



## Unauthorized Council Items



### 1. Skate Park Donation

John Idone reports that he received a \$10,000 donation from Mr. and Mrs. William Zingler to the Parks & Recreation Department for the new skateboard park.

*Administration Recommendation*

Recommend acceptance of the donation.

*Council Action*

**Authorize acceptance of the donation.**



### 2. Adopt-A-Spot Donations

Staff is in the process of receiving donations for the for the Adopt-A-Spot program. These donations will be recommended for acceptance as an unauthorized item.

*Administration Recommendation*

Support staff's recommendation to accept the donations for use in the annual adopt-a-spot program.

*Council Action*

**Authorize acceptance of the donations.**

#### Kent Parks & Rec Board

Pete Orlando, CH  
Jack Neuzil  
Bob Wolf  
Anderw Kunos  
Patti Wilson

### 3. School Board Appointment to the Park Board

In accordance with the City Charter, the School Board has one representative on the Park Board, and they voted to re-appoint Patti Wilson for another term.

*Administration Recommendation*

Council is asked to approve this re-appointment as an unauthorized ordinance.

*Council Action*

**Authorize the reappointment of Ms. Wilson to the Park Board.**



### 4. Resolution of Necessity for Cherry Street – Middlebury Waterline

Previously in executive session, Jim Silver discussed the need to obtain approval from the Metro Regional Transit Authority to cross under their tracks for the Cherry Street-Middlebury Waterline Project. The waterline project will provide a secondary feed into the Akron Boulevard neighborhood which is important to water quality and reliabilit. Jim was unable to negotiate a reasonable price from the railroad so he is proceeding with eminent domain. The first step requires Council approval of a "Resolution of Necessity."

*Administration Recommendation*

Adopt the Resolution of Necessity as prepared by staff.

*Council Action*

**Adopt the Resolution of Necessity.**

## Information Items

### 1. Downtown Kent Clean Up Events

Mary Gilbert advised me that Main Street Kent is sponsoring a downtown clean-up day next Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. I understand that they are gathering volunteers to do a sweep of our downtown area to clean up litter, cigarette butts, etc.



If you can't make that event, I am also told that a number of local groups are in the process of organizing a river and downtown clean-up event for April 21<sup>st</sup>. As more details become available I'll be sure to share them with you.

The city sponsored Spring Clean Up will be held over 2 successive weeks beginning May 7<sup>th</sup> and ending May 18<sup>th</sup>. The details of the collection schedule were included in the Spring Tree City Bulletin that was mailed out last week.

### 2. Kent Party Patrol

In cooperation with students and the Dean of Student Affairs at Kent State University, I am pleased to report that 14 individuals completed training to be in the 2007 Party Patrol which will resume its efforts in April. You may recall that the Party Patrol concept was used a couple of years ago here in Kent with a fair amount of success so we're hoping to recreate that success and enlist the help of students to work with their peers on how to have fun and stay within the limits of city laws.



### 3. Portage County Budget Commission

The Portage County Budget Commission has requested a representative from the city to participate in the county's review of the formula for the distribution of State of Ohio Local Government Funds. The agreement for the current formula expires in 2008 so the political subdivisions (cities, townships and villages) in the county have been invited to appoint a representative to the committee that will discuss, study and negotiate a new formula for Portage County. Barb Rissland served as the city's representative the last time the formula was revised and I will be asking for Council's approval of Barb's re-appointment in my communication Wednesday night. (attachment)



### 4. Middlebury Road Bridge

With the Middlebury Road bridge re-opened and running smoothly, I am pleased to report that the ownership of the bridge has officially been transferred to the city (at the price of \$1.00) which will allow us to ensure that the bridge is never again allowed to fall into such a state of disrepair that it would have to be closed. (attachment)



### 5. Police Employees of the Year

Chief Peach recognized the outstanding performance of the following Police Department employees for 2006:

Employee-of-the-Year, **Rosemarie Mosher**

Officer-of-the-Year, **Carl Cassell**

Supervisor-of-the-Year, **Paul Canfield**

Congratulations to these employees for representing the best of Kent City government.

