

Board Minutes
August 13, 2015 – 1:00 PM
Preservation Parks of Delaware County
Hogback Ridge Preserve

ATTENDEES:

Board members: John Bader, Dan Boysel, Bruce Ruhl arrived at 1:30.

Staff: Saundra McBrearty, Brandon Stroup, Chris Roshon, Ted Miller, Dennis Welch, Kyle Pace, Bonnie Houk, Gabe Ross, Tony Benishek, Patrick Shirey, Mary Van Haaften, Tom Curtin

Visitors: Jeanna Burrell, Amy Tovar, Kristin Studabaker, Tom Nied, Jerry Geist

The meeting was called to order by J. Bader at 1:00 PM

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: D. Boysel moved to adopt the revised agenda, J. Bader seconded, and motion passed 2-0.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: D. Boysel requested the addition of the word “State” to Meredith (State) Trail. D. Boysel moved to approve the July 9, 2015 minutes as amended, J. Bader seconded, and motion passed 2-0.

REVIEW OF MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT: D. Boysel moved that the monthly budget report be accepted as submitted, J. Bader seconded, and motion passed 2-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Jeanna Burrell from the Village of Galena provided the Board with an overview of how the Park District’s CPIG grants have enabled Galena to provide residents with quality park facilities and asked the Board to maintain CPIG funding.

Tom Nied from Harlem Township also spoke about the positive impact CPIG grants have had on Harlem Township’s parks and asked the Board to maintain funding for this program.

PARK UPDATES:

1. Shale Hollow - Parking lot construction is complete. Staff will finish seeding and planting this fall. Kiosk signage is in place. Staff has completed construction of the accessible walk to the deck. Paving of the entrance drive and parking lot is tentatively scheduled for October 12-16.
2. Deer Haven Pollinator Garden - Flagstone and gravel trails have been installed. Plants have been installed with additional planting planned for fall and spring.
3. Meredith State Road Trail - Construction is scheduled to commence on August 17th.
4. Drinking fountain outside the McCoy nature center at Hogback Ridge: Staff installed an accessible drinking fountain that incorporates a water bottle filling feature and pet watering station.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ohio Wesleyan University Memorandum of Understanding – The Board discussed the draft MOU that would lay the groundwork for the Park District and University to partner on raising funds to renovate and program the Perkins Observatory. The Board asked the Director to obtain clarification on several points and additional information regarding the Observatory's revenue history.
2. Orchard Oaks – The Board discussed a request to modify the life estate purchase agreement on this property that would allow the park district to provide financial support for maintaining the structures and grounds. The district has filed for tax exemption on this property and will await the outcome of that filing before acting upon the request to modify the purchase agreement.
3. Shale Hollow potential mitigation – D. Boysel made the motion to allow the Park District to negotiate a price for .72 acres of stream mitigation with Delaware County Engineers. B. Ruhl seconded and all members voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: The department reports were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Awareness Survey – 470 completed surveys have been received and the consultant is on track to present the results at the September Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: B. Ruhl made a motion to go into Executive Session at 2:12 pm to discuss land acquisition. D. Boysel seconded, roll call was taken, and all Board members voted aye.

1. Land
2. Personnel

The Board came out of executive session at 2:56 pm and resumed regular session.

B. Ruhl moved to purchase 0.608 acres of rail road right-of-way in Sunbury. D. Boysel seconded and all members voted aye.

D. Boysel moved to adjourn the meeting at 3 pm, B. Ruhl seconded, and all members voted aye.