



Parks Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, March 6, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.
Municipal Building Meeting Room C**

Attended by: Board members Michael Brown, Patrick Eberz, Susana Montoya, Bruce Parry, Janice Seigle and John Vogel. Also present was Director of Recreation, David Donnellan

Absent: Board member Bill Moorhead

I. Welcome Commission Liaison Kelly Fraasch

Commissioner Fraasch was welcomed as the Commission Liaison to the board.

II. Approval of the January 2012 Minutes

The January 2012 minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Citizen Comments

Residents near Highland Terrace Park spoke in favor of implementing the improvements to Highland Terrace Park as identified in the Parks Master Plan, and requested that the park be moved up in priority. They also expressed concerns regarding the current condition of the park and the need for maintenance and tree work. The board encouraged them to begin fundraising for the park, and keep in contact regarding their progress.

Mary Pitcher proposed donating a skatepark to Mt. Lebanon in return for approximately 15,000 square feet of land in Main Park to develop the park. Ms. Pitcher indicated that the project cost was approximately \$400,000-500,000, the group has raised \$100,000 and also that she had in kind labor pledged to build the park. The board expressed concerns about the lack of available space, liability issues and funding, and directed Ms. Pitcher to attempt to gain more public support in Mt. Lebanon.

IV. Street Trees

Susana Montoya indicated that her intent was to report back to the Environmental Sustainability Board and the Historic Preservation Board regarding any final input on the tree planting list before bringing the list to the Commission. Janice Seigle asked that the list be posted to the website as a resource for residents.

V. Highland Terrace Park

The deteriorated equipment was removed from the east side of the park as recommended by the board.

VI. Recognition for service presentation to board members Brown and Seigle

Brown and Seigle were recognized for their service to the board as their terms came to an end.

VII. New Business

Susanna Montoya indicated that Venture Outdoors may be interested in conducting programming in Mt. Lebanon parks.

Janice Seigle requested that the planting bed funding that was allocated last year, \$750 for the demonstration beds, be requested again this year.

VIII. Announcements

Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 20 at 2:30 p.m. at Washington Elementary.

Earth Day will be held on April 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Main Park.

The Veterans Memorial will be dedicated on May 27 in the evening.

David Donnellan indicated that park inspection reports will be due at the April meeting and new assignments were made for the parks as follows:

Bird - Bill Moorhead
Williamsburg- Bruce Parry
Country Club- Bruce Parry
Sunset Hills- Bruce Parry
Highland Terrace- Patrick Eberz
Meadowcroft- Susana Montoya
Iroquois- Patrick Eberz
Mt. Lebanon (Main) - Susana Montoya
Rockwood- Kelly Fraasch
McNeilly- John Vogel
Rob Hollow- Bill Moorhead
Church Place- John Vogel
Twin Hills Trails- Pam Burrett

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.