



WORTHINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the Tuesday March 20th, 2012 Meeting

Members Present - The members present were Bob Burpee, Laura Karagory, Jason Shamblin, and Darren Hurley, Director of Parks & Recreation.

Paula Deming was also present representing the Worthington Arbor Advisory Board.

Worthington resident, Judy Haager, of 306 East New England Avenue was also present.

DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM, meeting was informal and no motions were granted.

Judy Haager - Judy lives near Granville Road Park and came to the meeting with a few concerns about the park. She was concerned about visitors staying on the path in the Moses Wright Nature Area, a fallen Oak being used as a climbing structure, cars being in the parking lot overnight, and an hours sign that is missing. All of Judy's concerns were addressed and would be investigated. Paula Deming shared her role as helping organize the clean-up efforts at Moses Wright and exchanged contact information with Paula for help with future volunteer work in the park.

Sponsorship Guidelines Review - Darren presented a twelve page document of guidelines for accepting sponsorships from area businesses. These guidelines are a rough draft of ideas that Darren was interested in getting feedback from the Commission on. He eventually would like a motion of approval and then will present them to Council. Jason recommended also getting feedback from a few businesses that we currently have a relationship with. Laura complimented the adherence to the brand look.

Olentangy River Access Follow Up - Darren rolled out a map of the Olentangy

River area that is in question for the creation of better access. He demonstrated where the property boundaries were for this land. Dan Armitage will follow up with more information at April's meeting.

Park Construction Updates - The Dog Park fencing is complete and punch out lists are being exchanged with Worthington, Columbus, and Builderscape. Final details are being decided while a July opening is expected.

The Indianola Playground structure is going up and the courts are currently being resurfaced.

The manufacturer of the Community Center front windows is taking blame for the water leaks. The company is continuing to run tests to decide on a remedy.

Griswold Center doors are not perfect yet, and continue to be a work in progress.

The Playhouse that was removed from the All Children's Playground last year has been refurbished over the winter. The Playhouse will have a new site at McCord Park Playground.

Other - In response to the Moses Wright Nature Area concerns, the Commission felt that there is little danger and harm to visitors climbing on the fallen Oak tree, it promotes good natural activity. Removing honeysuckle from the area is necessary for the habitat and safety of the park. It is not thought that this removal of shrubbery will promote walking off the given path.