

GROVE CITY, OHIO COUNCIL
MINUTES

July 30, 1992

Special Meeting

The special meeting of Council was called to order by President Buzby at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

The roll called and the following members were present:

William Buckley Brian Buzby William Ferguson John Mountain

Also present were: Chris Fulton, Director of Safety; Mr. Jim Brick, representing the Sertoma Club; Barry Babbert, Director of Parks and Recreation; Tami Kelly, Clerk of Council.

President Buzby recognized Mr. Mountain, Chairman of Service, for discussion and voting of the legislative agenda item under said committee.

1. Resolution CR-40-92 (Waive provisions of Section 903.01(b) for the Annual Alumni Softball Tournament on August 1, 1992), was given its reading and public hearing.

Speaking to this resolution was Chris Fulton, Director of Safety - He stated that in the past, he hadn't had a problem with Sertoma selling the beer, however, he recently received several complaints from people about underage drinking. Mr. Fulton said that he didn't feel that Sertoma was to blame, but, if we remove the opportunity, will the problem be helped? He also said that he feels people have a perception that as long as they are at Gantz park that they can drink beer, no matter what age.

Mr. Mountain asked Mr. Fulton was opposed to approving the resolution? Mr. Fulton indicated that, in short, he was. He said that if this is approved, aggressive pursuit of ID's would take place and, if necessary, arrests.

Mr. Jim Brick, President of Sertoma - Announced that this was the first he had heard anything about underage drinking taking place. He indicated that they routinely check for proper identification, limit the number of beers that can be purchased at one time to two, and have cut down the cup size in an effort to control things. He stated that in past years, many coolers were brought in filled with beer. This year, he said he saw virtually no coolers, but, no one was monitoring coolers being brought in.

Mr. Babbert, Parks & Rec. Director - Stated that he spent most of his time at Murfin Field and saw no trouble at all. When he got to Evans Park, it was for the 1992 graduates game and he didn't see any problems at that time. President Buzby asked if the Parks & Rec. Dept. received any complaints? Mr. Babbert said no.

President Buzby stated that granting this resolution would not exempt underage drinking or any other laws. It only allows for the Sertoma to sell beer at the park and if other laws are being broken, enforcement needs to take place. President Buzby said that the first year this request came before council it was fairly controversial. People were bringing beer into the park and it was becoming uncontrollable. So, a resolution was passed in order to control the consumption. Mr. Buzby said he felt like Sertoma was in the middle of what Council allowed them to do (meaning the games being rained out on Sunday) and doesn't see Sertoma selling the beer in the Park as a problem.

Mr. Buckley stated that he was on the Park Board when this came up originally and the majority of complaints they got were about litter. He said that he felt this agreement with Sertoma was a good one. It gives an up-front chance to catch minors and have more control on things. He commented that whether we allow Sertoma to sell beer or not, there will still be beer there. He said tremendous strides have been made in controlling this event and he doesn't want to give that up.

Mr. Fulton stated that he was in Sertoma and he wasn't blaming them or anyone. Perhaps the officers need to beef up their enforcement.

Mr. Buzby reiterated that fact that exemption is for adults only. He stated that the only problem he had with not granting the waiver was that there were more problems before Sertoma started selling beer than now. He said there may still be problems, but, not like before and he was not willing to scrap this yet. He also said that if we were going to revisit the issue of having beer in the parks at all, he wants it done at a regular meeting of Council.

Mr. Fulton stated that if we go ahead with this on Saturday, that is fine, however, the officers will be patrolling more carefully.

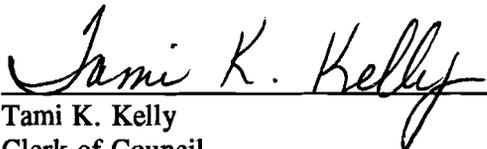
Mr. Brick said that he too had initial reservations but, sees where this has helped. He asked that the police remind those working for Sertoma to check for ID's and bear down on everyone a little.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Mountain moved to approve Resolution CR-40-92; seconded by Mr. Buckley.

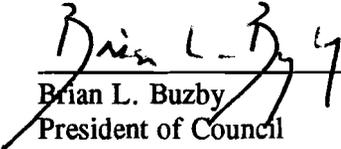
Mr. Buckley	Yes
Mr. Buzby	Yes
Mr. Ferguson	No
Mr. Mountain	Yes

President Buzby moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Mountain.

Council adjourned at 8:30 a.m.



Tami K. Kelly
Clerk of Council



Brian L. Buzby
President of Council