

## Minutes of the Mt. Vernon – Black Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting of June 18th, 2008

The Mt. Vernon – Black Township Parks and Recreation Department Board held its' monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizen Center at 6:00 p.m. Attending the meeting were: Park Board President – Ron Bennett, Members –Linc Baro, Kelly Cox, Don Oeth and Synda Waters, Parks Supt – John Tate and Park Board Secretary- Debra Scott.

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

The motion to approve the minutes as written or corrected from the May 21st, 2008, meeting was made by Synda Waters (as amended) 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 June 18th, 2008, was made by Synda Waters and seconded by Kelly Cox. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Sabic Workday- Mr. Tate stated Sabic had a successful day, even though it rained. Sabic hit a gas line and a telephone line while digging at Brittlebank Park. Mr. Tate stated a SMP employee had not marked the gas line. Mr. Tate stated the gas was shut off quickly without incident. Sabic finished installing the fence. Mr. Tate stated a couple of years ago G.E. installed the other section of fence. Mr. Tate would like to present Sabic with a plaque to show the Park Departments' appreciation. Mr. Kelly Cox asked about having the local newspaper take a picture with Mr. Tate presenting Sabic with the plaque. Mr. Tate stated he will give the paper and Sabic a call whenever he has the plaque.
2. Chlorinator- Mr. Tate stated he moved forward with the purchase of a new chlorinator. Mr. Tate spoke with Clerk Treasurer, Cristi Wolfe, about purchasing the chlorinator for the swimming pool, since the City is in bad financial shape. Mrs. Cristi Wolfe agreed that the swimming pool needed the chlorinator. Mr. Ron Bennett asked how much this was going to cost the department. Mr. Tate stated L&W had quoted \$12,000 without the chemicals, or Park and Rec. could pay \$6,000.00 up front for the chlorinator and parts and over the next 3 years buy our chemicals from L & W, and they will spread the labor cost of \$6,000.00 over the next 3 years. Mr. Tate described the types of chemicals the swimming pool will be using, and stated it is more expensive but a lot safer. The chemical line 22E will need to be doubled due to the expense of the chemicals.

Mr. Tate asked the Board if they had read the local paper, stating a zero tolerance policy is in affect for bad language and harassment at the swimming pool? Mr. Tate stated the pool staff, will be responsible for enforcing the new policy.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Riverfront Project Committee- Mrs. Synda Waters attended the Mt. Vernon River Bend Coalitions last meeting and had plenty to discuss at the Park Board meeting. Mrs. Waters passed out minutes to everyone at the meeting. Mrs. Waters explained to the Board that there are two different committees. The Mt. Vernon River Bend Coalition, Inc. is planning to have concerts in the park. The Mt. Vernon River Days committee is planning Lincoln Days for September 12th and 13<sup>th</sup>, on the 12<sup>th</sup> the replica of the Lincoln Flatboat, (floating museum) will be docked at the Mt. Vernon Riverfront, leaving out early on the 13<sup>th</sup>. The event will be a part of the national celebration of Lincoln's bicentennial birth. This is one of many activities the committee is planning. Mrs. Waters asked if anyone has contacted Mr. Tate from the Mt. Vernon River Bend Coalition about a tree-planting ceremony at the riverfront. Mrs. Kay Cox would like to plant a Tulip Poplar during Lincoln days at the riverfront. Mrs. Waters asked if the Parks Dept. wanted the committee planting trees at Sherburne Park. Mr. Tate stated he would like to see where they plan on planting the tree at the park.  
Concerts in the Park-The Mt. Vernon River Bend Coalition would like to have concerts at Sherburne Park on Friday evenings. The concerts will be free to the public, but they will be accepting donations. Vendors will be there selling drinks and food. Mrs. Waters stated the subject of restrooms was discussed. The committee would like to use the restrooms at the Community Center during the concerts. After discussing this issue the Board decided they could use the restrooms only if a policeman was on duty, in the building. The Board stated the concerts in the park will be run on a trial basis, depending on how well the committee cleans up. The skating rink will be opening up in September. Mr. Ron Bennett and John Tate thanked Synda Waters for attending the Mt. Vernon River Bend Coalition, Inc. meeting. Mrs. Waters stated she will be attending the next meeting which is July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Ron Bennett suggested inviting Mayor Tucker to the next Park Board meeting, so he could answer any questions the Parks Board / Parks Department might have.

Motion was made to adjourn by Don Oeth and seconded by Synda Waters.  
Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

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John Tate, Superintendent

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Ron Bennett, Board President

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

