

**Huron Joint Recreation District  
Regular Board Meeting – Minutes  
Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 6:30pm  
Huron Boat Basin Marina Building, Huron, OH**

**Members Present:** Rene’ Franklin, Tim Golling, Gordon Hahn, Jodi Mast, Tom Solberg, Julie Spitzley

**Present from HPRD/City of Huron:** Doug Steinwart, Brian Croucher, Rick Reinbolt

**Members Absent:** Joe Dike, Jen Kilbury

**Community members in attendance:** None

Meeting called to order by Mr. Golling. Motion to approve minutes as presented from the December 4, 2018 meeting by Ms. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Solberg; motion approved.

**Audience comments:** None

***OLD BUSINESS***

**A. Property Donation**

Mr. Steinwart stated that the Dreffer property donation did transfer at the end of December. Mr. Golling thanked Ms. Spitzley for her family’s donation.

***NEW BUSINESS***

**A. Capital Projects/Equipment**

Mr. Steinwart briefly discussed items – 1) Lights in Amphitheater need replaced; we are looking at “Harbor Lights” style, smaller than those on Main Street (“pedestrian-style”). 2) Dredging – started the process of permits last year for dredging the Boat Basin. Last done in 2008. We have a meeting with our marine engineers next week. We are running into some hurdles with OEPA and Army Corp of Engineers with changes in rules on open-lake dumping. Mr. Steinwart stated that it appears the open water plan will be good under 10,000 cubic yards, so we may adjust to be under the 10,000. The timing could be this fall; but a year from now is also possible, if more soil testing is required by OEPA. Board discussed various options on dumping, soil remediation, if open dumping becomes unavailable in the future. 3) Equipment – using our Capital Reserve Fund for a pick-up truck; we are getting bids. We try to have a fifteen-year replacement as a goal. We are also looking at a Toro field groomer for Fabens, and a 72-inch mower.

In response to Board question about lighting the Lighthouse, Mr. Steinwart stated that the City Engineer is waiting for the official memorandum of agreement from the US Coast Guard. The Ohio Historical Connection has already approved it. The goal is this spring – we do have an electrician lined-up – obviously with Council approval.

**B. U.S. Lighthouse Society Passports**

Mr. Steinwart stated that this idea was from Christine Crawford. He distributed a brochure from the US Lighthouse Society to each Board Member. We received help from Jen Kilbury, who donated our stamp design. Stamps will be located at the Boat Basin and the Parks office. We will also place a sign at the base of the pier. Also want to thank Crawford Insurance, as Christine sponsored the program to give it a kick-start. She paid for stamps and first run of passport books. The Society asks that we charge a small amount for the stamp as a donation, so we will charge \$1 which will go to our Parks Foundation. There will also be a charge for the passports. It is just another way of getting people to visit the pier, and enjoy North Main St.

***MANAGERS’ REPORTS***

**A. Parks**

Mr. Reinbolt reported: In addition to snow removal and off-season maintenance, we replaced old picnic tables at the Boat Basin Shelters with new, steel-frame tables. Some of the old tables were re-purposed at Oklahoma Park and Nickel Plate. At Lake Front, we installed new wood and hardware to update 10

existing table frames. We also have new boards and hardware to update five tables on the Boat Basin docks. In preparation for new plant material around the Fabens sign, we cut down overgrown arbs; also plan to have the sign repainted. Also removed old, diseased shrubs at the Showboat property. We still have storm clean-up to do at Showboat. Mr. Golling asked when we begin hiring seasonal help – Rick stated that Brian is contacting last year employees about their return plans.

Ms. Mast asked about the Tennis Courts. Mr. Steinwart stated that we are probably on a 2020 schedule. This year we would like to solidify some commitments from City, Township, and Schools. Ms. Mast stated that she did bring it up, so it is on the School’s radar.

**B. Recreation**

Mr. Croucher stated that we are working on staff, and on our Program Brochures. Currently have Indoor Soccer program which began in January. We have the best numbers we have had at Woodlands, about 50 kids every Saturday. We are now seeing High School players helping with the program, who were in the program when they were young! Looking ahead, Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> will be our Easter event, with the Lion’s Club Pancake Breakfast, followed by Egg Hunt.

Looking back, the Winter Fest collaboration with the Chamber (to expand our Santa event) went really well. We had 350 kids actually visit Santa; the most that we have ever had. Thanks to South Shore for bringing in Santa and Mrs. Claus by boat; the High School Troubadours performed as they arrived—festive atmosphere. It was a good transition year. The big point is that we are going to have Fireworks next year! We thank the Chamber for their partnership. Mr. Golling suggested burn barrels. Mr. Steinwart said that we also looked at portable (synthetic) ice skating rinks – the cost for ten days was \$15,000.

**C. Boat Basin**

Mr. Steinwart reported that we were at the IX Center for the Boat Show. Attendance was affected by the storms that weekend. We had an uptick on Thursday-Friday traffic, but Saturday and Sunday were really down. The Ohio Parks & Rec Association annual conference was at Kalahari, and we were able to attend the trade show. He continued -We are working with a potential donor on a “script Huron” sign at the Rotary Park area. Also working with Fish Huron Group, and the public schools, on a public art project with a fishing theme; potentially in the public boat launch area.

The administration is working on a concept to record all public meetings (Council, various Boards, etc.) – we may move our meetings to the Conference Room at City Hall; working out schedule conflicts. He also distributed the Boat Basin-Amphitheater 2019 Brochure, thanked our sponsors, and pointed out some of the schedule changes.

***CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS***

Mr. Golling thanked staff and Board, and specifically Rick Reinbolt for weekend snow removal. He asked for Board comments. Ms. Mast mentioned that they are looking for a School Treasurer. Mr. Solberg said that it is good to see us shopping for Capital Equipment – all on the “wish” list ten years ago. Mr. Golling stated the next meeting will be March 5<sup>th</sup> –at the Boat Basin unless we are notified otherwise.

***OTHER MATTERS – ADJOURNMENT***

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Spitzley, seconded by Ms. Mast; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Irvin, Administrative Coordinator, Huron Parks & Recreation