

Minutes of the Mt. Vernon – Black Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting, October 23rd, 2017

The Mt. Vernon – Black Township Parks and Recreation Department Board held its monthly meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 23rd, 2017, at the Parks Office, located at Hedges Central School. Attending the meeting was: Park Board President Ron Bennett; Park Board Members: Kelly Cox, Don Oeth, Seth Rainey and Andrea Santoro. Parks Director Michael Harshbarger and Park Board Secretary Debra Scott.

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

The motion to approve the minutes as written or corrected from the September 18th, 2017, meeting was made by Andrea Santoro and seconded by Seth Rainey. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the balance of accounts to be entered into the minutes subject to audit for October 23rd, 2017, was made by Andrea Santoro and seconded by Kelly Cox. Motion carried.

UPDATES:

1. Fall Youth Sports- Mr. Harshbarger stated all football, cheerleading and soccer have finished for the season.
2. Youth Basketball- the Parks office will start taking basketball registrations next week. Mr. Harshbarger explained about the basketball clinics which Devin and he taught last year for kindergarten and first grade boys and girls. Then the second grade thru fifth grade boys and girls will have separate leagues with basketball games to be played on Saturdays.
3. Volunteer groups – The Turning Point Church had volunteers come down to the shelter house at Brittlebank Park and painted the restrooms inside. Mr. Don Oeth asked about replacing the doors for the restrooms. Mr. Harshbarger stated that the restrooms need new sinks as well. Mr. Oeth stated we need to encumber some monies for these projects.
4. Pumpkin Festival- Mr. Harshbarger stated the pumpkin festival went well. The community Center will start getting ready for their annual Christmas party in December.

OLD BUSINESS

1. MVYB Agreement- Mr. Harshbarger passed out a copy of the MVYB operating agreement with the City of Mt. Vernon-Black Township Parks Board dated October 24th, 2007. Mr. Harshbarger asked the Parks Board to review the agreement and see if they would like to make any changes. Mr. Kelly Cox mentioned #9 on the agreement. Mr. Seth Rainey asked about reducing the ten year contract to a two year contract; which all Board members agreed on. Mr. Harshbarger stated that Thomas Clowers is the new President for the MVYB, and he feels the communications should be much better. Mr. Harshbarger will ask Mr. Clowers to attend the next scheduled Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Countrymark parking- Mr. Harshbarger passed out an Agreement for Temporary Use of Parking between the City of Mt. Vernon –Black Township Parks and Recreation Department and the Countrymark Refining and Logistics, LLC. The agreement states that Countrymark will pay \$1,000.00 a week for a period of time not to exceed six (6) weeks to the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Kelly Cox asked if this money will be deposited in the General Fund. Mr. Harshbarger stated he feels that it should be deposited in the Non- Reverting Swim Fund. All Board members agreed.
2. Playground proposal at Sherburne-Mr. Harshbarger stated Rachel Deno contacted him about the playground equipment at Sherburne Park. Mrs. Deno stated her daughter is working with Unlimited Play, which specializes in making playgrounds fully inclusive and ADA accessible. Mr. Harshbarger passed out information on playground equipment from Unlimited Play. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Harshbarger stated he will keep the Board updated as things progress.

Motion was made to adjourn by Kelly Cox and seconded by Don Oeth. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

Michael Harshbarger, Parks Director

Ron Bennett, Board President

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m., Monday, November 20th, 2017, at the Parks Office, located at Hedges Central. (Entrance 16) Downstairs.