## Wilmington Parks and Recreation Meeting Agenda Nov. 2, 2015 - 6:00 pm Service Director's Conference Room - Municipal Bldg

Greetings Roll call

Review and Acceptance of Minutes from Oct.5, 2015

**Old Business** 

1. Update on Clinton County Park Master Plan (Re-scheduled for December Meeting)

Stephen Crouch

Lori Lori

Update on scheduled events; approval as needed:

a. NatureWorks Round 20- All work now completed. Reimbursement requests in work.

b. NatureWorks Round 21 - \$22,297 awarded. Dog Park fencing completed. Tennis court resurfacing completed. Work must be completed by the end of 2016. \$1000 tree work completed; 8 new trees planted.

c. ODNR Aquatic Education program 2015 - fish stocking completed, handicapped fishing area/retaining wall design in

work, Passport to Fishing and Fishing With Mom programs completed. Awarded \$4091.

d. ODNR Aquatic Education program 2016 - Application period is September 15, 2015 - December 31, 2015 for events taking place July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017. Will apply for fish stocking and Passport to Fishing Program

e. NatureWorks Round 22 submitted as part of the David Williams Memorial Park completion project. Received

notification Nov. 2 that we would be receiving \$26,932.

Land and Water Conservation Fund - submitted as part of the David Williams Memorial Park completion project. "Conditionally Awarded Funding" of \$150,000.

g. American Academy of Dermatology Shade Structure Grant Program – partnership with Clinton Memorial Hospital. Grant period is Sept. 1 - Nov. 25, 2015. Requires a skin cancer awareness program and we will be providing information to soccer parents and including information on park kiosks.

h. CDBG - Handicapped access to dog park from parking lot and restroom from the wooden playground project has been approved by City and Commissioners. Our commitment is \$750 for this project. Engineering work was done pro bono. (Completion is anticipated for Spring/Summer 2016. The application goes to the state June 26, grant agreements are issued in September and construction must be completed by December 2016.)

Recreational Trails Grant - Due Feb. 1, 2016 - discuss possible scope.

Tony Hawk Foundation Grant - Applications available Dec. 7, due Jan. 20, 2016.

k. NatureWorks Round 23 due May 1, 2016.

Solid Waste Grant - action required. Due Nov. 30, 2015

Update on dog park

a. Karson fundraiser Sept. 26, 2015 raised \$1340 for dog park.

Council/Park Committee Update

b. Stump grinding of "wild area" completed Oct. 21.

7. Xidas Park Update

Status of Stuckey Farm Park

Lori

Lori

Lori/Council Rep).

8. David Williams Completion project status

**New Business** 

1. Financial Update

Lori

a. 2016 Budget update; request for \$69,500 for non-operational/non-recurring expenses.

b. Supplemental appropriation to Dog Park Project 540.433.5278 of \$500 (proceeds from Doggie Party in the Park)

c. Supplemental appropriation to Recreation Salaries 540.430.5111 from Recreation Fund of \$7361.74 (TANF employee Reimbursements)

Transfer \$100 from Professional Services 540.430.5239 to Background Checks 540.430.5412.

Transfer \$1000 from Professional Services 540.430.5239 to Park Maintenance and Supplies 540.430.5333.

Transfer \$400 from Bureau of Employment Services 540.430.5128 to Medicare 540.430.5124

Discussion of policy for select teams

Athletic Coordinator Update

Jody

Travis/Lori

a. Basketball registration began Oct. 26.

Maintenance Update

a. Winterization and closure of restroom completed.

b. Work on swale in Lytle Creek Preserve.

Observation deck in Lytle Creek Prairie - Under consideration for an Eagle Scout Project

d. Upgrade baseball field lights; opportunity with DP&L.

e. Drainage pipe installation on Kiwanis and Rotary Fields.

f. Vandalism

5. Proposal to create a park "perimeter" walking path.

No Child Left Indoors Programming

7. Lytle Creek Greenway

Greenway pavilion - awaiting WC action.

Adjournment

Reminder - Signatures for payables needed from Park Board Members

"Your Community Parks – Discover...Play...Celebrate"

## Wilmington Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

#### October 5, 2015

### **Community Room-City Building**

In attendance: Lori Williams, Maria Butcher; Leilani Popp; Mark McKay, City Council Member; Randi Milburn, City Council Member; Jen Stewart, and Justin Gibson.

Maria Butcher welcomed all in attendance.

Roll Call-Leilani Popp and Maria Butcher present- Sean Gibson absent.

Review and acceptance of the minutes for the August 25, 2015-Popp moved, Butcher second. Review and acceptance of the minutes for the September 15, 2015 Special Meeting-Popp moved, Butcher second.

