

Board Minutes
September 10, 2015 – 1:00 PM
Preservation Parks of Delaware County
Hogback Ridge Preserve

ATTENDEES:

Board members: John Bader, Dan Boysel, Bruce Ruhl

Staff: Sue Hagan, Sandra McBrearty, Logan Dunn, Ted Miller, Dennis Welch, Kyle Pace, Bonnie Houk, Rich Niccum, Tony Benishek, Patrick Shirey, Mary Van Haaften, Tom Curtin

Visitors: Amy Tovar, Kristin Studabaker, Tom Nied, Ori Kristel

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: B. Ruhl moved to adopt the revised agenda, D. Boysel seconded, and all members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: B. Ruhl moved to approve the minutes from the August 13th regular board meeting. D. Boysel seconded and all members voted aye. D. Boysel moved to approve the minutes of the August 25 special board meeting. B. Ruhl seconded, and all members voted aye

REVIEW OF MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT: D. Boysel moved that the monthly budget report be accepted as submitted. B. Ruhl seconded and all members voted aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Amy Tovar expressed concern that the District's proposed partnership with OWU and Perkins Observatory was outside the Park's mission, and that raising funds without access to OWU's donor base would be problematic.

PARK UPDATES:

1. Meredith State Road Trail – Weather permitting, paving is scheduled for September 21.
2. Estate gift - Farm volunteer Linda Nester has left an estate gift to the Park District.
3. Shale Hollow McKay Lodge Marketing Plan – the park district is finalizing a marketing brochure and researching the cost of ads in publications such as Columbus CEO magazine and Business First newspaper.
4. Fair Display – Rich Niccum provided the Board with an overview of the District's plans for the fair space and programs.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 2015-323: Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. D. Boysel moved to adopt the resolution, B. Ruhl seconded, and all members voted aye.
2. Resolution 2015-324: To authorize the Executive Director to apply for Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Program Funding and execute a contract regarding the same. B. Ruhl moved to adopt the resolution, D. Boysel seconded, and all members voted aye.
3. As part of the District's record retention efforts, staff recommended renting a safe deposit box at Delaware County Bank to provide a secure offsite storage for electronic copies of Board

minutes and two hand written ledgers from the District's earliest days. The Bank requires the Board to make a motion to establish this safe deposit box and provide the names of staff who will have access to the box. The rental fee is \$85.00 per year. D. Boysel moved to rent the safe deposit box, naming Tony Benishek, Mary Van Haaften, and Tom Curtin as those staff having access to the box. B. Ruhl seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

4. Surplus property: D. Boysel move to declare the wood burner at ETP Barn, edger at GWP, and metal slide at Hing House as surplus property. B. Ruhl seconded and all members voted aye.

DEPARMENT REPORTS: The department reports were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Awareness Survey – Orië Kristel with Illuminology presented key findings of the county-wide public survey. **Key Finding #1:** Over all there is weak awareness of Preservation Parks of Delaware County. **Key Finding #2:** Residents who are aware of PPDC have positive attitudes toward PPDC. **Key Finding #3:** Residents would like PPDC to build more multi-use / nature trails. **Key Finding #4:** In order to increase awareness more intensive communications/education efforts are necessary for residents in southern Delaware County.
2. The City of Columbus is prepared to move ahead with bidding the Ottawa Creek Park adjacent to their up ground reservoir and are prepared to meet with park staff to discuss the future of the project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: B. Ruhl made a motion to go into Executive Session at 2:19 PM to discuss land acquisition and compensation of park employees. 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 3:13 PM and resumed regular session.

REGULAR SESSION:

B. Ruhl moved to purchase 0.608 acres of rail road right-of-way in Sunbury with Capital Improvement Community Recreation funds, received through ODNR. D. Boysel seconded and all members voted aye.

B. Ruhl moved to purchase 1.69 acres of railroad right-of-way in Sunbury with Capital Improvement Community Recreation funds, received through ODNR in addition to \$40,000 of the District's funds. J. Bader seconded and all members voted aye.

B. Ruhl moved to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate for land in Liberty Township. D. Boysel seconded and all members voted aye.

D. Boysel moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:17 PM, B. Ruhl seconded, and all members voted aye.