

**HURON JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 9, 2004 – 7:30 p.m.**

A meeting of the Huron Joint Recreation District Board was called to order by Chairman Terry Graham on Thursday, September 9, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Marina Building at the Huron Boat Basin, Huron, Ohio. Mr. Graham noted there was not a quorum present and no official action can be taken. (Dave Dreffer arrived late so a quorum was present)

**PRESENT:** Tom Solberg, Steve Hohler, Don Ritzenthaler, and Terry Graham. Also present were: Doug Steinwart, Facility Manager at the Boat Basin and City Manager, Mike Tann and new Assistant City Manager, Andy White. Dave Dreffer arrived late.

**ABSENT:** Tim Golling, Scott Suter, Wayne Foster, Chuck Thompson, and Rob Moore.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Graham said the minutes of August 12, 2004 could not be approved but asked if anyone had any comments on them. There were no comments and they will be on the agenda of the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting for approval.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mr. Graham asked Mike or Doug to comment about the budget impact to the Parks & Recreation Budget. Doug said staff has changed with the Assistant City Manager and the new full time Parks & Property Maintenance Coordinator coming under the budget in 2005. He mentioned programming may be affected as well. Mr. Graham asked Doug about the fall programming that was mentioned in a publication that was sent to residents. Doug stated that it was an insert about the fall programming events that should have been sent with the *Community Beacon* but was not included. The publishing firm agreed to print it and send it out for free as it was their error. Doug stated the Great Pumpkin Spectacular has been cancelled this year. He said it was cut back last year and this year it is a staffing problem and they decided not to do it. He said it was not a money making event.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Mr. Graham stated Dave Dreffer arrived, so a quorum was now present. He called for approval of the minutes. **Motion by Tom Solberg, seconded by Dave Dreffer, that the minutes of August 12, 2004 be approved as printed and received.** The Board voted, all members vote aye. The motion carried.

**IRISH FESTIVAL:** Doug stated this was the 24<sup>th</sup> year of the Irish Festival and the first year it was located up on Main Street. He stated this was done because there were more vendors. There was a \$2.00 admission charge and about \$5,000 was made. He stated the attendance doubled on Saturday. He stated there were some complaints about the charge. He stated the vendors did not complaint as other Irish events they attend, there was anywhere from \$6 to \$12.00 admission charge. Discussion was given to the location of the admission gates. Also discussed was moving the Irish Festival from Friday & Saturday to Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Tann stated when he was involved in the festival, Sundays did not work so it was moved to Friday and Saturday.

**SEWER LINE AT FABENS:** Mike stated this will be done soon.

**GREETING NEW ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER:** Everyone was introduced to Andy White. Andy said he was excited to be part of the process and was very impressed. He stated he will help in any way he can. Doug stated he wanted to say welcome to both Andy White and Chris Basting, the Maintenance Coordinator. He stated he and Pete O'Brien are looking forward to the new beginning and are excited about working with the team. Mr. Tann stated they will be having staff meetings every Friday to keep coordinated within the department.

**CHAMBER WINE FESTIVAL:** The festival was cancelled this year because of the weather. Doug stated he talked with Deb Bogden of the Chamber and it is not going to be rescheduled this year. He stated they are looking at 2005 and moving it to June. It was noted that Deb is leaving the Chamber at the end of October and hopefully will be training someone new before that time.

**NAMING THE MASCOT:** Doug noted there was a misprint in the insert on this. There is a contest for 5-13 year olds to submit names for the mascot. The winner will be revealed in the December *Community Beacon*.

Mr. Graham said the budget process is starting. He stated the HJRD Board would like to go before the Council and make their desires known. He suggested either the first or second Council meeting in October could be attended.

Mr. Graham stated he and his wife and going to go with Gary and Celeste and Gary Packan when he gets the Rose Award on October 13<sup>th</sup>. He said asked Tom Solberg to chair the meeting of October 14<sup>th</sup> in case he doesn't get back on time.

Doug stated fall ball starts this weekend and runs for the next six weekends. Fall fishing is starting and we should have quite a few fishermen here. He stated there is a tournament on October 9<sup>th</sup> and there is one on the last weekend in September.

A brief discussion was held on the budget for next year. Mr. Graham asked if anyone sees the gentlemen that do not attend the meeting on a regular basis, would they ask them if they intend to be members of this Board. Next meeting is October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Wassner, Acting Secretary

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