



October 2000

## Park Notes

As many of you have heard, and some have seen, we have a BEAR in our midst. He's smart enough to find and get into garbage cans and because someone didn't latch the gate at the dumpser, he got into it. Because of the bear, the dumpster gate will be locked, not just latched, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., the hours the bear is roaming. Be sure and get your garbage into the dumpster before 5:00 p.m.

We had our first snow of the season on Oct. 11 so its time to winterize your cabins before leaving. Shut off the water at the main valve and drain the pipes. Don't think that if you leave a faucet dripping, the pipes won't freeze. It WILL freeze and water damage is not fun to clean up and repair.

As you'll see in the minutes, C.D.F. is after us about our burn area. From now on, the only way to get rid of unwanted building materials (decking or siding you've replaced, etc.) is to haul it to the lumber mill at Standard. If we lose our burn area, we'll all be hauling pine needles to Standard.

CARETAKERS PHONE NUMBER: 586-3098

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Real car trouble -- when the engine won't start and the payments won't stop.

The doctor finally called in a patient who had waited over an hour for his appointment. "I'm really sorry about the delay," the physician apologized. "Oh, I really don't mind," the patient replied, "but I had hoped you'd be able to treat my ailment in its earliest stages.

What do you use to mend a jack-o-lantern? A pumpkin patch!

What do you get if you divide the circumference of your jack-o-lantern by its diameter? Pumpkin pi.

Students entering the room for lunch at a theological seminar were greeted by a sign which read: "Take only one apple. God is watching you." At the other end of the table was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies with a hastily scribbled sign which read: "Take as many as you want -- God is back there watching the apples."

"In 1649, one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England. In 1649, one vote caused Charles I of England to be executed. In 1776, one vote gave America the English language instead of German. In 1845, one vote brought Texas into the Union. In 1868, one vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment. In 1876, one vote gave Rutherford B. Hayes the presidency of the United States. In 1876, one vote changed France from a monarchy to a republic. And in 1923, one vote gave Adolf Hitler the leadership of the Nazi party."

From the Chamber of Commerce Newsletter, Willard, Ohio

Be sure and vote on November 7. Your vote really does count.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Next Board Meeting	Sunday, Nov. 12, 2000
Holiday Dinner	Saturday, Dec. 09, 2000
St. Patrick's Day Dinner	Saturday, Mar. 17, 2001
Annual Meeting	Sunday, May. 27, 2001
Fish Derby	Saturday, June 16, 2001

## Sierra Park Lodge #376

Our regular monthly meetings are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The second Saturday is business meeting. The fourth Saturday is our pot luck dinner at 6:00 p.m.



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes October 15, 2000

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vice President Robert Snell. Present were Vice President Robert Snell, Secretary Norrine Coyle, Treasurer Richard Bonner, members Greg Brown, Fred Coleman, Deena Hague, Raúl Morales and Ed Smith. Absent was President Del Wallis, excused.

Also in attendance were Roger Townsend and Bill Kalfakis.

The invocation was given by Richard Bonner.

**MINUTES** - Motion by (Smith/Coleman, unan.) the minutes of the September 10, 2000, meeting were approved as mailed.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - Grants deeds were received as follows: from Gregory F. Calistro to David J. Kaslin, from Everett W. And Vera Collins to Carol Neil Selman and Doris Marie Selman, James T. And Dorothy A. Clifton to Lorance J. and Mary Ann Notton, and from Michael J. Klapp and Wanda L. Kelley to Jose Angel and Devorah L. Garcia. A check for \$542.95 was received from Asplundh Tree Company for damages caused in the Park when removing a tree. A letter was received from Jeannie Eddy concerning the annual assessment on her property. Certificates of insurance were received from Poston Logging and Randy Gray Logging. A "Nonoperated Vehicle Notice" was received from the Department of Health Services Concerning water testing. A background investigation report was received from the State Department of Employment requesting information on a Park part-time employee several years ago. Caldwell Insurance Services sent forms that should have been included with the Park's policy.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**WATER**- Morales: He provided information on water leak detectors he had found. It was decided that it would be a good idea to have a demonstration in the spring and the decide whether or not it would be helpful to have one. If so, it would be placed in the budget for next year. The Caretaker reported that 1.1 million gallons of water was used, some of which was because of a break in a water line.

**ROADS**- Snell: Paving is almost finished. If we put in speed dips, George Reed Company wants a hold harmless agreement.

**BUILDINGS**- Smith: He reported that we still have some bats in the recreation hall.

**EQUIPMENT** - Brown: Chain is needed for the snow plow and other pieces of equipment. By motion (Morales/Coleman, unan.) the bills are to be paid.

