

FIREMAN'S PARK ASSOCIATION, INC.
Letter from the president, John Helsel
January 1, 2015

I first want to express my pleasure and a huge thank you for so many of you Park members using the Park during 2014. Every year the improvements you authorize demonstrate how the "Park" is the best place to be on Buckeye Lake.

The increase in the Park site fee of \$50.00 is for costs associated with utilities. The projected 2015 AEP electric bill is \$20,000 along with the Perry County water/sewer at \$5,500. I ask that all of you stay utility conscious.

The dock project is almost complete. This year we will replace 7 docks. That will leave 4 to go. So far by building the docks ourselves we have saved approximately \$20,000. Thanks to all who have helped with this project.

The Park WIFI continues to be an on-again off-again dilemma. The board has decided to try making each shelter house a WIFI center. If you want to use the Park WIFI go to either one or purchase your own antenna for your camper.

As always there will be Park site openings as some of our Park friends move on to other adventures. If interested in moving contact Mike Bates or Mike Gischel. You will be contacted when Mike & Mike start making the moves.

If you know of any Columbus Firefighters who might be interested in being a Park member have them talk to or call any Park officer.

The family picnic did not happen last year. This saddens me, as it was always a fun event. This year I want to have a picnic for all Park members. It will be open to all Park members and any CFD active or retired personnel who would like to attend. I will get info out soon.

The 4U picnic held the first weekend in September following Labor Day is going to be hosted by the Park. The person who set it up each year has decided to retire from that responsibility.

The Park belongs to all of us equally. Keeping your site clean, grass cut & weeded, assisting with projects is part of being a member. Your neighbor is not your keeper. Pitch-in do your part.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you in 2015 and wish all of you a great Park experience.
John

FIREMAN'S PARK ASSOCIATION, INC.

Minutes of Board Meeting

January 8, 2015

11:15 AM, Planks on Parsons Ave. - Meeting called to order by president Helsel

Board members present: President Helsel, VP Thompson, Sec/Treas Campbell, Trustee Bates, Trustee Gischel, Trustee Moore, Trustee Wintering. Absent: Trustee Trapasso

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1. Letter to Park member Tim Schafer – Tim's guest Patti McHarg is only to be in the Park when member Mike Gischel is not. Patti had agreed to this previously but did not follow through. The board requested Tim assist Patti in keeping her end of the bargain.
2. 2015 Board member's responsibilities:
 - a) Grounds and Buildings: Campbell/Moore
All building maintenance, lawn care, dock maintenance, roads, trees...
Coordinators, not exclusive doers
 - b) Zero turn lawn mower maintenance: Wintering
 - c) WiFi – Thompson
 - d) Electric transfer switch for Bath & Shelter houses – Thompson
 - e) Docks & Sites – Gischel/Bates
Ensures lists are followed as to who gets what site or dock; That boats are correct size for the dock assigned; Keeps lists up-to-date, Checks docks and sites for safety/repairs
3. 2015 Projects:
 - a) Gravel for roads – grating of road towards camper site #1 then gravel
 - b) Cutting down of tree by Jason Bendure
 - c) Windows - new along lakeside of shelter house – close off windows where storage is
 - d) 7 new dock platforms to be installed by Shoreline – Shoreline to look at several docks that are not what the board feels are correct
 - e) Boat tour in August – we will do concessions
 - f) Boat ramp & area around ramp needs repair – will have Shoreline give recommendation for temporary fix and estimate for new
 - g) Electric transfer switches for bath and shelter houses
 - h) Emergency contact #'s for Park emergencies – make sure up-to-date and posted
 - i) 4U picnic – we will set-up
 - j) Flag pole to be moved to side of bath house
 - k) Fence needs sealed this year
4. WiFi – Park will keep WiFi as it is – no up-grading this year – if reception is not what you want get your own reception device. Wayne Thompson will get prices for several types of devices that will work with our system
5. Web Page – Wayne is working diligently on up grading. Will continue to use the current site.
6. Non-firefighter membership – An outline for non-firefighter membership was presented – Board will read, make suggestions, discuss further at next board meeting
7. Gave Monte Robinson an extension on decision to remain at Park – he is ill – When he decides he can pay then – All wished him speedy recovery
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MINUTES OF PARK BOARD MEETING 3-18-2015

