

Beavercreek Township Park Board Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2009

Memorandum For The Record: The regular monthly meeting for April 2009 was originally scheduled for April 30 but was moved to April 16 because Mr. Robinson was going to be out of town.

Location: Beavercreek Library

Time: 7:00 PM

Members Present: Mr. Robinson and Mr. Darden.

Members Absent: Mr. Hausman

Others present: Mr. Jim Hamilton, Mr. Thonnerieux (City Of Beavercreek Parks Director)

Call to Order: Mr. Darden called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Review/approval of Past Minutes: The minutes of the March 26, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Robinson moved that the minutes be approved; Mr. Darden seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Darden reported that he had received an itemized listing from Mrs. Hamilton showing March 2009 bills as \$3,204.42. Mr. Darden moved to approve the March bills as reported. Mr. Robinson seconded. The motion carried. The March 2009 income was \$1,478.49 which included a \$50 rebate from Verizon. The balance as of March 31 was \$90,386.43.

Special Report: Mr. Thonnerieux briefed the status of the Parks Master Planning Process, focusing on what the residents said were the most pressing needs. He also provided input on the proposed corridor between Hunter's Ridge Park and Rotary Park. Mr. Thonnerieux noted that the planning process was on-going but that the needs assessment survey among the citizens indicated that several items were in high demand—an indoor aquatic center, more hiking and bike trails, more athletic fields, and a large picnic shelter among other things. He said he was expecting the process to be over by late fall with a report delivered separately to City and Township officials. The report will also contain maps of all park and athletic facilities in the Township/City and all types of demographic data as well as how that data compares to other cities/townships in Southwest Ohio as well as nationally. Mr. Thonnerieux also commented on the proposed Hunter's Ridge-Rotary Park Connector Corridor; he stated that the City's Bike Path Advisory Group considered this a top priority; he also noted that this corridor was a part of the planned Creekside Trail Connector that the Township had funded several years ago but that due to lack of funds, the connector was not finalized. He also emphasized his belief that if action was not taken soon, that the County would move ahead with its fencing project and that would effectively kill the corridor. He was aware of our consideration of funding the fencing for the corridor and acknowledged that other improvements such as paving paths and acquiring any right of way would fall on the Township or City as applicable.

Old Business: (See March 26 meeting minutes)

1. Update on Draft Policies on Cell Phones, Credit Card, And Public Records Management: The Board had previously deferred discussion to the April 30 meeting. With this meeting moved up, it was decided that the review would be slipped to the July meeting.

2. Vandalism of the Victory Park Shelter (Status of obtaining painting quotes): Mr. Hamilton had not yet obtained quotes—the acceleration of this meeting to April 16 was the main factor for this. He stated he would be gathering quotes over the next 6 weeks and report back at the next meeting.

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3. Bike Path Fencing: Mr. Darden reported that he and Mr. Robinson met with the Sylvan owner on March 27 at 9:30 AM to discuss the fencing proposed between the bike path and the Sylvan Learning Center parking lot. Mr. Darden said the owner was very cordial and had no problems with installing fencing. The owner also stated that he would consider installing the fencing if the Park District would buy the materials. The need for the fencing was discussed some more and it was agreed it was needed for several reasons: first, it would serve as a buffer, second it would enhance the trail's safety, and third, it was being a good neighbor to deter some of the folks who use the Sylvan parking lot to park their cars and access the trail there. Mr. Darden and Mr. Robinson also discussed the idea of buying the fencing and letting the Sylvan owner install it, but instead opted that buying the fencing and having the Township install it was the best course of action. They asked Mr. Hamilton to obtain quotes for the cost of split rail fencing. The exact amount of fencing was unknown but estimated at somewhere between 200 and 275 feet. The exact amount needed would be determined by Mr. Darden and Mr. Hamilton by measuring with tape measure.