**TIMBER** - Coleman: We are in good shape as far as our forest is concerned. The harvest plan has been revised slightly so that we can continue the harvesting and keep the forest healthy.

**RECREATION** - Snell/Coyle: The holiday dinner is scheduled for December 9 and the St. Patrick's dinner is scheduled for March 17.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**- Hague: Because of troubles with the bear in the Park, the dumpster will be closed and locked from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. The California Division of Forestry (C.D.F.) Inspected our burn area recently and said we could not burn any building materials. They also said we have the wrong kind of permit for our burn area. When the Caretaker is ready to burn, he has to now call C.D.F. and they will come and inspect the materials he is going to burn, and if it appears O.K. to them, they will issue a permit for that one night. If they find the wrong kind of materials (anything other than pine needles and tree limbs) they will close our burn area permanently. By motion (Coleman/Hague, unan.) Randy was asked to put together a list of rules, based on C.D.F. requirements, to bring to the next Board meeting for consideration. In the meantime, the burn area will be closed until we have a plan that will be approved by C.D.F.

**FINANCE**- Bonner: Bills for last month were \$11,634.57 plus \$3,936.00 for timber. By motion (Coleman/Morales, unan.) the bills are to be paid. There are still six people who have not paid their assessments.

**CARETAKER'S REPORT**: The caretaker's detailed report is attached to the original minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS**: Fred Coleman pointed out that Randy is using his personal vehicle for park business. By motion (Brown/Morales, unan.) it was agreed to reimburse the Caretaker for using his personal vehicle on park business.

It was mentioned that radon test kits are available for \$7.00 each. If Park property owners are interested in obtaining kits to test their properties, they may call the County Health Department at 533-5990 or e-mail [epa.gov/iaq/radon/pubs/citquide.html](mailto:epa.gov/iaq/radon/pubs/citquide.html) or [www.epa.gov/safewater/radon.html](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/radon.html).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. The next meeting will be held on November 12, 2000, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norrine Coyle, Secretary



## Checks disbursed for October 2000

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
09/12	9671	Postmaster	Stamps 108.90
09/28	9672	Postmaster	Box Rental 24.00
09/28	9673	Acordia of Calif.	Workman's Comp. 240.00
09/30	9674	The Nest	Trees 294.94
10/15	9675	Eric A. Carlson	Accounting 300.00
10/15	9676	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 10/15 838.69
10/15	9677	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll 10/15 542.22
10/15	9678	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll 10/31 838.68
10/15	9679	Michael W. Caropreso	Payroll 10/31 542.22
10/15	9680	PG&E	Utilities 756.77
10/15	9681	Tamarack Tree S	Topping anc removal of trees 650.00
10/15	9682	Lawrence Haun	Legal Services 331.36
10/15	9683	Mother Lode Portables	Health & Safety 71.68
10/15	9684	Village Mail & Postage	Member Commun. 130.31
10/15	9685	W.H. Breshears	Fuel 654.11
10/15	9686	Doherty Tire	Maintain Equipment 410.76
10/15	9687	J.S. West & Symons	Propane 165.96
10/15	9688	Sonora Rentals	Health & Safety 48.00
10/15	9689	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage 1,118.70
10/15	9690	Twain Harte Lumber	Buildings, water shed 113.16
10/15	9691	US Bank	Payroll Taxes 972.36
10/15	9692	Employment Development	Payroll Taxes 73.88
10/15	9693	AquaLab	Water Testing 600.00
10/15	9694	Acordia of Calif.	Workman's Comp. 240.00
10/15	9695	Roto-Rooter	Maintain Buildings 370.95
10/15	9696	Pacific Bell	Telephone 58.89
10/15	9697	Duane St. Clair	Maintain Roads 432.00
10/15	9698	US Bank	Payroll Taxes 175.00
10/15	9699	Postmaster	Office Supplies & Stamps 33.00
10/15	9700	Richard Bonner	Mileage & Office Supplies 46.93
10/15	9701	AT&T	Telephone 20.87
10/15	9702	George Reed, Inc.	Maintain Roads 128.06
10/15	9703	Fred Coleman	Mileage 74.60
10/15	9704	Robert Snell	Mileage 66.79
10/15	9705	Norrine Coyle	Mileage 46.00
10/15	9706	Gregory Brown	Mileage 86.40
10/15	9707	Deena Hague	Mileage 48.00
		Total	\$ 11,634.57

*10/15	9708	California Reforestation	Timber Fund	3,936.00
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