

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

The Mt. Vernon – Black Township Parks and Recreation Department Board held its' monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 19th, 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 Don Oeth and seconded by Kelly Cox. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the minutes as written or corrected from the October 15th, 2008, meeting was made by Linc Baro and seconded by Don Oeth. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the balance of accounts to be entered into the minutes subject to audit for November 19th, 2008, was made by Synda Waters and seconded by Don Oeth. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Soup Kitchen- Mr. Tate handed the Board copies of the e-mail he had sent the City Attorney. After reviewing the e-mail, Don Oeth asked if the Soup Kitchen had contacted the Parks Department. Mr. Tate stated he has not talked with them since the last Park Board meeting. Mr. Ron Bennet said for Mr. Tate to contact the soup kitchen and let them know that we would have to charge regular rates which are \$65.00 for each time used and that every entity has to be treated the same.
2. David Enterprises- Synda Waters asked about the paving at Brittlebank Park. Mr. Tate stated that David enterprises have begun paving all ready at the entrance to youth baseball and straight back to the ball fields. Mr. Tate stated the department had \$21,000.00 that was encumbered from 2007, the parks department was going to lose this money if it was not spent.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Purchases and Planning- Mr. Tate passed out a quote from JL Farm Equipment for a new Cub Cadet (utility vehicle). Mr. Tate stated lines #441 and #442 in the budget total \$12,000.00, and this will cover the expense for the utility vehicle. Mr. Tate stated the utility vehicle would save wear and tear on the Park vehicles and lawnmowers. Mr. Ron Bennett asked if the vehicle would be big enough to hold all the tools/ weed-eaters etc. to go from job to job. Mr. Bennett stated that Gator's are selling for \$11,000.00. After discussing the issue the Board asked Mr. Tate to get one more quote locally and compare prices. Mr. Linc Baro made the motion for Mr. Tate to get one more quote and then purchase the utility vehicle that has the lowest price, Synda Waters seconded the. Motion Carried.

Mr. Tate stated he had plans on encumbering funds from the 2008 budget. Projects to be considered for 2009 are:

1. Brittlebank wading pool – Consider completing the work on wading pool from 2004 recommendations by L & W. This would include separate recirculation pump, filtration, and chemical treatment for the wading pool. Also, would include anti-entrapment main drain gates. We are waiting on an updated quote on this work.
2. Brittlebank Pool gutters – We could encumber funds to the project of replacing gutters at the pool. It was recommended two years ago that the gutters would need to be replaced within the next five years. This cost will be substantial for this project and we will have the quote from L & W at the next meeting.
3. Tennis courts – Repair and paint the existing courts. The courts are deteriorating each year and will be beyond repair if not addressed soon. We will also look into possibility of changing layout of courts to 2 or 3 tennis courts and including a junior high sized basketball court.
4. Phase 3 paving - Another option will be to complete the paving work at Brittlebank Park. This would include Phase 3 of the David Enterprise quote from 2004. The paving would include from the corner of tennis courts back to shelter house #3.
5. Armory Building repairs – The brick and mortar is also deteriorating on the building. There are repairs that are needed on Northeast corner of building and tuck pointing throughout the building. NM Bunge, Inc. submitted a quote in 2007 for the sum of \$13,480 to complete the work. This quote would need to be updated as well.

Motion was made to adjourn by Synda Waters and seconded by Don Oeth.
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,
December 17th, 2008, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Center.

