

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

January 12, 2015

REGULAR MEETING

The Parks & Recreation Board met on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the City Administration Building, 400 N. High St., Cortland, Ohio. In attendance were the following board members: Dave Christner, Shane Mealy, Katie Watson, Patty Coller and Cara DeToro. Also present were Mayor Curt Moll, Don Wittman, John Foraker of MySplashPad and several members of the community.

Patty Coller made a motion to approve minutes from the November 10, 2014 meeting, seconded by **Shane Mealy**. **ALL AYES, MOTION APPROVED**

Splash Pad

John Foraker of My Splash Pad gave a presentation on his company and his experience in designing and installing splash pads. The company is based in Lewisville, OH and has put in parks from Texas to Maine. They installed the pad in Austintown. They manufacture their own fixtures which are made of fiberglass. Austintown has a 600 sq ft playzone with 3 foot walk around zone and cost \$45-50K. There was a discussion on fresh water versus recirculated water. John had suggestions regarding fundraising (sponsoring of fixtures) as well as installing a larger pad plumbed for additional features that could be added later as additional funding is available. The pads have a 25 year life expectancy – can install bollards/sensors that need to be activated to start water flow. His company will provide annual maintenance: Opening, Closing and monthly cleaning for \$1500 to \$1800 per year.

This will require contributions from community, grants etc. – city has seen a decrease in funding in that we have no city income tax or park levy and inheritance tax has gone away and have seen a decrease in tax revenue.

Important to decide exactly what is best for community – smaller pad to just serve our citizens or larger pad to bring in more people – This has an impact on location, parking, funding etc.

Budget Discussion

Bring list to next meeting. Some items for consideration:
Restroom Renovation @ Willow
Point Park Gazebo repair
Rotary Park sign
Lighting Study for Willow Park
Addition external lighting @ Pearl Park (Don to contact OE)
Trees along Main Street

Garden Club would like to make donation in conjunction with Arbor Day – Dave's suggestions are at Community Sign and/or Point Park.

Willow Park

BB fencing installation is pending.

Pearl Park

Restroom project has been advertised and bids will be opened February 5th. We need to remove remaining storage buildings.

Eastlake Park

Trumbull County Metroparks did close sledding hill. We have asked Zach to come to parks board meeting. The plan is to continue adding to the hill and building up.

Point Park

Gazebo repair – Board needs to decide focal point of Point and what work to do there. Need to check on when it was put in and any restrictions.

Splash Pad – Some members of the board and Kevin Piros will meet on January 20th to prepare straw plan and bring to next month's meeting.

Katie Watson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Shane Mealy**. **ALL AYES,**
MOTION APPROVED.

Dave Christner, Chairman

Date

Terri Barnovsky, Secretary