**MINUTES**

Preservation Parks of Delaware County

April 10, 2014 – 1:00 P.M.

Hogback Ridge Preserve

2656 Hogback Road, Sunbury, Ohio

**Attendees:** Bruce Ruhl, John Bader, Dan Boysel, Kara Sprigs, Todd Younkin, Tony Benishek, Sue Hagan, Dennis Welch, Rich Niccum, Frank DiMarco, Saundra McBrearty, Ted Miller, Mary Van Haaften, Tom Curtin

**Visitors:**  None.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order By Chairman D. Boysel at 1:00 P.M.

**Adoption of Agenda:** J. Bader moved to adopt the agenda, B. Ruhl seconded. All commissioners voted aye, the motion was carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of the March 13, 2014 meeting were reviewed. B. Ruhl moved to approve the minutes as presented, J. Bader seconded. All commissioners vote aye, the motion carried.

**Open to the Public:** None.

**New Business:**

**Galena Trail Partnership/Potential trail Links:** Ted Miller updated the Board on our partnership agreement with the Village of Galena regarding our $30,000.00 commitment to the project; see Board Resolution #280 of 2/14/13. The Galena Brick Trail will begin construction this year. Ted Miller then updated the Board on potential trail links: from Smith Park to Gallant Woods Preserve and trails throughout southern Delaware County.

**SHP Trail Connection:** The Park District was approached by a developerwho owns land adjacent to the park with a request to link the development to the park with a trail at a future date. The Board determined not to pursue this trail connection.

**Plaque for Rita:** Mary Van Haaften let the Board know that the plaque commemorating Rita Au’s tenure as Executive Director would be placed at Gallant Farm Preserve within the next three weeks.

**Reports:** Departmental reports were presented and all questions were answered satisfactorily.

**Old Business:**

**River Run Canoe Access:** The Board was presented with revised plans for the River Run canoe access which moved the parking area outside of the one hundred year flood plain. No action was required.

**Executive Session:** B. Ruhl moved to go into executive Session at 2:09 P.M. to discuss land acquisition and employee compensation. Motion was seconded by J. Bader. The motion carried. All Commissioners voted Aye during a roll call vote. The Board came out of Executive Session into Open Session at 3:11 P.M.

J. Bader made a motion to enter into a purchase agreement with Rockford Homes for 2.33 acres at Shale Hollow Preserve in the amount of $46,600.00. B. Ruhl seconded. All Commissioners voted Aye and the motion was approved.

B. Ruhl moved to adjourn the meeting and J. Bader seconded to adjourn at 3:16 P.M. Motion carried.