10 Meeting called to order by President Helsel

Members present: Campbell, Gischel, Helsel, Moore, Thompson, Wintering; Absent: Bates, Trapasso

Reviewed minutes of meeting 1-08-15 - no additions or deletions

- 1) 7 replacement docks were installed by Shoreline Monday 3-16-15. That leaves 4, 3 on the South side and 1 on the East. Shoreline will adjust Bates' dock next year.
- 2) Shoreline to give us a bid for replacement of the entire ramp area including the ramp. Estimated cost 16-18000. CME researching a loan.
- 3) Lake water issue – the Park is in support of all lake people being effected by the ODNR not filling the lake. We are in solidarity with them. Board will always have a board member at every meeting and keep Park members informed.
- 4) Park is open April 1. Rick Thompson will have bathrooms ready weekend of March 28.
- 5) Park will operate as usual even though water level is down. Dock fees will continue to be assessed – This is to enable the continuation of new dock construction and now a new boat ramp.
- 6) Board is opposed to paying the ODNR its 2300 for state permits until a definitive plan is in place and the lake can be used as usual.
- 7) Anyone wanting to help cut grass etc let us know.
- 8) Burning debris from old docks Friday March 27 10am. All welcome to help.
- 9) Wayne says if you want WiFi purchase an antennae. Any of them are compatible. Many places sell them.
- 10) AEP will cut down Ash trees around Park starting soon. We keep large pieces – Nicolas McPherson 740-8810 – AEP contact person
- 11) Flag will be moved to bath house area in April or May
- 12) Board will contact Perry County tax person to see impact on land value
- 13) Wintering will install posts on new platforms when weather is warm
- 14) Boat tour is on hold – Campbell met with tour officials but no decision will be made until lake level is settled.
- 15) Doug Wortman will maintain bath house again.
- 16) As of today only 1 opening – Matt Hamilton is not returning. Boat docks

Next board meeting – Friday April 17, 11am, Planks Parsons.

As discussed at our last general meeting we want to make amendments or changes to our Code of Regulations of Fireman's Park Association Inc. These changes will be voted on by the members of the Park. All pages are listed and any change is noted. If you do not agree with the change or wording please draw a line through the proposed change and add your input if wanted. We will compile all the input and make any changes that will be voted on by our membership that is in good standing.

Page 1 Change Lynhaven to Lynnhaven Ct.

Page 2 Section 3.02 Class of Members- The Corporation or Park shall have two types of members; Members that are or were City of Columbus Firefighters and will be known as an active member. The second will be a married spouse of a Columbus Firefighter that was a member of the Park at the time of passing and would like to continue as a member for the current year. Both must stay in good standing and the membership is not transferable.

Page 2 Section 3.02a (During the change of the Park possession in April 2,2007 by vote of CFD Park members, all that are in the campground before this date will be "Grandfathered" and did not have to be considered a member. After this date they will be under the CFD Park rules, bylaws and constitution. Any new members must be CFD members and are under CFD Park directions).

If the listed owner of the camping spot passes away during the camping season the spouse may stay for the remainder of the year plus one more year if all requirements are met. If you are not an active member your camping will end at the end of the season. Any change of marital status other than another firefighter will end your camping privilege at the camping season's end. For a firefighter that has passed and no spouse, the family will have up to the rest of the season to remove property and exit the park.

If the list of a firefighter wanting a camping spot has exhausted and openings are available, a spouse may petition to remain in their spot for the season. This will be a year to year basis. No movement of the trailer will be allowed.

Page 2 Section 3.03 change "active members" to "members in good standing".

Page 3 through Page 7 No changes

Page 8 Section 8.07 Members are responsible to update all contact information.

Page 9 through Page 11 no changes

- b. The spouse must pay all fees on time
- c. The spouse must maintain the camper, camper site and boat
- d. The spouse will not be able to move to another camper site or boat dock
- e. The spouse will not be able to vote on any Park matters
- f. If the spouse gets remarried, even to an active or retired Columbus firefighter, spousal membership ceases after the 2-year limit. (Firefighter's may put their name on the Park waiting list. However, if not selected by the spousal time limit membership ends)

*There are Park members who were not Columbus firefighters. They are "Grandfathered" with membership to the Park. (Place names) They will continue to share all rights and benefits as a firefighter member prior to date:

Signed/dated by all trustees

**ALL PARK MEMBERS
BY-LAW ADDITION PROPOSAL
YOUR CONSIDERATION IS IMPORTANT**

FIREMAN'S PARK ASSOCIATION, INC.

