

Minutes of the Mt. Vernon – Black Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting March 19th, 2008

The Mt. Vernon – Black Township Parks and Recreation Department Board held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 19th, 2008, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizen Center at 6:00 p.m. Attending the meeting was: Park Board President – Ron Bennett, Members – Linc Baro and Kelly Cox, Superintendent John Tate and Park Board Secretary- Debra Scott.

Joining the Mount Vernon Black Township Park & Recreation Board is: Don Oeth.

Members not present were: Synda Waters.

The motion to authorize payment of claims was made by Linc Baro and seconded by Don Oeth. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the minutes as written or corrected from the February 20th, 2008, meeting was made by Kelly Cox and seconded by Linc Baro. Motion carried.

The motion to approve the balance of accounts to be entered into the minutes subject to audit for March 19th, 2008, was made by Linc Baro and seconded by Kelly Cox. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Cumulative Capital Fund- Mr. Tate stated he had no news about the Cumulative Capital Fund. Mr. Tate stated that he did run in to City Attorney Beth McFadin Higgins, and they will meet sometime next month.
2. Background Checks- Mr. Tate asked Mr. Kelly Cox if he was able to speak with Dr. Spurgeon, Superintendent of the schools. Mr. Kelly Cox said he was able to discuss the issue with Dr. Spurgeon. Mr. Cox had received the same information as Mr. Tate, and that is you must be an employee of the school system. Mr. Tate stated he has applied twice to the State, for tax exemption status and was denied both times. After a brief discussion on back ground checks, Mr. Don Oeth offered to talk with his son, Greg Oeth who is a State Police Officer. Possibly the State Police could run our coaches through their system. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.
3. Russell's Excavating (Sink Holes) – Mr. Tate stated that Greg Russell (Russell's Excavating) contacted him last week with information that the sink holes are located above the pipelines and Buckeye is now involved too. Mr. Tate said the work was to begin this last week but with all the rain it has been postponed until next week, weather permitting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Field Office for Riverfront Project: Mayor John Tucker contacted Mr. Tate last week about using the Park & Recreation building as a Field Office for the Riverfront Project. Mr. Tucker stated that the Grant money had budgeted \$16,000.00 for a field office, and with the money problems the City is facing this could save the project a considerable amount of money. Mr. Kelly Cox made the motion to let the Riverfront Project Committee use office space at the Mt. Vernon Park & Recreation building, Don Oeth seconded the motion. Motion Carried

Other Business

Mr. Kelly Cox had issues with the Girls Rural Softball Association holding tryouts and then cutting two or three girls while using the Parks Property which is paid for by the tax payers. Mr. Cox does not want any child left behind, if they have interest in playing. After discussing the issue, Mr. Ron Bennett stated he would leave this up to John Tate on how to handle this issue.

Mr. Tate stated he is getting bids on a new Chlorinator system. Currently the chlorinator the swim pool is using is dangerous and Mr. Tate is looking at this as a safety issue. Mr. Tate stated a new Chlorinator system could cost around \$12,000.00 and is more expensive to operate. After a brief discussion Mr. Tate stated he will continue to get bids and look at new chlorinator systems. Motion was made to adjourn by Linc Baro and seconded by Kelly Cox.

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

John Tate, Superintendent

Ron Bennett, Board President

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 16th, 2008, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Center.