

# HUDSON PARK BOARD MEETING

July 18, 2011

Town Hall

**PRESENT:** Steve Hutchinson, Dave Mansky, Robert Swedenborg, Darin Siley, Jack Rigby

**ABSENT:** Ed Dell, Shannon Kosko

**ALSO PRESENT:** Beth Weiser, Eric Hutchinson

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Swedenborg called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio O.R.C. Section 121.22.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Mansky moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2011 meeting. The minutes were approved.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. E. Hutchinson reported the following items.

- The Friends of Parks is going to try to establish a Board quickly. They are going to try to align themselves with Hudson Community Foundation to fall under their 501C3 status. They would like to get their park ambassador program underway as well. These people would talk to residents in the parks, report issues to staff and attend community functions. Recently they attended the Hudson Farmer's Market and had 12 additional people sign up to be part of the Friends. There are currently 45 people on the mailing list. They are looking to get a webpage developed and have created a Facebook page. Meetings are listed in the Date Book in the *Hudson Hub Times*.
- The Frisbee Golf Course has gone through some improvements recently due to the efforts of the Summit Disc Golf Association. Staff and SDGA volunteers have moved 7 of the 9 baskets on the back nine to provide a more challenging course. They are starting a fundraising program soon and have not yet financially contributed to the parks, but have volunteered lots of labor hours. The eight baskets left at the YDC property have not yet been released to us but are earmarked for the Parks.
- Scott Schroyer has been promoted to Assistant City Manager and Frank Comeriato has been promoted to Public Works Director.
- Veterans Way Park has received all of its approvals and we have issued the Notice to Proceed and construction will start tomorrow.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Council Report:** In Mr. DeSaussure's absence, Swedenborg reported that the YDC property discussion is slated for the July 26, 2011 workshop. Councilmen George Roth has resigned.

**HOME Committee:** There was nothing relevant to the Parks discussed.

**Golf Advisory Committee:** Next meeting is in the fall.

**Alternative funding/Grant applications:** No report.

**Development:** Community First and Leadership Hudson have banded together to start a letter campaign which should begin soon.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Darrow Road Park Naturalization – Mr. E. Hutchinson provided a map (attached to the original minutes) of a potential naturalization on the park. There would still be direct access to the existing trail from the parking lot. The new trail would have 11 foot wide walking paths and there would still be a front edge along Darrow Road that will be mown. Mr. S. Hutchinson moved that Darrow Road Park be naturalized leaving the quadrant closest to the parking lot mown. It was approved.

- Committees – The current committee list was handed out and is attached to the original minutes. The priorities of the Park Board, reviewed 18 months ago, and the current committees were reviewed. The YDC Committee is done with its work and will no longer be a committee for the park board. The School Travel Plan liaison is Mrs. Kosko. Since Mr. Siley and Mr. Dell have been regularly attending the Friends of Parks Committee meetings, they will be the liaisons to that committee. Further review of the committees and the priorities will be held at a special meeting this winter after Veterans Way Park is well under way.
- Trail connectivity was discussed. Mr. Swedenborg questioned the possibility of electrical line easement usage for the Spine Trail. There is a need for a meeting to discuss that with Debby Roland, the City Manager, and Mr. E. Hutchinson. Mr. Swedenborg or Dr. Rigby will attend. Dr. Rigby suggested that there is a precedent for the Hudson Park Board to build a bridge over railroad tracks after a conversation he had with Angus McArn, former Park Board member. Dr. Rigby also discussed a walk through of the Tenbroeck Property to see about a possible connection to Hudson Springs Park. There is some room under the turnpike as discovered by a group of current and previous Park Board members that walked the property some time ago. Mr. Mansky suggested a tube under the turnpike. Dr. Rigby would also like to talk to Keith Shy of the Metro Parks about connecting Maple Grove to the YDC property. Mr. E. Hutchinson informed the Board that MetroParks are currently going to focus on Wood Hollow. Progress should be made on the YDC property in the next 18 months.

***THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUDSON PARK BOARD WILL BE August 15, 2011, AT 7:15PM AT TOWN HALL.***

**ADJOURN:** Dr. Rigby moved to adjourn. Mr. Swedenborg adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

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Robert Swedenborg, Chairman

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Beth Weiser