Addition to the By-Laws
Non-Firefighter Member

The by-laws clearly state that to be a member of Fireman's Park you must be an active or retired firefighter, in good standing, for the City of Columbus, Ohio, Division of Fire.*

Proposed By-Law Addition

Death of a Park Member Firefighter

A) The firefighter member is single

1. The Park will send a notice to the estate administrator stating that they have 60 days to remove all property belonging to the member.
 - a) If all property has not been removed within 60 days of the member's death the Park will have it removed at the expense of the estate administrator.

B) The firefighter member is married

1) Member Prior to Date?

- a. The spouse may remain a member of the Park until death
- b. The spouse must pay all fees on time
- c. The spouse must maintain camper, camper site & boat
- d. The spouse can't move to another camper site or boat dock
- e. The spouse can't vote on any Park matters
- f. The spouse can't pass membership to any family member
- g. Upon spouses death Park membership ceases and all property of the spouse must be removed.
- h. If the spouse remarries, even to an active or retired Columbus firefighter, membership can't be passed to the new spouse. (Firefighter's may put their name on the Park waiting list. However, if not selected by the time the spouse dies membership ends)

2) Member on or after Date?

- a. The spouse may continue Park membership for the remainder of the current year during which the firefighter member died and the 2 years immediately following.

FIREMAN'S PARK ASSOCIATION, INC.

Minutes of Park Board Meeting April 17, 2015

1 5 Meeting called to order by Treasurer Campbell.

Members present: Bates, Campbell, Gischel, Trapasso, Wintering – Members absent: Helsel, Moore, Thompson

- Reviewed March minutes – No corrections or additions
- Reviewed wording for: Death of Park Member Firefighter – Prepared copy for May 5, 2015 General Park business meeting.
- Wintering: Ideas for events at the Park to keep interest and utilize Park while dam and dredging are being completed – Do not get discouraged as it will get better – Now is time to clean lake area around Park – We will plan cleanup projects
- Gischel: Volleyball net and poles – we will acquire steel poles for the net – either use buckets of concrete for pole base or put plastic pipe in ground for VB poles to fit in – He is contacting those on the Park, "I want to move to another camper site," list. He has notified some on the I want in the Park list to prepare them to be ready to make their decision either in or out. This is a time consuming job for Mike and Mike. Let all you know to be patient. If they feel they have been skipped tell Mike or Mike.
- All members in attendance had good information that was discussed concerning actual conditions of the lake water level, ODNR statements and meetings that some have attended. The only thing that counts is what ODNR states and that is their guarded secret. They are going to dredge and according Kasich build the dam. But no one knows when how etc. Much speculation no action. The Buckeye Lake Association (The Park is a business member) is holding meetings weekly for input and updating. They are trying to plan some events to offset the loss of their boat tour of homes. They want to use the Park. No decision on their request.
- We all agreed to remain positive and share information – None of us are planning to leave but hope it takes only 2-3 years instead of 3-5.
- No May board meeting time was set and all were planning to attend the May general Park meeting.
- Adjourned at 12:30

Presidents Report Continued:

Be respectful of your neighbors - You are responsible to keep your camper site and area around your site clean and grass trimmed.

Leave nothing by the dumpster – take it home and put it in your front yard if you want someone to take it

The bathroom is for all members to use – DO NOT SMOKE or EAT in the bathroom, throw your trash (TP wrapper, etc) in the trash can, report to any Park board member anything that is broken or you feel needs attention, turn off lights when you leave

We have a board meeting each month – you are welcome to attend

We are going to clean out the lake area as soon as we can stand on the lakebed. It is full of block, tires and various types of debris.

