

## Board Minutes

December 11, 2015

Preservation Parks of Delaware County

1PM Hogback Ridge Preserve

An executive session was held prior to the regular meeting. J. Bader called the meeting to order at 12:18 pm, roll call was taken, all members were present. B. Ruhl moved that the Board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and compensation of public employees, D. Boysel seconded. Roll call was taken, all members voted aye. The Board came out of executive session at 12:55 pm, no action was taken.

### **Attendees:**

Board members: John Bader, Dan Boysel, Bruce Ruhl

Staff: Sue Hagan, Chris Roshon, Ted Miller, Tyler Swartzlander, Chad Watkins, Kyle Pace, Bonnie Houk, Rich Niccum, Tony Benishek, Brandon Stroup, Craig Flockerzie, Mike Landon, Ron Stoner, Kevin Parrott, Liz Neroni, Aaron Azzola, Patrick Shirey, Dan Kuebler, Mary Van Haaften, Tom Curtin

Visitors: Steve and Genevieve Berry

J. Bader called the regular meeting to order at 1:03 pm. Roll call was taken – all members were present.

**Adoption of Agenda:** D. Boysel moved to adopt the revised agenda, B. Ruhl seconded, all member voted aye.

**Approval of Minutes:** D. Boysel moved approve the minutes of the November 12, 2015 regular Board meeting, B. Ruhl seconded, all members voted aye. B. Ruhl moved to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2015 Retreat minutes, D. Boysel seconded, all members voted aye.

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

**Open to the Public:** Tony Benishek introduced Operations Staff Kevin Perot and Aaron A.

### **Park Updates:**

River Run: Construction is complete, we are awaiting the delivery of the park entrance sign.

ETP: We have received a NatureWorks grant totaling \$64,000 which will be used to pave the park.

Perkins: We have received a revised MOU from OWU and are prepared to move a head with signing at the January Board meeting. We will have a fund raising feasibility study conducted in 2016 in order to determine if the donor community will support a campaign to renovate the observatory and build a stand-alone planetarium. Firms will be interviewed in January. The cost of the study will be between 19 and 26 thousand dollars. The capital campaign will be approximately \$2.5 million.

**New Business:**

1. Reappointment of Park Commissioner: J. Bader has been reappointed for an additional three year term.
2. 2016 Budget Resolution: B. Ruhl moved to approve resolution 2015-328 establishing the Park District budget for 2016. D. Boysel seconded, all members voted aye.
3. Award 2016 Community Park Improvement Grants: B. Ruhl moved to approve the following CPIG awards; Oxford Township is requesting \$3,530 for 2 picnic tables, 2 trash cans, smooth rubber mats for the dugouts, and 2 lacrosse goals/nets. Harlem Township is requesting \$9,550 for extending electric service to the ball field and outlying areas of the park. The Village of Galena is requesting \$15,542 for picnic tables and trash cans, and installing an irrigation system for their ball fields. Staff recommend funding at \$11,920. Funding levels equal the \$25,000 set aside in the 2016 budget.
4. Executive Director to establish a stand-alone Preservation Park Foundation: D. Boysel moved to allow the Executive Director to pursue the formation of a stand-alone Preservation park Foundation. B. Ruhl seconded, all members voted aye.
5. Changing the names of Park District's holdings from Preserve to Park: D. Boysel moved to replace the designation Preserve with Park, B. Ruhl seconded, all members voted aye.
6. Establishing a tuition reimbursement policy: D. Boysel moved to establish a tuition reimbursement plan per the policy submitted by staff. B. Ruhl seconded, all members voted aye.

**Department Reports:** Department reports we accepted as submitted.

**Old Business:**

1. Oxford Township CPIG reimbursement: Oxford Township was approved for up to \$15,113.93 and is requesting \$14,739.00. B. Ruhl moved to approve the reimbursement, D. Boysel seconded, all members voted aye.
2. Concord Township CPIG reimbursement: Concord Township was approved for \$25,136.00 and is requesting \$23,196.54. D. Boysel Moved to approve the reimbursement, B. Ruhl seconded, all members voted aye.

**Executive Session:**

1. Land
2. Personnel

Based upon the executive session held prior to the regular session J. Bader moved to approve employee pay increases as presented, D. Boysel seconded, all member voted aye.

B. Ruhl moved to approve a 3% increase and a \$1000 merit bonus for the Executive Director, D. Boysel seconded, all members voted aye.

J. Bader moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:49 pm, D. Boysel seconded, all members voted aye.