

**CHESTER TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT**  
**April 5, 2010 – MEETING MINUTES**

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The April 5, 2010 monthly meeting of the Chester Twp. Park Board was called to order at 8:40 pm. In attendance were Ron Downs and Todd Bidwell.

The March minutes were reviewed and signed.


The April 2010 approved invoices to be paid are as follows:

Illuminating Co	\$668.71
Michele Reksten-Office Supplies	\$22.33
Waste Management	\$113.19
GCDWR Sewer	\$103.89

The West Geauga Senior Center submitted a use application for the pavilion and horseshoe pits on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The commissioners agreed to waive the used fee.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michele Reksten, Administrative Assistant

  
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Ron Downs, Co-Chairman

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Todd Bidwell, Co-Chairman

  
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Jay Rizzo, Co-Chairman

**CHESTER TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT**  
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The April 19, 2010 monthly meeting of the Chester Twp. Park Board was called to order at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Ron Downs and Jay Rizzo.

Wayne Williams of the West Geauga Baseball Federation attended to discuss the use fee. Due to reduced participation, the WGBF has changed their request for use to Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings and all day Saturdays. Ron stated that it is the park Board's intention to cover the cost of field maintenance. The girls begin games on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Maintenance including pre-game field prep costs \$2200-2500 per season. Jay stated that he approves of the Park Board covering the \$625 preseason field prep along with paying for any needed materials. The dragging of the field would have to be covered by the WGBF. The electrical costs still are a concern. Jay and Wayne agreed that the park electric should remain available to the public. Jay stated that use should be controlled to curb abuse. Ron suggested an agreement between the Park Board and the WGBF for the 2010 season. The Park Board will cover the \$625 preseason field prep, the WGBF will pay for dragging and lining the field, and the Park Board will waive the use fee for the WGBF for the 2010 season. Jay, Ron and Wayne agreed. Ron motioned for the Park Board to cover pre-season prep for anyone who has a permit to play on the Parkside ball field. Jay 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote unanimous, motion carried. Wayne will instruct Bart Alcorn to invoice the Park Board directly. Ron motioned to waive the use fee for the WGBF in exchange for the WGBF paying for dragging and lining of the field for the 2010 season (at a cost of \$50 per game). Jay 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, Vote unanimous, motion carried. The WGBF use fee was reduced/ waived by \$1000 each year for the 2009 and 2010 seasons. The WGBF use application was approved and signed.

Bill Koach submitted a use application for Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup> for his Travel team. The use fee of \$100 has not yet been received. The application was approved and signed, as there are no conflicts. Bill is being informed that it is their responsibility to contact and pay for field dragging and lining, if desired. Bart's number was included at the bottom of the use application.

The March 1<sup>st</sup> minutes were reviewed and signed. Ron motioned to approve the minutes as written, Jay 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote unanimous, motion carried.

In regards to the Memorial Day program, I tried to contact Clay Lawrence to give the Memorial Day address. Jay tried three times to get a hold of the General (Nick Gatozzi's acquaintance). Jay will contact Clay to inquire if he is will to participate. Jay is committed to another event and therefore is not available to represent the Park Board. Michele will contact Todd to see if he is available to represent the Park Board at the Memorial Day Program. Ron believes that Todd is usually busy.

Mrs. Hancock will pay for a memorial sign to dedicate the Mulberry and Chillicothe Road Park as a memorial to her husband's name.

Todd has not returned the application to MRSC Insurance Partners for his bond. Brittany had informed the Park Board that the file has been closed. Michele will send him a reminder to submit the application so that he can resume signing checks.

Above Par Restoration has not completed the ball field fencing. Jay thinks Randy needs more materials. The backstop box is full of stuff and dingy. Jay suggested asking Sherwin Williams to donate stain/paint and asking for youth volunteers to paint vacuumed and spruce it up.

According to Wayne Williams, the scoreboard was rewired in 2002 and should work. The WGBF does not use it. Jay will get the key to the backstop box from Above Par before the spring walk through to access the scoreboard functioning.

Ron motioned to contact Freshley to instruct them to open the restrooms before the end of April. Jay 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote unanimous, motion carried. Jay will contact the Township Trustees regarding the cost of replacing the valves at the same time and will advise the Park Board of their decision.

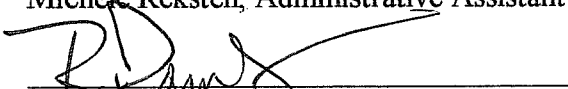
Al Parker provided a drawing of the addition to Parkside. One of the buildings that are to be torn down has a concrete slab that would be in an ideal position for a shelter. Ron would like to make the shelter a unique structure, like a lodge that can be rented out. He mentioned looking at the lodge at the Sunny brook preserve for ideas. There is room for plenty of parking and three volleyball courts on the additional property. The house that has been purchased to square off the park property could be used for meetings (upstairs) and storage (downstairs).

The Park Board will be having a joint meeting with the Township Trustees in approximately 3 weeks. Jay sent the Park Board an email with an attached Excel document of the 1-5 year plans and associated costs. The volleyball courts cost should be increased to \$15,000, as the sand should be 2 feet thick. No grant is available for the walkway.

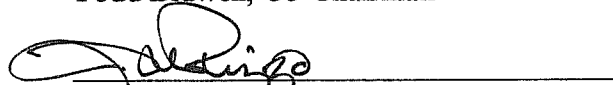
In reference to Phase 2 of the playground, Ron contacted TDA and asked for a price on the required survey. The Board will compare this amount with the quote provided by Al Parker (\$1200 for Parkside only). Al Parker also did a drawing of the Mulberry Road property with parking and a pavilion.

Ron motioned to adjourn meeting, Jay 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michele Reksten, Administrative Assistant

  
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