

The Minutes for the Park Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center.

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Mark Dickerson opened the Park Board Meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Sally Wahlbrink, Tina Swindle, Kathy Endorf, Dave Cross, Kenneth Wilkins and Mark Dickerson;  
Director of Parks & Recreation

Absent: Jane Davis and Judy Mantych

The Minutes for the Park Board Meeting held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 were accepted as presented.

A discussion was held concerning the Tree Dedication Program. Kathy Endorf gave Mark a list with several suggestions concerning the service. A discussion followed concerning having some control over what is put on the stone or plaque to avoid anything that might be offensive to others. It was suggested we have the right to refuse anything offensive and to have a Board set up to review what is to go on the stone or sign and possibly make suggestions for them. Mark mentioned he will go over the information and make a rough draft and we'll go over it at next month's meeting.

Mark mentioned getting the planning grant for Bissell Hills Park. We've signed the contract and sent it in. I've been in contact with SWT and we'll have our first planning meeting for Bissell Hills Park on March 15, 2016 which is also our next Park Board Meeting. Since it is really important to have community involvement I will be posting an Open House sign at the Park that day. I spoke to Jay and Chris with SWT and they thought it would be a good idea to have the Open House meeting at Bissell Hills Park. They thought it might be easier to visualize the suggested changes if it is held at the Park. I think everything that was brought up at the workshops last year as well as what SWT suggested should be included. If the weather is bad the Open House will be moved to City Hall since we have the St. Patrick's Dinner as well as the Presidential Primary voting on that day. Mark stated this may work out to our advantage because if they come in to vote they may stop in at City Hall to see what's going on. Mark stated after this Open House, we may want to have another meeting in May to see what everyone thinks of the suggestions. I hope to have the final plans by June. This would be good because the next grant has been moved from October to August. That will give me a month or two to put together a Grant application for \$700,000.00 for an improvement to the park. Mark stated the most we can get on a Grant is \$420,000.00 so we can do some in-kind labor and the City can spend a little money to get up to \$500,000.00. It is a phase situation that this is what we want but we can only afford this much at this time. We can do \$500,000.00 of it and maybe finish it in a year or two with another phase. We may be able to do some of it ourselves if we tear down the existing equipment. Mark stated we should know something by the end of June or so, probably not blue prints but pictures of what we recommend to the Board of Alderman. I have mentioned this project to the Board of Alderman and think it would be a good idea for them to try to attend. If they don't make the first Open House they should probably try to show up for the second one. If the Board of Alderman is not in consensus then I won't be able to put anything in and I'll have to wait another year. If we want to move on this and do something we'll need to get the Board involved. A discussion followed on getting the churches and community involved as well. A discussion was held concerning the Master Plan as well as kits for Gazebos. Mark said until we get a concept and a plan it's hard to say what we'll do. Hopefully we'll get a really neat plan and everything will go smoothly.

Mark reported the City has sent in the check for the new bus and we are waiting for its delivery. A discussion followed.

Mark mentioned receiving a check for \$1,058.00 from the driver's Insurance Company to cover the cost of replacing the fence at Tanglewood Park. The Insurance Company said if it isn't enough to let them know. We spent \$800.00 and purchased enough lumber to repair the fence from the walk all the way up. Mark stated since we are doing the labor ourselves the amount we received should be enough to put in a whole new fence once the ground dries up.

Mark reported we are working on the sun lounges. We have 50 and they will all have new strapping and look really nice for the summer season. Mark said we have 18 of the short chairs and had to throw 6 away that were broken. We are redoing them as well. A discussion followed. Mark reported Craig found some that aren't exactly like the old ones but pretty close. They are \$75.00 each. The ones I originally bought were almost \$100.00. The shipping cost on the chairs will be \$5.00 to \$10.00 each. A discussion followed. Mark also mentioned purchasing two new umbrellas for the pool area. That alone was \$3,500.00. We also need to get new tables and those will run about \$700.00 each. A discussion followed. Mark stated we probably won't be replacing any lawn equipment but they are all running pretty good.

Mark reported the Spring Brochures have been delivered. Mark mentioned Martha has 68 Just Lose It participants weighing in here and has scheduled some free classes for her participants.

Mark mentioned Ruler's came in with their Blue Prints and I don't like anything they have concerning Klein Park right now. I mentioned it to the Mayor and he doesn't like it either. I talked about maybe 10 parking spaces and they took about 50 feet all the way around it. This is just the first set of plans but they don't want playground equipment or any trees either. With what they want it would only leave about 10 feet past the sidewalk and all we'd have left is the flagpole. A discussion followed. The Mayor is happy with some of their plan but not all of it. A discussion followed. Don Merz mentioned asking if we could have the old Bissell Hills sign when they take it off the building and they said yes. So that will be going to City Hall. We will need to come up with a place to put it and it will take some work to fix it. Maybe we can come up with an idea of how we can use it. Mark reported they would like to open the new store either late fall or early winter. It was also mentioned that everything will be staying except Kathy's bar. Don reported they will be eliminating the second floor and making the building taller. The entrance will be located where the stairs are. There won't be any parking in front anymore. The Hair Salon will be moving to Russ Britton's former shop. A discussion followed.

Mark mentioned the Mayor's Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. If anyone wants to play or Barbeque I would appreciate it. It will be a 1:00 p.m. tee time and back to the Recreation Center about 5:00 p.m.

Mark reported next month's Park Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Open House at Bissell Hills Park. It will start at 5:00p.m. and go to 7:00 p.m. A discussion followed.

The Park Board Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Mark Dickerson, Acting Chairman

**City of Bellefontaine Neighbors  
Transportation Service Monthly Report  
February 2016**

Medical Appointments	75
Grocery Shopping ( Schnucks, Aldi's, Shop n Save)	31
Banking -US Bank, Regions & Commerce	9
Target/Family Dollar / K-Mart	7
Pharmacy Trips	13
Hair Appointments (Bissell, Shear Perfection)	0
Recreation Center (Meetings & Classes)	29
Pasta House (2/9)	3
Post Office/License Office	2
Library	2
Taxes	1
Walmart (2/22)	3
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Total Participation	175
Total Number of Residents	39
Total Donations	\$0.00

**Bellefontaine Neighbors  
Recreation Center Participation**

**February 2016**

Gameroom:	32
Room # 101:	492
Room # 109:	174
Swimmers:	1,145
Gym Use:	817
Racquetball:	
# of hours:	12
# of players:	48
Weight Room:	724
<b>Total Participation:</b>	<b>3,444</b>

## Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center Daily

Date: February 2016

Weight Room	\$286.00
Gym Classes	\$807.50
Racquetball	\$66.00
Swim Fees	\$182.00
Swim Lessons	\$3,141.17
Room Reservations	\$1,814.00
Park Reservations	\$480.00
Swim Team	\$540.00
Van Donations	\$0.00
Snack Bar	\$370.00
Gym User Fee	\$259.00
I.D. Card/Passes	\$1,575.00
Special Events	\$677.00
Miscellaneous	\$1.70
Miniature Golf	
Locker Rentals	\$89.50
Total	\$10,288.87

1:Check	\$1,853.25
2:Cash	\$5,663.45
3:Visa/Mc	\$2,667.17
4:Amex/Disc	\$105.00