

CHESTER TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT
March 1, 2010 – MEETING MINUTES

The March 2010 monthly meeting of the Chester Twp. Park Board was called to order at 7:10 pm. In attendance were Jay Rizzo, Ron Downs and Todd Bidwell.

The February meeting minutes were reviewed & signed. Todd motioned to approve, Ron 2nd. Vote Unanimous.

Wayne Williams of the West Geauga Baseball Federation (WGBF) attended the meeting to discuss the use fee for the ball field for the 2010 season. When his was on the Park Board he noted that Parkside field was underutilized, so they made Parkside the girl's main field. There are no other groups competing to use the field. Jay mentioned that all younger boys should have a chance to play under the lights at least once per season, especially for All Star games. He said that the Board is happy to have the WG baseball federation use the field daily, but are concerned about the electrical usage costs. Wayne stated that the WGBF is downsizing due to few teams & less revenue. They are a non-profit group; all revenue goes back into the ball fields. The WGBF utilized the fields at West Geauga Schools. The schools do not budget for improvements to the fields. Todd asked how much the WGBF pays to prepare Parkside for use and to drag & line the field. Wayne replied about \$3025. Jay said the Park Board could cover the cost of maintenance. Todd agreed. Bart is paid \$625 to get the field ready in the spring. The remaining \$2400 is paid to drag & line the field each night. Jay believes that as a community, we should invest in the kids by paying for preseason prep to get the field ready. Ron agreed and noted that a line item should be added to the Park budget. Wayne does not think that the WGBF should pay the same as groups that do not pay anything to prepare or maintain the field. Their goal is a use fee of \$500 to recognize their contribution to Parkside ball field. They only pay for using two fields (the West Geauga Commons and Parkside). The WGBF has requested use for Monday – Saturdays 5:00pm to 11:00pm and Sundays 11:00 am to 11:00 pm from April 19th through August 20th. They may cut out 1-2 nights. Todd mentioned that the Board is looking to upgrade the field by fall of this year. Todd also said that he favors taking over the cost of preseason prep. Shifting maintenance from Bart to the maintenance employee to make Bart's job easier and possibly lower fees was mentioned. However, Wayne noted that Bart has the equipment, the experience and is scheduled to do preseason prep for this year. Ron requested that the WGBF coordinate with Bart to complete the work. Perhaps a voucher system will be used for the Park Board to pay him. Ron thinks it makes sense to ask the Township Trustees for \$3200. Jay thinks the Park Board should ask for enough to get the field ready including lining the field for a year. He wants to contact the Trustees for their opinion and will report back.

Randy Anderson of Above Par Restoration has been given the funds for materials for the fencing. Removal of the netting and split-rail fence is not been completed. Jay called to tell him that a check was coming, but he needs to stick to his timeline in order for the Board to release timeline payments. He will be paid when he meets stated deadlines. Jay will follow up with him this week.

Jay reported that the flag light is a 500-watt halogen. It is currently buried under snow. Jay has some bulbs at home and will look at it again. Peerless will send a quote for the gazebo floodlight repair.

Todd talked to Father Sweeney regarding a Memorial Day speaker. Jay talked to lobbyist Nick Gattozzi. Nick was traveling with a retired 2 Star veteran who has the contact info for the military office that refers speakers. He has not responded to Jay's email. Jay will forward his emails to the Park Board and will follow up with Nick.

Jay spoke with Chuck at the Road Department regarding the water shut off for the valve replacement. The shut off is in the garage and does not affect any township buildings. Jerry can shut off the water. Freshley will be asked to replace the valves when they come out to open the restrooms in the spring. The repair cost of \$1120 is not in the 2010 budget. The Township Trustees will need to be asked for the funds.

Michele informed the Board that no bill was received for the gazebo lighting. She called to have the Illuminating Company fax a bill so that it could be paid at the meeting. No bill was received via fax or in the mail before the March 1st meeting.

Todd still needs to submit his bond application, contact the Illuminating Company regarding the rate increase and complete his 1-5 year plan. Todd thinks that an indoor facility for seasonal use should be considered. Jay likes the idea but is concerned that there is not enough parking near Parkside. The second fire station is unused and could possibly be renovated to create a community center. Consideration would also have to be given as to what to include in an indoor facility. Ron does not want to compete with the private and non-profit sector.

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

Michele Reksten-Administrative Assistant	\$201.46
Illuminating Co	\$537.58
MRSC Insurance Partners	\$100.00
GCDWR	\$103.89

Ron motioned to pay bills as vouchers, Todd 2nd, Vote Unanimous.

Michele will contact Meiring Borchers, Zoning Inspector, regarding updating the Park District website. The meeting time and location and use application need updating. Current pictures should be included as well as the monthly use calendar.

The Park Board's 1-5 year plans will be submitted to the Township Trustees. Then the Park Board will have an informal work session with the Trustees to gauge their acceptance of the ideas and to get their input.

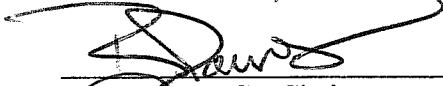
Jay has asked Meiring to look into grants for the Park. The time to apply is near the end of the calendar year as the budget is drawn in December. Possible grants include automated timers, solar concentrators, education, green energy, energy conservation, wetlands and ADA. The Township has applied for a Pervious Paver Grant for the town hall and Parkside parking lots. Jay will follow up. Ron mentioned that widening the path

in the park is on the 2010 budget. The Board will need to decide whether to postpone the project while grants are researched or continue as planned. Ron will contact the Kiwanis club.

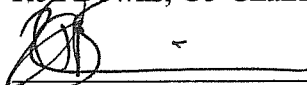
The asbestos removal is done on the buildings to the East of the park. Jay will raise the question to the Township Trustees about the timeline again.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

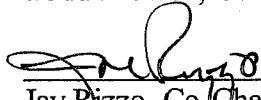
Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Reksten, Administrative Assistant



Ron Downs, Co-Chairman



Todd Bidwell, Co-Chairman



Jay Rizzo, Co-Chairman