Hopefully ODNR will follow through with their promise to dredge our area

General discussion:

By-Laws addendum: Death of Firefighter Member

This led to a lengthy discussion and proposed changes to the informational handout. Those changes will be made and sent to all members to vote on. A simple majority of votes returned will determine passage or rejection. A copy of the informational handout is attached to these minutes. The date used on the handout is fictional – it is there for demonstration purposes. If the addendum passes the date will reflect the actual date of passage.

Area Support –Trustee Wintering will head up this endeavor.

Possibilities abound but one that Jim wants is for as many of us on a certain day go to a local establishment. Do this at least once a month. He welcomes ideas and assistance.

Staying Around – all in attendance agreed in order to keep the Park we need to stick it out.

It seems evident that each member knows what it is going to take and is willing to do their part. Although no one tonight has a solution for those who leave and want to return when things go to normal they all agreed something should happen. It will take a group of members to put their heads together and come up with a solution.

Fees – All in attendance agreed to keep fees the same.

This will enable the continuance of dock and boat ramp projects. See treasurer's report on fee charges.

Belongings – When something is on someone else's deck it is theirs. If you need more space for your items you need to pare down what you feel is important – your neighbor's deck is not your storage space.

WiFi – is on – you might need to get your own antenna to get reception –

Web Page – all lists are up to date – lists can only be up to date if you keep the Secretary Informed. If you would like to help with the web page contact Wayne Thompson

Help – If you would like to help do anything at the Park let any board member know – your help is always welcome and appreciated

Next Meeting: The next general membership/business meeting is to be at the Park. NO date was set

Meeting was adjourned at 19:30

FIREMAN'S PARK ASSOCIATION, INC.

Minutes of May 5, 2015 Park Member General Business Meeting

May 7, 2015

Meeting held at the Columbus Firefighter's Local 67, IAFF, Union Hall

Meeting called to order by President John Helsel at 18:30. Park board members present: Bates, Campbell, Gischel, Helsel, Moore, Trapasso, Wintering; Absent: Thompson

Treasurers Report: We currently have \$56,000 in our account. We had a 7,000 carry-over from 2014 to 2015.

We have paid from January 1 2015 to date the following expenses:

Insurance – 2,000

Property Taxes – 4,500

Health Dept Fee – 450

Installation of 7 New Docks – 7,300

CME Loan 12,500 (2500 per month)

AEP Electric – 3,100

Miscellaneous 4,500

(This includes the VISA, cleaning bathhouse, maintenance to open Park, lawn mower gas and repairs, etc. and all else)

We currently have 74 members of which 64 have paid. The 10 remaining have contacted me with their intentions to pay. It takes 66 paying members to meet our everyday Park obligations throughout the year. The 5 openings will be filled soon and they pay the same fee as those already in the Park.

We did not have to pay the 80 per boat slip charge to ODNR this year due to the Buckeye Lake Dam situation. The 80 will be refunded next year as follows: Normal boat slip fees are 250. In 2016 it will be reduced to 170 until the lake is filled and ODNR institutes its new fees. Your actual fee for 2016 will be 110 to account for the 2015 \$80 refund. Park site fees will remain at 1050 per year.

The board has decided and I agree financially to continue with the dock project. We have 4 more new docks to build. We then must rebuild the boat ramp. If we want to continue having our own boat-launching site we have no choice but to completely rebuild the ramp and area around it. Estimated cost is 18-20,000. We can accomplish our goal to finish these projects if all continue to stay and keep a dock

Last – I again encourage all to remain at the Park. It is not going to be long before we have a deeper, cleaner and safer lake to enjoy. As I mentioned we need 66 members to break even – we need 79 to continue having the best place on the Buckeye.

Presidents Report:

Attended lake meetings – ODNR is keeping quiet so unless you see that ODNR stated it be weary of "I know what is going on"

Keep Park clean but use it – I want to see all of you here this year – 2-3 years of no lake water will soon be behind us

We are going to institute a tag system to identify all boats kept at the Park – this will assist us in assuring that only Park members boats are being kept at the Park

Please conserve electric – Annually we spend between 16,500 and 19,700. I want you to have as much fun as you can but you can only have 1 refrigerator in your camper and 1 outside. No icemakers, or additional refs. Turn down your air conditioning if you are going out for a while – Turn it off if leaving for another day to return.

