

September 14, 2009 Park Board Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Cindy Kimm, Deana Wright, Tom Kurtz, Marggie Faley

Meeting called to order by Cindy Kimm at 1:00PM

Minutes of August 17 meeting were approved as written.

Budget: Budget was discussed and revisions were noted. Expenditures for the remainder of the year were discussed. Purchases up to date were reviewed.

Maintenance: Maintenance will continue landscape work assigned. Cindy has completed work on clipping the bushes near the parking lot at LC Park to improve visibility at the corner of Ewing and Washington. Board discussed a new gate to be purchased for RSG at the south parking lot end to prevent cars from driving on the mulch path. Marggie placed motion to move forward with this purchase, Cindy seconded. Motion passed. Burlap bags will be utilized for winter protection for the flowering almonds in the serpentine beds at RSG.

Board discussed a fence around the air conditioner at LC Park pavilion for protection and to deter people climbing on it. Signs will be placed noting the danger in climbing. Board agreed for Tom to obtain quotes for this fence.

Riverside Gardens: Work has begun on the bathrooms at RSG. Construction is proceeding as well on the cement path connecting the walkway at the circle drive at the top of the hill to the bathrooms. Board discussed landscape ideas around the bathrooms. Marggie will explore plantings for this fall when work on the bathrooms is complete.

Leo-Cedarville Park: Large mat under the test swing is in place; however it needs to be placed deeper under the mulch. Climber repairs to Imagination Station are in process. A new climber is to be placed. Tire Swing to be repaired. Concrete has been placed for the new memorial bench at LC Park. All consultant recommendations for IDEM regulations have been implemented at the Park. Board discussed a request to have a wedding reception at LC Park.

Cindy shared information regarding a possible Wal-mart grant from the Maumee River Basin to promote a Rain Barrel program. Businesses and residents will be asked to participate in this program and provide feedback on the use of rain barrels in water conservation and green living. Park Board is hopeful this project will come to fruition.

Deana reported on the Fall Festival; Deana has her committee in place and they are hard at work making preparations for the Fall Festival. This is a great community project and we are hopeful that there is a lot of community interest and participation. Securing sponsors, promotion and committee work has begun.

Marggie suggested working on a plan for additional flower beds at the Grand Gazebo at RSG.

Board decided to watch patterns of Grand Gazebo usage to decide where to place new beds.

Board discussed a small lighting feature in the Grand Gazebo for Christmas 2009. Board will try a small display there.

Marggie suggested looking into the feasibility of a Farmers Market at Riverside Gardens in the 2 Pavilions at the parking lots on Schwartz Rd. This would be held on a limited basis next market season. Board discussed obtaining input from local farmers on this idea.

Tom reported on the completion of his work on the 5 Year Master Plan for the Parks. Board discussed our goal to incorporate universal accessibility into new developments in each of our parks. Next meeting will primarily focus on the Park Board 5 Year Master Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00PM

Next meeting September 28, 2009

Marggie Faley, Secretary

