

The Minutes for the Park Board Meeting held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center.

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

Present: Sally Wahlbrink, Tina Swindle, Kathy Endorf, Judy Mantych, Dave Cross, Martha Snead and Mark Dickerson; Director of Parks & Recreation.

Absent: Jean Garascia, Jane Davis and Alderman Don Merz.

The Minutes for the Park Board Meeting held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Mark mentioned the Basketball game with the kids from Mathews Dickey and the police department went okay and everyone had a good time.

At this time I will turn the meeting over to Chris Sanders with SWT Design and his associate Kaitlin concerning the assessment on the parks. He has hard copies for anyone who'd like to look at them as well as a slide show. He'd like to get your feedback on the parks assessment.

Chris Sanders introduced Kaitlin and mentioned they have been working on a Parks Needs Assessment and wanted feedback from the Park Board members concerning the parks system. We are in the gathering stage and I'd like to get feedback from you concerning the presentation of the eight parks consisting of about 40 acres. This Needs Assessment will tell you where to focus your energies moving forward to Master Planning and Specific Park Planning projects. A discussion followed concerning the eight parks which include Belgrove, Bissell Hills, Doherty, Klein, Pruitt, St. Cyr, Tanglewood, and Wilderness. They presented pictures and a power point presentation. A discussion followed concerning the eight parks, the user groups and tree cover as well as some relics from past times. Some of the playground surfacing at Belgrove has begun to erode which could lead to access issues or a tripping hazard going into and out of the playground area. A discussion followed concerning park themes and possibly going with a fort theme to go with the cannon, updating the landscaping, taking care of the safety hazards and possibly a vegetative swirl. A discussion followed concerning other ways to handle standing water issues.

A discussion followed concerning possible changes or improvements to the existing facilities at the parks to make them more user friendly and ADA assessable. A discussion followed concerning the poured in place surface at Tanglewood Park which is about six years old. Mark stated it would be great to have poured in place at all the playgrounds because without it the maintenance cost for 5 to 10 years would be a lot higher.

Bissell Hills Park is our oldest park and is adjacent to the conservation property. Chris Sanders asked if there would be a connection opportunity? Would you like to see people reaching out to that ground as an adjacent park? Mark stated when we did our Biking Walking Pathway we spoke with the conservation department and they did have in that to do a connection through the park to go to the lake by the veteran's home. At that time roughly four or five years ago they were in agreement. Chris Sanders mentioned the poured in place at Bissell Hills Park is in really good shape. A discussion followed concerning the usage of the tennis courts and agreed there would be an opportunity for redevelopment. A.D.A. makes it necessary to keep the parks assessable to everyone. Chris reported he also saw differential settlement issues with the concrete. A discussion followed concerning the usage of the fields and Mark said they don't get used nearly as much as they used to. Mark suggested taking everything out except the playground area and one field and doing something completely different. Martha Snead mentioned putting in a Gazebo. Since its right next to the

church it could be used for wedding receptions. Mark mentioned if we did a big splash in this park it would get more usage because of the size of the subdivision around it. Chris Sanders mentioned uniformity in the benches and trash receptacles would be nice and a discussion followed.

Chris Sanders mentioned Doherty Park is also adjacent to a user group and has a lot of potential but there is no parking area. The neighborhood kids use it. Mark stated it is a floodplain and in the past we have considered putting in a dog park as well as a basketball court and community garden. At this point we haven't done anything except plant two dozen trees. Chris suggested a naturalized area. It could be wetlands, prairie or woodlands. An educational proponent would bring in Boy/Girl Scouts and schools. A discussion followed. Kathy Endorf asked about having to cut it and Chris said once it's established it would get cut once a year either in the spring or fall. You want to mow it before the weeds or the invasive species come to seed. If they don't get an opportunity to reseed themselves its harder for them to establish. A discussion followed.

