerson, Acting Chairman

The next Park Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Please notify the Rec Center staff by calling 867-0700 if you are unable to attend.

**Bellefontaine Neighbors
Recreation Center Participation**

January 2012

Gameroom:	34
Room # 101:	310
Room # 109:	172
Swimmers:	898
Gym Use:	585
Racquetball	
# of hours:	24
# of players:	82
Weight Room:	983
Total Participation:	3,088

Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center Daily

Date: January 2012	
Weight Room	\$633.00
Gym Classes	\$1,568.00
Racquetball	\$137.00
Swim Fees	\$230.50
Swim Lessons	\$3,778.00
Room Reservations	\$1,715.00
Park Reservations	\$320.00
Swim Team	\$588.00
Day Camp	\$32.00
Snack Bar	\$460.00
Gym User Fee	\$351.00
I.D. Card/Passes	\$925.00
Special Events	\$758.00
Miscellaneous	\$162.00
Miniature Golf	\$6.00
W&B Garden	
Total	\$11,663.50

**City of Bellefontaine Neighbors
Transportation Service Monthly Report
January 2012**

Medical Appointments	58
Grocery Shopping (Schnucks, Aldi's, Shop n Save & Riverview Dairy)	46
Banking (US Bank & Regions Bank)	8
Target/Family Dollar / K-Mart	14
Pharmacy Trips	10
Hair Appointments (Bissell, Masters Touch)	16
Recreation Center (Meetings & Classes)	34
Post Office	1
Northside Christian Dining Center	8
IHOP (1/30)	8
Library	1
Jamestown	0

Total Participation	204
Total Number of Residents	36
Total Donations	\$25.00