

**Huron Joint Recreation District  
Regular Board Meeting- Minutes  
Monday, July 10, 2006 at 7:30pm  
Huron Boat Basin Marina Bldg, Huron, OH**

**Members present:** Tim Golling, Terry Graham, Tom Solberg, Jr., Scott Slocum, Don Ritzenthaler. Present from HPRD: Doug Steinwart, Nikki Zachel

**Members absent:** Steve Hohler, Wayne Foster, Chuck Thompson, Dave Dreffer

**Visitors to this meeting:** None

First order of business was the approval of minutes from the June 5, 2006 meeting. One correction noted: Date of minutes to be corrected. All were in favor. Minutes approved.

**Audience Comments:** None

***OLD BUSINESS:***

**A. Update on Parklet-Doug Steinwart**

This project is located in the area across from the old Showboat property. The Huron Rotary funded this project. The area looks great already; area has been cleared and there is a great clear view to the west. The next step will be benches and plantings. The Huron Rotary Club is presently deciding on the design of the benches. Once that is done, Barnes Nursery will be ready to go with the planting/design to compliment the bench design. Many neighbors of this area have mentioned how nice this area looks. It has been discussed that once completed, the Rotary will be naming this park area.

Hopefully we can continue on to the north of this area in the future.

The Corps of Engineers will be here the end of the month for the clean-up of the pier area that was mentioned in the last minutes.

Mr. Golling asked if anything had been done in regards to contacting the Showboat property owner. It was discussed that John Zimmerman composed a letter to the owner regarding the property upkeep, however no one is aware of a response.

**B. Marketing Ideas-Nikki Zachel**

We are happy to have the Huron Hometown News up and running to advertise in. Huron Parks and Recreation will have one (1) page in each issue and more if needed. They are interested in more stories/articles from us. The Hometown News will be billing us twice a month as opposed to the lump sum payment of \$506.91 that we used to pay the Beacon every two months.

It was suggested by Mr. Golling that maybe Huron Parks and Recreation should look into someone to sponsor this advertising. However, it was also discussed that it may be quite difficult to secure a sponsor when the paper itself is seeking advertisers. Everyone is fighting for the same advertising dollars, which makes it hard.

Flyers and posters have been distributed around town in businesses to advertising the summer/fall programs. This information was also posted at Fabens Park on the board.

Mr. Golling mentioned that he and his family were at Lakefront and noticed that there is no such board at the park. He thought this would be a great place to have one. Nikki stated that other community members mentioned similar things, like some type of plastic drop box for information.

Mr. Graham asked if Parks and Recreation has been seeking approval to display signs in the median area of Route 6 for events/programs. Huron Parks and Recreation was not aware at the time that we needed to have any approval. Mr. Graham stated that the City does have an ordinance that requires prior approval by council. John Zimmerman must approve signs and he believes a fee of \$50 is charged. Mr. Graham doesn't believe Huron Parks and Recreation would be charged.

Huron Parks and Recreation must come before City Council for approval of any signs placed on the Route 6 median area.

### ***NEW BUSINESS:***

Riverfest seemed to go well. Motorcycle parking needs to be addressed. Motorcycles were parked near the Port-A-Pots, they must have moved the barricades. They were parked there Friday night and during the festival announcements were made to move them.

Doug Steinwart stated that he would mention the above to the Riverfest Committee when they meet for a post-event meeting.

Mr. Golling stated that The Gym is interested in partnering with Huron Parks and Recreation in programs using their facility.

Nikki Zachel mentioned that she received a call from Rev. David Aber, First Presbyterian Church interested in doing a non-denominational Church Festival in June or July of next year. He suggested that it be held on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evening and it would be open to anyone. Everyone would be asked to bring a dish to share and make it a family event. A youth choir group would perform.

Details will need to be discussed regarding if this would be a joint event between Parks and Rec or if First Presbyterian Church would be renting our facilities.

## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS- Tim Golling

Riverfest was great. The crowds were steady. Riverfest committee did a wonderful job as always. Toby Whinnery should be thanked for all his work. Comments from the public have been very positive. The rides were outstanding this year.

Doug Steinwart mentioned there was an unfortunate situation that arose with beer sales. State liquor officers did charge Mac Lehrer, Lions Club with serving under age. Apparently, a 19 year old woman was served beer in the beer tent. She did have a bracelet on, but it may have been from i5's and it was just an unfortunate mix-up. The way the law is however, the person who actually serves the beer is the one who will be charged.

## MANAGERS' REPORT

### A. PARKS- Nikki Zachel (Chris Basting on vacation)

Park Bench replacement slats were received this week.

Dan Hoppe, Street Department will be raking the beaches in Chris's absence.

Mr. Golling mentioned that a neighbor had seen Huron Parks and Recreation personnel using the mower to move picnic tables around at Lakefront Park. Doug Steinwart explained that one of the mowers is used to move the steel tables.

Terry Graham inquired about poor water quality reports that have been brought to City Councils attention. Mr. Graham was wondering where this bacteria could be coming from and if the recent bad weather had something to do with it. Doug Steinwart explained that the weather definitely affects the quality and run off would contribute as well. Franklin Flats area had flooded as well, so all that debris would contribute to e-coli bacteria counts.

Mr. Golling inquired about the Red Flags, which have been up in the parks. Doug Steinwart explained that the Safety Committee is currently looking into whether the City should keep the Red Flag warning system and Parks and Recreation has been advised that the Red Flags will be continuously raised while this issue is being discussed. The reason for this discussion is that winds can change in an instant and what if this happens at a time when personnel are not available? The Safety committee feels this could leave the City in a precarious situation.

Mr. Rizenthaler commented that by leaving the Flags raised would be harming our attendance at the beaches and that council needs to address this issue with the Safety Council.

Don Ritzenthaler, Scott Slocum and Chris Basting are on the sub-committee to discuss the implementation of “event fees” in the parks. Don had spoken to Chris prior to his leaving on vacation and they plan to meet upon his return to get things going.

#### B. RECREATION- Nikki Zachel

Swim lessons are underway, thanks to the Solberg family and Huron Lagoons Marina! Additional sessions have been added due to large volume. Six instructors are working for Parks and Recreation this summer.

Cheerleading Camp had 17 participants, slightly down from last year.

The 50/50 raffle at the Red, White and Blues Bang brought in \$197 for the Huron Parks and Recreation budget. Another 50/50 raffle may be done at Christmas in July. The Santa House was raffled off at \$5 per ticket; \$145 was made in this raffle. Nikki explained that Toby Whinnery had been the one who suggested that we sell 50/50 tickets and the Santa House raffle at Riverfest.

Mr. Golling asked if Huron Parks and Recreation should have a booth at Riverfest to promote the department. Nikki Zachel explained she believes that would be a good idea. However, we would need to find out if we would be charged the \$500 booth fee that everyone pays to have a booth there.

Main Street Farmers Market will start this Thursday, July 13 and run through October. At present, only one vendor has signed a contract and paid. Some farmers that were originally interested are not able to participate because either the crops were early, affected by weather or not ready yet. If anyone knows of any suggestions, please let us know. Mulvins Farms on Perkins Ave, Urso’s Farm on Huron-Avery, Hahn’s, Mulberry Creek was mentioned as contacts. Also discussed was to contact Sandusky Farmers Market & maybe even Lorain Farmers Market vendors to see if any would be interested.

#### C. BOAT BASIN- Doug Steinwart

Electrical work has been completed at the marina. Contactors that supply the lights around the marina and pin & sleeve plugs had to be replaced that supply electricity to the docks. Both replacements were unforeseeable.

On July 25, the Boat Basin will have its final inspection for the Clean Marina Act. We are fulfilling the checklist and should be ready to be certified as a Clean Ohio Marina.

OTHER MATTERS- N/A

Next meeting is Monday, Aug. 7, 2006. The meeting was adjourned by an approved board vote at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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