

The Minutes for the Park Board Meeting held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center.

Mark Dickerson opened the Park Board Meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Jean Garascia, Sally Wahlbrink, Kathy Endorf, Jane Davis, Judy Mantych, Dave Cross and Mark Dickerson; Director of Parks & Recreation.

Absent: Tina Swindle and Alderman Don Merz.

The Minutes for the Park Board Meeting held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 were accepted as presented.

Mark informed the Park Board members that we've passed the first two Boards for the MoDot Bus Grant and they are recommending we get a new bus. The official letter won't come out until MoDot's Board Meeting on January 28, 2015. So we did get the grant for that. If everything works right we should have the bus this Fall.

Mark mentioned turning in the Planning Grant. It's just like the Municipal Grant we got for our playground equipment and Miniature Golf Course. Now there is more money involved because the people voted to add to that money when they approved the work on the Arch Grounds. It includes the Arch Grounds, County and Municipal Parks so we got more money. They expect to see the plans and also want community involvement. They will provide almost a half million dollars to the larger cities. With our population it's a little over \$400,000.00 that they'll match on a grant. That's an 80/20 match but that can be in-kind labor or materials. There is also a planning grant too and I got that information about a month ago. The Board of Alderman requested that I put in for the Planning Grant at the first Board meeting in December. I put in for it and got it back on Friday. The firm we're going to use is S.W.T., I know St. Ann has used them and they said they were good. So what we're getting is a \$6,400.00 grant and the City will match it with \$1,600.00. S.W.T. will be doing an assessment of all the parks in the City and they will have two public meetings. They will do recommendations on what needs major repairs or replaced. If a tennis court isn't being used they would recommend what they would like to see. So we will be doing this for the next six months or so. He said what he'd like to do is come visit with me and anyone else who would be interested and we'll go look at all the facilities and assess how they look now, what the facility is like and how they are being used. Mark stated it would be best to evaluate all of our facilities and see how they can be improved. A discussion followed. Mark stated he would like to get community involvement. When you apply for a grant to improve the facilities you get extra points if you've had a study made. A discussion followed. Jean asked how we'll get the word out about the Master Plan and Mark said that will be up to the company that does the assessment, Mark stated we'll put it on the sign, in the brochure, some mailings will be sent out and we'll also put it in the City brochure. A discussion followed. Jean asked if there are any other organizations in the City other than the Senior Club and Mark said not that I'm aware of. Someone mentioned the Knights of Columbus and a discussion followed concerning lack of involvement in the community. Mark stated I think it's a good thing and you never know what you'll get out of it unless you do it. A discussion followed.

Mark reported they have postponed the roof replacement until we have better weather. The vents have been cut in and they are almost finished with the air vents themselves. But for the most part they are finished with the venting of the Recreation Center.

Sally Wahlbrink mentioned the weather stripping on the doors in the indoor pool has really made a big difference during the water exercise classes.

Mark reported thinking at the November meeting that the cushions for the chairs in Room #109 would have been reupholstered by now. A discussion followed. Mark stated the upholsterer did a good work in the weight room. A discussion followed.

Mark mentioned we have lost six or seven senior bus riders who used the bus three or four times per week. We have lost approximately 80 trips per month. Four of our regular riders died some have gone into homes. A discussion followed.

Mark said that is all I have. I should have a lot more in February and March because I think the Assessment Plan should be done by July.

Jane Davis asked about the lack of open pool time for children during the day at this time of the year. We should have some open swim time scheduled for kids when they are off school. A discussion followed. Mark said I'll check into it. Jean mentioned Easter Break will be coming up. A discussion followed.

Jean Garascia mentioned going by St. Cyr Park today and there was quite a bit of trash along the Park side. Mark said he noticed it on the way to the bank. Mark reported Monday is trash day and we always have trash to pick up then. A discussion followed.

The Park Board Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Mark Dickerson, Acting Chairman

The Next Park Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Please notify the Recreation Center staff by calling 867-0700 if you are unable to attend.

**Bellefontaine Neighbors
Recreation Center Participation**

January 2015

Gameroom:	32
Room # 101:	361
Room # 109:	88
Swimmers:	1,305
Gym Use:	636
Racquetball	
# of hours:	17
# of players:	70
Weight Room:	961
Total Participation:	3,470

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

Medical Appointments	35
Grocery Shopping (Schnucks, Aldi's, Shop n Save & Riverview Dairy)	34
Banking -US Bank, Regions & Commerce	6
Target/Family Dollar / K-Mart	7
Pharmacy Trips	8
Hair Appointments (Bissell, Masters Touch)	7
Recreation Center (Meetings & Classes)	27
Ponderosa (1/12)	9
Library	0
Post Office/License Office	2
Walmart	1
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Total Participation	136
Total Number of Residents	37
Total Donations	\$10.00

Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center Daily

Date: January 2015

Weight Room	\$279.00
Gym Classes	\$791.25
Racquetball	\$98.00
Swim Fees	\$252.00
Swim Lessons	\$3,201.75
Room Reservations	\$2,205.00
Park Reservations	\$400.00
Swim Team	\$435.00
Van Donations	\$35.00
Snack Bar	\$530.50
Gym User Fee	\$185.00
I.D. Card/Passes	\$1,995.00
Special Events	\$1,183.00
Miscellaneous	\$27.23
Miniature Golf	
Locker Rentals	\$96.00
Total	\$11,713.73