



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Monday, June 17, 2013 ♦ 4:00 p.m.

Municipal Building, Third Floor Conference Room

Agenda

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 15, 2013, revised and May 20, 2013

Paul Schmelzer

OLD BUSINESS

1. Hancock Soccer
 - a. Review maintenance agreement
2. Sale of City property south of Emory Adams Park, Rodney Warnimont
3. Operation of Trackless Train in Riverside Park, Dan Romick

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sherman Park
 - a. Request for memorial bench

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Recreation Department/The Cube Report
2. Parks Maintenance Department Report

Lu Draper

Matt Stoffel

OTHER REPORTS

1. Hancock Park District's Report
2. Sports Organizations in attendance

Gary Pruitt

ADJOURN

Next Meeting: _Monday, July 15, 2013 • 4:00 PM • Municipal Building, Third Floor Conference Room

Findlay City Council
318 Dorney Plaza
Room 310
Findlay, OH 45840

Dear Council Members,

April 9, 2013

The children who grew up in Sherman Park in the 1950's and into the 1960's would like to honor the mothers who opened their homes and their hearts to us. At that time many of the Sherman Park Subdivision families had children of similar ages. We played most of the day during the summers in Sherman Park. If one of us needed a bandaid or the bathroom or a cookie we would troop over to one of the homes and were welcomed and cared for by that mother. It was a wonderful feeling to know that so many mothers cared about us and watched over us while we explored the park and neighborhood.

Most of those wonderful mothers have passed away but the children, many with children and grandchildren, occasionally meet up and reminisce about our lovely childhood and the gracious mothers of the neighborhood who were a big part of that.

We would like to install a bench in Sherman Park inscribed to the Mothers of Sherman Park 1950-1965 who watched over us, From the Neighborhood Kids. We "kids" would contribute all the materials including the bench, plaque, and installation if you approve our request. Please advise us on the approval process and if successful, any specifications necessary to meet safety and durability standards.

Findlay, Ohio was and still is a wonderful place to raise a family. We "Kids of Sherman Park" were lucky to have The Mothers and Sherman Park during our formative years.

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Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

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FINDLAY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

APRIL 16, 2013

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Monday, Murray, Nichols, Schedel, Slough, Spence, VanDyne, Ward

ABSENT: Collette

President J. Slough opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

MINUTES:

Councilman Ward moved to accept the minutes as circulated from the April 2, 2013 Regular Session City Council meeting. Councilman Schedel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Filed.

ADD-ON/REPLACEMENT/REMOVAL FROM THE AGENDAL

Councilman Ward requested to add the following to the agenda. Motion to add them to the agenda was made by Councilman Schedel, seconded by Councilman VanDyne. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ADD-ON:

- Resolution No. 013-2013 – past due claim for hotel/motel tax (*LEGISLATION section*)
- Ordinance No. 2013- 025 – maintenance agreement for 5-Plax (*LEGISLATION section*)

RECOGNITION/RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 012-2013

First reading

Adopted

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING TIMOTHY FRYINGER FOR THE EXCELLENCE OF HIS SERVICES TO THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO.

Councilman Monday moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Schedel. Ayes: Monday, Murray, Nichols, Schedel, Slough, Spence, VanDyne, Ward. The Resolution was declared adopted and is recorded in Resolution Volume XXXIII, and is hereby made a part of the record. Filed.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Rebecca Brewer Mitchell – bench at Sherman Park

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Discussion:

Councilman Schedel noted that he is taking the project on as a personal project.

Councilwoman Spence noted that this is a touching idea that she is hopeful the City can help this group to be able to accomplish their goal, whether that be working with our Street Department or whatever is needed to make this happen.

Councilman Ward feels this request should go through the Parks & Recreation Board so they can let them know where this request needs to go, and then if Councilman Schedel would make sure this request goes there. Referred to Parks & Recreation Board. Filed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Ginny Clymer – Firefighters

Ms. Clymer came before City Council to defend Firefighters. She was raised on a farm east of town and has lived in Findlay all her life. She pointed out how important Firefighters are. She has had four (4) fires in her lifetime. When her son was fifteen (15), he received third degree burns from a fire where he spent all summer through almost the entire following winter at a burn unit, as well as the next three (3) years going back and forth to doctor appointments. After that fire, they moved into town and built a new garage in which six (6) years later, they had an explosion in that garage where Firefighters responded. Then, they had a fire on the powerline coming into their home. If it had not been for the Firefighters and the ambulance service, she probably would not have survived. Firefighters are very important to Findlay. Anyone who lives here should stand up to say how much Firefighters are needed. She has worked with budgets during her terms as a former City Councilwoman and also a County Commissioner, and knows that last thing to cut are law enforcement and Firefighters. The safety of our community needs to be kept where it is. She does not feel firestation #4 should be closed as everything there on CR 236 is new. It should be kept open and the City should take care of their Firefighters and Police Officers. Filed.

PROCLAMATIONS – none.

PETITIONS – none.