

Board Minutes March 7, 2017

Preservation Parks of Delaware County

1 PM Hogback Ridge Park

Attendees:

Board members: Dan Boysel, John Bader, Bruce Ruhl

Staff: Sue Hagan, Chris Roshon, Kyle Pace, Rich Niccum, Tyler Swartzlander, Sandra McBrearty, Matt Simpson, Bonnie Houk, Tony Benishek, Mary Van Haaften, Tom Curtin

Public: None

Call to order: D. Boysel called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, roll call was taken, all members voted aye.

Adoption of Agenda: B. Ruhl moved to adopt the revised agenda, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

Approval of Minutes: B. Ruhl moved to approve the February 9, 2017 Board meeting minutes, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

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

Open to the Public: None

Park Updates:

Char-Mar dam: Maintenance is underway per recommendations from ODNR and a professional engineering consultant. The Operations Department has removed trees with a 6" DBH and less. The outlet pipe will be re-sleeved and the area below the outlet pipe will be reinforced later in the year.

Tax Exemption: The Daugherty railroad right-of-way parcel received tax exempt status.

Remote locking restrooms: Timed locking mechanisms will be placed on Blues Creek, Emily Traphagan, and Char-Mar restrooms. The restroom doors can be opened from the inside once the locking mechanisms have been activated.

New Business:

1. Vision Insurance: B. Ruhl moved to approve renewal of the Park District's Vision insurance and lock in the rates for four years, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.
2. Group Term Life, Accidental Death, Long Term Disability, and Dental Insurances: T. Benishek informed the Board about proposed increases to the Park District's Group Term Life, Accidental Death, Long Term Disability, and Dental Insurances. The increases are modest; however, T. Benishek asked the broker to shop the coverage to see if better rates can be achieved. No action was taken pending further information.
3. Information Technology Contract: B. Ruhl moved to approve a one year Service Agreement with Clarity Technology Solutions, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

4. Regional Sewers Easement Request: Staff presented a preliminary proposal from the Delaware Regional Sewer District requesting a 20-30 foot wide easement through the Alum Creek property. The easement would be located along an existing tractor road and through the field to their Walker Wood Treatment Plant, which backs up to the property. The Regional Sewer District will consider removing failing road culverts and their associated fill and replacing them with a pedestrian bridge and trail along the easement alignment as part of the project. Eliminating the culverts would save the Park District short term and long term maintenance cost and opening the ravine will be beneficial for the stream corridor. The Board directed staff to continue the discussions and to request the easement be restricted to a width of 15-feet.
5. Delco Easement Request: Delco Water has requested an easement along the northern boundary of Shale Hollow Park, just outside the Hyatts Road right-of-way. The easement would be 12-feet wide and accommodate a 16" water line. This work would be coordinated with the Hyatts Road Rt. 23 interchange improvements scheduled for 2018. The Board directed staff to continue the discussions with Delco to determine the timing of the project and length of the proposed easement.
6. Adventure Trail at Gallant Woods: M. Simpson presented a concept for a Primitive Adventure Trail at Gallant Woods. Various natural elements would be incorporated along a narrow dirt trail to create opportunities for visitors. For example, log balance beams, tree stump steps, low log wall, etc. Additional elements would be added for a one day park-sponsored adventure course run. The Board's questions regarding insurance, staffing and impact to wildlife were answered satisfactorily by staff.
7. Surplus Property: B. Ruhl moved to declare the following items from the District's Park Police Department surplus property: three Remington 870 12 gauge shotguns and up to 10 S & W MP 40 cal. pistols. J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye. The weapons will be traded in for new weapons at a significant savings to the Park District.
8. Resolution 2017-234 ODOT Biennium Funding: D. Boysel moved to approve Resolution 2017-345 requesting ODOT biennium funding for Park District road and parking lot paving projects. This fund is administered through the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association.

Department Reports: Accepted as presented.

Old Business: None.

Executive Session: At 2:09 PM B. Ruhl moved to go into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition and discipline of an employee. J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

1. Land
2. Personnel

The Board returned to regular session at 2:39 PM.

B. Ruhl moved to allow the Executive Director to negotiate for land in Sunbury, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

B. Ruhl moved to authorize the Executive Director to sign a trail easement with Calvary Baptist Church in order to facilitate a trail connection from Smith Park in Delaware to Gallant Woods Park. J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

B. Ruhl moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:42 pm, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.