Special Board Meeting Minutes November 15, 2016

Preservation Parks of Delaware County

9 AM Shale Hollow Park

**Attendees:**

Board members: Bruce Ruhl, John Bader, Dan Boysel

Staff: Mary Van Haaften, Tom Curtin

Public: Mike Schmidt

**Call to order:** B. Ruhl called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. Roll call was taken, all members voted aye.

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

**Open to the Public:** None

**New Business:**

1. Review of Strategic Initiatives: T. Curtin reviewed the status of the marketing campaign, land acquisition, and progress on completion of park comprehensive plans. Mike Schmidt of Cramer and Associates shared additional findings from the feasibility study regarding the need for the creation of a stand-alone foundation that would raise funds for park projects, and the Board’s involvement in introducing PPD’s leadership team throughout the county.
2. Trend Analysis 2017 – 2022: M. Van Haaften and T. Curtin shared budget projections through 2022 based on the passage of a levy consisting of the renewal of the current 0.6 levy and an additional 0.3 mill. The passage of this levy would generate approximately 1.9 million dollars yearly in additional revenue and allow the park district to accelerate the development of multi-use trails, land acquisition and the opening of new parks. The Board discussed the need for a survey prior to the levy and decided not to pursue that strategy; reviewed draft ballot language; were informed of when a resolution to place the levy on the November 2017 ballot would need to be passed; and were updated on the status of the Friends of Preservation Parks.
3. Passive Park activities: M. Van Haaften and T. Curtin suggested that the Board and staff discuss what types of activities would be compatible with, and considered in future park development based upon the Park District’s mission.

**Old Business:** None

**Executive Session:** None

1. Land
2. Personnel

D. Boysel moved to adjourn at 11:20 AM, J. Bader seconded and all members voted aye.