Klein Park is located in a very prominent area. Chris recommended a redesign of the memorial, playground and gazebo. Dave Cross suggested concerts in the park and Mark said we used to do them. Mark mentioned anytime you go by the gazebo there is somebody sitting in it. A discussion followed including the electronic sign and what gets posted on it. Mark stated we built the gazebo in 1989 and the roof needs to be reshingled. A discussion followed concerning the Veteran's Day Celebration being moved to the Veteran's Home. Mark also mentioned CVS wanted to buy the park to put in a store.

Pruitt Park – A discussion followed about the gaming wall which is something you don't see very often. The asphalt is bad on the tennis courts and there are no tables or benches. Mark reported the subdivision was built in 1968 and the land where the park is located was left over. Since the residents were having trouble with their back yards the builder gave the five extra acres of land to the City. Mark stated the City brought in I don't know how many loads of dirt to stabilize the hill. A grant came up in 1975 through St. Louis County and they decided to build the tennis courts. It didn't get used that much so we changed it over to basketball about 8 to 10 years ago and it was getting used a lot. There was an incident and when I got back from vacation the hoops were down. Since the hoops came down all we do is cut the park.

The Park Board Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Mark Dickerson, Acting Chairman

Please Note: The next Park Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9th from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center. Please notify the Recreation Center staff by calling 867-0700 if you are unable to attend.

**Bellefontaine Neighbors
Recreation Center Participation**

May 2015

Gameroom:	28
Room # 101:	385
Room # 109:	235
Swimmers:	1,457
Gym Use:	680
Racquetball	
# of hours:	19
# of players:	92
Weight Room:	622
Total Participation:	3,518

**City of Bellefontaine Neighbors
Transportation Service Monthly Report
May 2015**

Medical Appointments	55
Grocery Shopping (Schnucks, Aldi's, Shop n Save & Riverview Dairy)	33
Banking -US Bank, Regions & Commerce	4
Target/Family Dollar / K-Mart	6
Pharmacy Trips	1
Hair Appointments (Bissell, Shear Perfection)	9
Recreation Center (Meetings & Classes)	23
Bandana's (5/4)	7
Post Office/License Office	2
Walmart (5/18)	2
<hr/>	
Total Participation	142
Total Number of Residents	41
Total Donations	\$0.00

Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center Daily

Date: May 2015

Weight Room	\$147.00
Gym Classes	\$1,192.50
Racquetball	\$129.00
Swim Fees	\$555.00
Swim Lessons	\$5,948.25
Room Reservations	\$1,438.00
Park Reservations	\$720.00
Swim Team	\$3,486.38
Locker Rental	\$24.00
Snack Bar	\$450.00
Gym User Fee	\$134.50
I.D. Card/Passes	\$4,575.00
Special Events	\$1,464.75
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Miniature Golf	\$176.00
Adult Pool Party	\$0.00
Total	\$20,440.38

SNACK BAR REPORT

DATE: May 2015	# OF ITEMS	TOTAL SALES
FOUNTAIN DRINKS	9	\$ 4.50
BOTTLED WATER	1	\$ 1.25
BOTTLED SODA		
ICED TEA		
HOT DOG	25	\$ 25.00
BURGER		
BBQ COMBO		
PIZZA	4	\$ 18.50
PRETZEL	10	\$ 10.00
PRETZEL W/CHEESE	18	\$ 27.00
EXTRA CHEESE	3	\$ 1.50
NACHOS	7	\$ 15.75
CHIPS	15	\$ 7.50
FROZEN GRAPES		
SNO-CONES		
DQ CUPS	9	\$ 9.00
BEER		
TOTAL	101	\$ 120.00

MINITURE GOLF:

ADULT RESIDENT		
ADULT NON RESIDENT	1	\$ 4.00
CHILD RESIDENT		
CHILD NON RESIDENT	1	\$ 3.00
GOLF PARTY/DAYCAMP		\$ 99.00
TOTAL	2	\$ 106.00