

The Minutes for the Park Board Meeting held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center

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

Present: Sally Wahlbrink, Tina Swindle, Jane Davis, Kathy Endorf, Judy Mantych, Dave Cross and Kenneth Wilkins.

Mark Dickerson introduced Ken Wilkins who was just appointed to the Park Board.

A discussion concerning the Tree Dedication Program was held. Martha Snead researched ongoing programs with other North St. Louis County Municipalities including Ferguson and Florissant. Mark reported they usually give the participant an option of where they'd like the tree planted. Some Municipalities don't give them a lot of options on the location and they can usually choose one of two sites. Most cities have a list of trees they can pick from and they can usually pick one of two varieties of trees depending on the park they choose to plant it in. Once the tree has been planted they present the family with a certificate stating the tree has been planted as well as the type of tree that was planted. There are also some cities where you can do a bench with a plaque or a stone. Alderman Don Merz asked if the City would have any control over what was on the plaque or stone? A discussion followed concerning what the City could do if something controversial should go up as well as having the right to refuse anything controversial. Mark mentioned with a stone you can only have so many letters. Don Merz said he would consult the City Attorney concerning the issue. Mark stated we don't have to do this immediately but asked the Board members to take the information home and read it. We have included all of the Park areas listed. Mark mentioned most cities don't do the plantings year round they usually just do it twice a year, maybe one in April and one in November. That gives the City time to get the tree and decide on the location for the planting during that time period. We could possibly plan on the third week in April and the first week in November. As far as the Tree Ceremony it could be held as part of an annual event. We will need to decide on that and possibly list the number of families or people who donated trees, the parks where they were planted and announce who the tree was for. Judy Mantych suggested the announcements should be made at the Town Hall Meeting and a discussion followed on possibly including the names in the City Brochure each year. Tina Swindle asked if the tree and plaque or stone will go in at the same time and Mark said it will depend on how long it would take to get the plaque or stone. If the order comes in early we could possibly have them by the planting. If not, it will be as soon as we get it. We'll know more once we get the program going. The Mayor would like to be able to do one starting in April. When we get the information together we can turn it over to the Board of Alderman to look over to see if they think it needs any changes and go from there. A discussion followed. Mark stated if we plant a tree and it dies in the first year we would plant a new one. Mark said hopefully \$150.00 will cover the cost of the tree and stone. If anything is left it is just donated. Mark said the tree will probably be \$50.00 and the stone may be \$100.00. A discussion followed. Mark suggested the Park Board members take the information home and read it over and hopefully we can decide on something at the next meeting and put something together to give to the Board of Alderman.

Mark reported we haven't heard anything yet on the Planning Grant but should hear something shortly. I thought I would have it by now. As soon as I know, you'll know. We got the bill for the bus and the check will be mailed tomorrow. We should get the delivery in about 10 days so it will either be the end of January or beginning of February.

Those are the main things I wanted to cover. I was hoping to know something on the SWT grant by the next meeting. If we get it they will probably be here for the next meeting. Otherwise we'll apply for another grant.

Mark mentioned we are in the process of getting the Spring Brochure together and it will be going out around February 12th & 13th. We're trying to get some work done on the lawn mowers to get ready for Spring and working on things around the building that we can do inside. When we do have nice weather we try to do some things outside. We had that car accident that knocked down three sections of the fence at Tanglewood Park. I got a call about a week ago and the insurance company said I should be receiving a check for \$1,058.00 and if that isn't enough to get back with her. So we're still waiting on that. We'll be working on that when the check comes. A discussion followed.

Mark mentioned setting up a program with Lutheran North. Their swim team practices here and they asked if we'd have pool time so they could run a lifeguarding class for their students. It will be held on six days and we will split the pool time with while they are here during lap time and adult time and the class. I think it's a good thing for the school and maybe we'll some new guards out of it.

Mark mentioned Martha has a meeting tomorrow at CNE for the "Just Lose It Program". It is starting up again so we'll see how it goes.

Mark mentioned the construction to repair the wire in our parking lot which will restore the power to the two lights on City Halls parking lot. I just want to make it workable until the weather gets better and then we can take each pole down one at a time and bring the wire through the footing and it will look like it used to.

A discussion followed concerning the Ruler's Store going in at Bissell Hills Shopping Center. Including some property at Klein Park that will be needed for parking and the upstairs is being taken out. A discussion followed.

The Park Board Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Mark Dickerson, Acting Chairman

The next Park Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 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 Daily

Date: January 2016

Weight Room	\$289.00
Gym Classes	\$496.00
Racquetball	\$99.00
Swim Fees	\$94.00
Swim Lessons	\$1,902.00
Room Reservations	\$1,870.00
Park Reservations	\$240.00
Swim Team	\$238.70
Van Donations	\$100.00
Snack Bar	\$350.00
Gym User Fee	\$286.00
I.D. Card/Passes	\$1,735.00
Special Events	\$666.00
Miscellaneous	\$1.80
Miniature Golf	\$0.00
Locker Rentals	\$96.00
Total	\$8,463.50

Payment Type

Check	1,316.60
Cash	4,558.41
Visa/MC	2,573.59
Amex/Disc	15.00

**Bellefontaine Neighbors
Recreation Center Participation**

January 2016

Gameroom:	34
Room # 101:	509
Room # 109:	262
Swimmers:	1,081
Gym Use:	756
Racquetball	
# of hours:	16
# of players:	70
Weight Room:	756
Total Participation:	3,484

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

Medical Appointments	65
Grocery Shopping (Schnucks, Aldi's, Shop n Save & Riverview Dairy)	34
Banking -US Bank, Regions & Commerce	5
Target/Family Dollar / K-Mart	9
Pharmacy Trips	7
Hair Appointments (Bissell, Masters Touch)	1
Recreation Center (Meetings & Classes)	17
Chili's (1/12)	5
Library	1
Post Office/License Office	4
Walmart	3
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Total Participation	151
Total Number of Residents	39
Total Donations	\$100.00