Old Business: Softball tourney to benefit the Humane society has been rescheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. The United Way 5K Run will be held Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. The Bloodhound Group will be using the Preserve area October 24<sup>th</sup> and Wilmington College will have a work day on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Grant Updates: Natureworks Round 20 is finished, Round 21 continues with tree work pending—still seeking a good bid for tree removal. 8 new trees have been planted. ODNR Aquatic Education 2015-last thing to do is work on design for the retaining wall. 2016 Aquatic Education Grant is due December 31, 2015. The Scope will include the Fishing Program and fish stocking. We are awaiting word on Round 22 of the Natureworks which will be used for the David Williams Memorial Park Completion Plan. We have started our skin cancer awareness program with information being passed out to soccer parents and information on our park kiosks. CDBG project was approved by the City and Commissioners for handicapped access to dog park should be done by Summer 2016. The Recreational Trails Grant is due Feb. 1, 2016. It can be used for trail maintenance and for a \$25,000 match, the Grant is for \$100,000. Our match of \$25,000 is part of a supplemental budget that will be presented to City Council. We will apply for the remaining money in the Tony Hawk Grant and a design meeting will be October 10<sup>th</sup>. The Solid Waste Grant is due November 30, 2015. Lori has been talking with Harry McVey and we hope partner with them to clean up Lytle Creek which will be beneficial for the storm water program. A resolution will be needed at our November meeting.

Popp moved and Butcher second to accept \$840 from the Karson Fundraiser for a picnic table at the dog park.

On "Make a Difference Day", Wilmington College students will be doing a natural playscape at Stuckey Farm Park.

Xidas Park will be finished soon with grass seeding and lighting.

David Williams Completion Project: 13 Splash Pads have been visited. Fundraising ideas and a timeline will be developed soon.

#### **New Business:**

Financial Update:

Williams talked about the capital items in the supplemental budget need to be addressed. Mary's truck, building repairs, trail repair, dead tree removal-all of these things need to be addressed now before they get worse and it will cost more to address. The Park Committee of City Council will address the capital items in their next meeting.

Popp moved Supplemental appropriation \$840 to Dog Park Project 540.433.5278(proceeds from Doggie Party in the Park). Butcher second.

Fall Soccer is nearly finished and basketball registration will begin soon. Williams said they are checking on schools to use for basketball.

Maintenance Update: Winterization and closure of restrooms and removal of portapots is planned for the end of October to get ahead of the cold weather. The work on the swale in the Lytle Creek Preserve continues. You can now ride your mountain bike to SR134. We are waiting to hear from Timber tech about a contribution to an observation deck in Lytle Creek Preserve. Paul Hunter is working with Williams to get for an opportunity to upgrade baseball field with LED lights through DP&L. Williams is still hoping to install drainage pipe on Kiwanis and Rotary Fields before winter arrives.

No Child Left Indoors Owl Hunt is the next program.

We are still working on the agreement with Wilmington College concerning the Greenway Pavilion.

Adjournment at 6:48 PM- Popp moved and Butcher second,

Adjournment: 6:49 PM Popp moved Butcher second

Presented @ 112/15 Park Board Mtg (CCSA)

# 7,500 sq.ft.Skatepark

### ~ Safety issue.

- \*Not enough room for everyone to enjoy the park safely.
- \*Bikes colliding with skaters.
- \*Skaters colliding with little kids or their boards flying out from under them and shooting across the park at a high speed.
- ~ <u>Happiness issue.</u> When you have prolevel and amateur skaters, bikers, scooter riders, rollerbladers, big wheel riders, roller skaters, and little kids who want to run around to enjoy the park, the park must be big enough or it will not provide a happy spot. This why there have been several issues at the current tennis court location.
- ~ <u>Satisfactory issue.</u> If you don't have enough street course vs. transition you will have a lot of complaints, and no one will want to come to this park, therefore you have just wasted the community's money.
- ~ Based on how hard the kids have worked for this park and the level of dedication that has been shown by the CCSA, it is only morally right to build the park that has been planned.

# 15,000 sq. ft. Skatepark

- ~ Enough room to accommodate all the different action sport activities and skill levels and styles at one time.
- ~ This sized park that is well built is a highly desired destination location for families who enjoy action sports and events.
- ~ The Clinton County Skatepark Association has had a grassroots organization with the local skateboarders (who are all now adults) for 10 years with a 15,000 sq. ft. park being the goal. The kids, who are now adult skateboarders, raised around \$50,000.00 by recycling cans, paper, and plastic bottles. They achieved shovel-ready status in 2009.
- ~ The skatepark project should receive the higher percentage of monies over the splash park because the skatepark will be used 24 hours/day and 365 days/year, weather permitting. The splash park will be used from dawn to dusk 3 months out of the year. Based on your survey, the splash park is the most popular idea for the parks to pursue. This means that it shouldn't be hard for a group of people to start an organization to raise the money needed for that project. The skatepark is long overdue and the discrimination against a group of people who suffer with different mental setbacks needs to stop. See American with Mental Disabilities Act.