

Board Minutes June 8, 2017

Preservation Parks of Delaware County

1 PM Hogback Ridge Park

**Attendees:**

Board members: Dan Boysel, John Bader, Bruce Ruhl

Staff: Chris Roshon, Sue Hagan, Matt Simpson, Kevin Parrott, Liz Neroni, Sandra McBrearty, Bonnie Houk, Tony Benishek, Tyler Swartzlander, Mary Van Haften, Tom Curtin

Public: Amy Tovar, Christie Vargo, Macy Layer

**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 agenda, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

**Approval of Minutes:** B. Ruhl moved to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2017 meeting, 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:**

1. Senior Park Planner M. Simpson presented the new wildlife blind plans for Deer Haven Park.
2. Quarterly reports have been received from the Delaware County Foundation; The Amy Clark-Bader Bird Sanctuary Fund has a balance of \$2,018.44, and the Preservation Parks Fund has a balance of \$12,611.43.

**New Business:**

1. B. Ruhl moved to approve Resolution #2017 – 348 to proceed to a levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation. J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.
2. Park Technician K. Parrott presented the Emily Traphagan Park Comprehensive Plan. J. Bader commented that park should have an area reserved for wildlife refuge, without trails or regular public access.
3. M. Simpson presented a sewer easement request from Macy Layer, a neighbor to the Logan property, who has a failing septic system. The request is to allow an easement, approximately 100-feet in length, across the southeast corner of park property so Ms. Layer can tie into Delaware City's sewer line. The easement does not interfere with development plans for the park or negatively impact wildlife habitat and would result in the removal of a failing septic system from the Olentangy watershed. Ms. Layer will pay the Park District \$300.00 for the

easement. B. Ruhl moved to approve the sewer easement request, D. Boysel seconded, all members voted aye.

4. B. Ruhl moved to declare the following items surplus property: wood burning stove and an old chainsaw deemed unsafe. J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

**Department Reports:** Accepted as presented.

**Old Business:**

1. M. Simpson shared the bid results for the construction of a timber frame loft in the barn at Gallant Farm. B. Ruhl moved to accept the lowest and best bid from Structural Erectors in an amount not to exceed \$26,500. Funds for the project are budgeted in the Nestor fund. J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.
2. Deputy Director M. Van Haaften presented a recommendation to approve the revised Delco waterline easement request through Shale Hollow Park along the Hyatts Road right-of-way. B. Ruhl moved to approve the easement, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.
3. M. Simpson shared a concept plan for the Logan property. J. Bader recommended setting aside acreage for wildlife habitat.

**Executive Session:** B. Ruhl moved to go into executive session at 2:30 PM for the purpose of discussing land acquisition, J. Bader seconded, and roll call was taken. All members voted aye.

1. Land
2. Personnel

The Board returned to regular session at 2:45 PM and took the following action:

B. Ruhl moved to approve Resolution #2017 - 349 authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a purchase agreement to acquire property in Liberty Township adjacent to Emily Traphagan Park in three separate parcels over a three year period commencing in 2017 for a total price of \$1,382,650 plus closing costs. D. Boysel seconded, all members voted aye.

B. Ruhl moved to approve Resolution #2017 – 350, appropriating \$355,000 from the Certified Unappropriated Fund to the Planning Department fund for land acquisition.

B. Ruhl moved to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Real Estate Purchase Contract for property in Orange Township to be purchased by 2021. J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

D. Boysel moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:49 PM, B. Ruhl seconded, all members voted aye.