4. Update on Elano (Unison) Easement Payment: Mr. Darden reported that he felt Unison responded positively ; Mr. Darden provided a copy of the documentation of Park district and Keast agreement that showed where the easement was recorded—56% of easement payment goes to Park District with Keast getting 44%. The payment was due in 2002. Unison in turn asked for some more documentation and Mr. Darden stated he would get with Mr. Hamilton to review the files and provide what he could to Unison.

5. Status on Relocating the Entrance Sign at Victory Park: Moody Signs asked Mr. Darden for an extension until mid-May. The Board agreed that this was okay. Mr. Darden will let Moody Signs know.

6. Update on Bike Path Connector and Fencing between Rotary Park and Hunter's Ridge: Mr. Darden reported that an estimated cost of \$22,008 had been submitted to the Board from the county engineer via email. The draft MOU was updated with the recommended changes and sent to the Township and City for their review. The City has sent it on to the City Manager and to their Law Director and the Township trustees had reviewed it but their attorney had not. Mr. Darden noted that everyone continued to be in favor of this project and the legal reviews were more a matter that had to be done with no show stoppers expected.

New Business:

1. Mr. Hausman Resignation: Mr. Hausman sent Mr. Darden and Mr. Robinson an email on March 30, 2009 announcing his immediate resignation. Mr. Darden noted that he thought that Mr. Hausman's term expired on May 9, 2009. If this was the case, we would let the term expire. Mr. Darden noted he would check Mr. Hausman's term expiration with the Common Pleas Court to make sure this was the case.

2. Interim Treasurer: With Mr. Hausman's resignation, it was necessary to appoint an interim treasurer. After some discussion, Mr. Darden and Mr. Robinson agreed to be co-Treasurers until another Park Board member is appointed. They both agreed that Mrs. Hamilton would continue signing the checks as she has done in the past.

3. Vote on Hunter's Ridge-Rotary Park Corridor Connector funding: After a brief review and discussion over the past several months as well as Mr. Thonnerieux's input, Mr. Robinson moved to fund up to \$22,008 for the project. Mr. Darden seconded and the motion carried. Mr. Darden stated he would advise the City, Township, and Sanitary Engineering Department of this decision.

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4. Shelter at Community Park: We discussed the possibility of adding a large shelter at Community Park. There were concerns about parking, a suitable location, and concerns about children being around the pond. The Board also has no type of structure to look at (from a brochure) to give us ideas on what to pursue. Mr. Thonnerieux was able to provide some information regarding the shelter at Lofino Park. Mr. Darden raised the possibility of acquiring an acre of land from the owners of the Banjara Banquet Center next door. Mr. Robinson stated that it was okay with him if Mr. Darden would call the owner to see if there was any interest in selling. Mr. Darden noted that he would also need to talk with City officials to see what type of zoning issues might come into play.

Mr. Hamilton's Report:

Accomplishments:

- Provided support for the memorial services for the girl scouts killed at the Factory Road railroad crossing 50 years ago
- Provided routine surveillance
- He had picked up new globes for the lights around the pond and installed them

Planned Actions:

- Continue routine surveillance
- Obtain quotes to repair / repaint the graffiti vandalism of the shelter at Victory Park
- Monitor Victory Park sign delivery and installation
- Work with Boy Scouts on their proposed overnight camp planned for May 16-17
- Work with East Dayton Christian Church on a fundraising walk planned for May 2
- Take down the park rules sign at Victory Park and get it refurbished
- Obtain quote to refinish the sign at the entrance to Community Park

Next Meeting: The next regularly monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM Thursday, June 25, 2009 at the Beavercreek Township Fire Admin Building. There will be no May meeting since Mr. Robinson is not available the month of May.

Adjournment: There being no further new business, Mr. Darden moved the meeting be adjourned; Mr. Robinson seconded. The motion carried. Mr. Darden adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Steve Robinson, Secretary

Approved: July 2, 2009:

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Robert Darden, Chairman