- President:
1. Persons who are living at the Park should pay more or at least do more around the Park.
 2. In our fee statements there will be an informational letter concerning what will happen if a member does not pay their fees. This is to be signed by the member for acknowledgement. We will have a towing company on call for this purpose.
 3. Building of 4 docks is Friday October 23, 2u, 10am.
 4. Bids for cleaning the bath house should go out soon. If no one at the Park wants to clean then we will go to an outside vendor.
 5. We must work on retaining members. When the water level gets back to normal it will be no problem. However, for now and another 1-3 years we all must do our part to keep members returning.
 6. Web page is being maintained by Cousin Michelle. Anything you want on the web page let John or Wayne know. Either one will forward it to her for posting.
 7. 4U picnic went well. Next year maybe we can get more Park people to assist.

Trustee Sam Trapasso:

1. Question: If the Park does not fill all camper sites can non-firefighters take a site? This was discussed in length and deservedly so. If we can't get our own firefighters to become members and we want to keep the Park then this seems to be a plausible solution.

a) After advertising for new firefighter members and not all sites are filled allow current members to recommend non-firefighters

b) Allow non-firefighters to temporarily have a site for a season. If no one wants the site the following season let the non-firefighter have it again if wanted

c) Open the Park for campers on a limited bases

This will need more discussion prior to the 2016 Park opening.

Guest Member Steve Clemons:

1. There is a need to establish a Park seniority list. President Helsel agreed. Work on this will begin now and be completed by February of 2016.

General Discussion

1. General meeting Thursday October 29, 2U, 6pm, L67.
2. No date is set for the next board meeting
3. Election of trustees during 2016 to be discussed at next meeting
4. Park closes Monday Nov. 2. All water faucets will be pulled for inspection, lubrication and repairs if needed.

Adjourned: 12:12pm

Charlie Campbell, Secretary/Treasurer

LEAVE YOUR GENERATOR AT HOME

Attached:

1. Language for item addition to agenda slate "Taxes"
2. Signature page

FIREMAN'S PARK ASSOCIATION, INC.

Minutes of Board Meeting

11AM, Planks on Parsons

October 14, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Helsel at 11:07

Board members present: Campbell, Helsel, Moore, Thompson, Trapasso, Wintering

Members Excused: Bates, Gischel

Guest: Park Member Steve Clemons

REPORTS

- Treasurers:
1. All expenses are paid to date. Approximately \$30,000.00 remaining in our account. There are 3 more months before we start receiving fee payments. Projected carry-over for 2016 is \$9,000. Based on continuing expenses incurred in January. (\$7,500 loan payment; \$2,000 dock construction materials for four 24' docks; \$6,800 for Shoreline to install docks; insurance is due first week of January \$2,400 and various year end miscellaneous expenses)
 2. Two members have not paid but have promised to pay by November 1.
 3. Taxes – For our 501c7 the IRS requires us to ensure that we file on time and with the proper form. (IRS form 990). To do this the board has adopted a resolution to place on the board meeting agenda slate a line item for "Taxes". This line item will be read at all meetings. During the November and December meetings all items necessary including forms will be made ready for completion. During the February meeting the treasurer will present the completed tax forms to the board for review and corrections if needed. If corrections are needed the treasurer will have until March 5 to present to the board the corrected forms. Mailing of the forms will be the responsibility of the president.
 4. We have 79 camper sites. The Park recognizes that for each camper site there is one Park member. We need 66 members to pay full fees of \$1050.00 per year to maintain the Park at basic levels. As of now we have 77 members but have had 7 members decide not to come back next year.
 5. Bids for replacing the boat ramp are on hold until we discuss with each bidder exactly what their bid states they will do.
 6. Perry County is advising all users that they intend to review the cost for water and sewer distribution. For the beginning of 2016 prices per gallon will remain at their current level but the PC trustees are contemplating an increase.
 7. The Board reviewed the financial reports for January to October 14, 2015. All reports are in order. All money received and disbursed is accounted for to date. Signature page acknowledging board review of the financial books was signed by those in attendance. No discrepancies observed.
 8. I forgot to tell you about AEP's decision on our fence and Robertson's heater. For our fence they will give us \$150 and for Robertson they will allow \$100. A check is coming soon.