

**Huron Joint Recreation District
Regular Board Meeting- Minutes
Monday, March 6, 2006 at 7:30pm
Huron Boat Basin Marina Bldg, Huron, OH**

Members present: Steve Hohler(conducted meeting in Tim Golling's absence), Tom Solberg, Jr., Chuck Thompson, Mayor Terry Graham, Wayne Foster, Scott Slocum, Don Ritzenthaler, Andy White. Present from HPRD: Doug Steinwart, Chris Basting

Members absent: Tim Golling, Dr. David Dreffer

Visitors to this meeting: None

First order of business was the approval of minutes from the February 6, 2006 meeting. All were in favor. Minutes were approved.

Audience Comments: None

OLD BUSINESS:

RECREATION MANAGER UPDATE- Doug Steinwart

Friday, March 3, 2006 was the deadline for applications. Over 40+ applications were received. Interviews are scheduled for March 8 & 9. With second round interviews to be scheduled for the following week. The goal being to offer the position on March 17, 2006, with the actual start date to be in early April. Pete O'Brien has completed all planning for the Spring/Summer programs, including programming, finance, and contracts. This will certainly make the transition easier for all in Parks and Recreation.

HJRD APPOINTMENT TERMS UPDATE: Steve Hohler, Mayor Terry Graham
Mr. Hohler reviewed term appointments. His term is up December 31, 2006 as is Don Ritzenthaler's. Chuck Thompson has been reappointed by Huron Township for a 2 year term, ending December 31, 2007.

FABENS PARK SIGNAGE REVIEW- Chris Basting

As discussed in the last meeting, park signage is an option for revenue that HPRD would like to implement. Mr. Hohler, who was not in attendance at the last meeting, voiced his concerns that he feels that the local businesses may feel overwhelmed by yet another

request for money. He was also interested in the details regarding the revenue of such a project, policies pertaining to it and implementation.

It was discussed that HPRD would offer this opportunity to local businesses first, however, they would be contacting businesses throughout Erie County.

Discussion continued that this matter would need to go before City Council.

CITY WIDE SPRING CLEAN UP-Chris Basting

Saturday, May 6, 2006 will be our City Wide Spring Clean Up.

Event details will be finalized within the next two weeks and initial contact with community members and past participants will begin. Huron High School, Huron High School Teams, Church Youth Groups, and local Organizations will be contacted for participation.

NEW BUSINESS:

FABENS PARK TENNIS COURTS- Chris Basting

A request was received from Huron High School Tennis Team regarding repairs needed on the courts.

Presently, we are awaiting three (3) estimates for the repairs. Each estimate will be figured two ways: 1) Resurfacing option and 2) Filling of cracks with overlay option.

The three companies doing the estimates are: Gerald Construction-Brad Gerald, Kriemes Construction-Josh Kriemes, and Ohio Paving.

It is understood that the school would be contributing some funds to this repair as well.

The repairs will not be done for this season. The conditions need to be hot & dry, therefore, it will most likely be a mid-summer job.

FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION OF 3 ENTITIES OF HJRD- Andy White

Mr. White discussed Resolution No. 2006-06, the agreement between the City, Township and the Board of Education for the year 2006. For 2006 the contributions are as follows: City of Huron will contribute \$62,500; Huron Township will contribute \$23,850; and Huron City Schools will contribute \$10,000. Once the City pays its portion, the Township and Huron City Schools will contribute their portion in the following calendar quarter.

Discussion then turned to the "Long Range Plan" in regards to community development. In Mr. White's opinion the Parks and Recreation Department would be the focus point of community development within a long-range plan. We have so many resources to draw interest to our community. One idea presented was to come up with a way to link our city parks via some type of path throughout the city, thus promoting more usage.

HJRD is encouraged to look ahead on a long-range basis and make suggestions to expand and improve on what we already have in our City.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS- N/A

MANAGERS' REPORT

A. PARKS-Chris Basting

This month the focus will be: preparing the fields at Fabens Park for the Huron High School Team season, clearing overgrowth from the west side of the pier area, and replacing the drinking fountain at Lakefront Park.

Update on the Grant for a gator that was discussed at the previous meeting. The deadline has passed for this year, however, next year we can apply for a "Recycling Grant" which provides for small equipment including gators, tractors etc.

B. RECREATION- N/A

C. BOAT BASIN - Doug Steinwart

New HJRD board members, Scott Slocum and Tom Solberg, Jr., were given an orientation/tour of all Parks facilities.

OTHER MATTERS

Next meeting is Monday, April 3, 2006. The meeting was adjourned by an approved board vote at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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