

Board Minutes

February 11, 2016

Preservation Parks of Delaware County

1PM Hogback Ridge Park

Attendees:

Board members: Bruce Ruhl, John Bader, Dan Boysel

Staff: Sue Hagan, Chris Roshon, Ted Miller, Kyle Pace, Pat Shirey, Bonnie Houk, Dennis Welch, Rich Niccum, Tony Benishek, Chad Watkins, Tyler Swartzlander, Mary Van Haaften, Tom Curtin

Visitors: Steve Berry, Linda Bill

Call to order: B. Ruhl called the meeting to order at 12:58 pm, roll call was taken, all members voted aye.

Adoption of Agenda: D. Boysel moved to adopt the agenda, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

Approval of Minutes: D. Boysel requested the minutes be amended to reflect a roll call vote that was taken before the Board went into Executive Session. B. Ruhl moved to approve the January 15, 2016 minutes as amended, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

Budget Report: D. Boysel moved to accept the monthly budget report as presented, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

Open to the Public: No comments.

Park Updates: Bids for constructing Galena's bike trail came in higher than originally estimated; therefore, their Clean Ohio grant could not cover the cost. Preservation Parks has allowed them to redirect their CFIG grant to this project to help cover the shortfall.

New Business:

1. Fundraising Feasibility Study Contract Award – After interviewing three firms, checking references, and obtaining additional information from two of the firms, staff made the recommendation to award a contract to Cramer and Associates in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. J. Bader moved to award the contract to Cramer and Associates, D. Boysel seconded and all members voted aye.

2. Perkins architectural review – Ted Miller, Mary Van Haaften, and Tom Curtin met with Triad Architects, Perkins Director Tom Burns, and his assistant Don Stevens to begin the process of evaluating the observatory to determine costs for renovation as well as construction of a planetarium.

Department Reports: Department reports were accepted as submitted.

Old Business:

1. Marketing Strategic Plan – S. Hagan, M. Van Haaften, and T. Curtin attended a kick-off meeting with treetree to discuss schedule, projects, and priorities.
2. Orndorf tax exempt filing – The Ohio Department of Taxation will allow the house and stand-alone garage to be broken out of the parcel and taxed separately, which will lower the property taxes by \$1,347.90 annually. The life estate holder has asked if the Park District would assist with exterior maintenance costs. The Board will address requests for assistance on a case by case basis.

Executive Session: J. Bader moved to go in to Executive Session at 1:37 pm for the purpose of land acquisition and compensation of park employees. D. Boysel seconded, roll call was taken, all members voted aye.

1. Land
2. Personnel

The Board returned to regular session at 2:09 pm.

B. Ruhl moved to authorize the Director to negotiate for land along the Olentangy River in Liberty Township, D. Boysel seconded, all members voted aye.

D. Boysel moved to authorize the Director to pursue the donation of a narrow strip of land along the north boundary of Emily Traphagen Park, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

D. Boysel moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 pm, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.