

March 10, 2016 Board Minutes
Preservation Parks of Delaware County
1PM Hogback Ridge Park

Attendees:

Board members: Bruce Ruhl, John Bader, Dan Boysel

Staff: Sue Hagan, Chris Roshon, Logan Dunn, Ted Miller, Kyle Pace, Pat Shirey, Bonnie Houk, Rich Niccum, Tony Benishek, Tyler Swartzlander, Mary Van Haaften, Tom Curtin

Visitors: Steve and Genevieve Berry, Amy Tovar

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

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

Approval of Minutes: D. Boysel moved to approve the February 11, 2016 minutes as submitted, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

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

Open to the Public: Steve Berry shared that the Farm's maple syrup program was well attended and all present had a very good time; staff did a great job – the pancakes were a big hit. There were many first time visitors from all parts of the county and beyond.

Park Updates:

1. Bieber House - The Director shared that unless a buyer steps forward to purchase the historic house, the developer would demolish it as part of a large commercial project. The district might want to consider purchasing this type of structure in the future as a location for a new headquarters, provided that the cost of acquisition and renovation was reasonable and funds could be raised for the project.
2. Meredith Reimbursement - The Park District received its final reimbursement for the bike trail project in the amount of \$78,461.11.
3. Natural Play Areas – R. Niccum updated the Board on plans for creating natural play areas at Deer Haven, Char-Mar, Emily Traphagen and Shale Hollow Parks.
4. Marketing Update – S. Hagen shared that treetree is in the process of developing creative concepts for the district's marketing strategy, Clay Media has begun their work on the redesign of the web site, and Columbus imPressions had launched social media marketing for March programs.

5. Feasibility Study Update - Cramer and Associates has begun working with the district on writing the case for support, creating interview questions, and developing a list of potential interviewees.
6. Delaware Master Gardeners - The organization has inquired about the possibility of partnering with the district on creating a public garden at one of the parks. Staff will explore this possibility and update the Board.
7. Deer Density Survey - The Natural Resource Department is wrapping up the 2016 Deer Density report and will present the data at the April Board meeting.

New Business:

1. J. Bader moved to renew the Dental, Vision, Long Term Disability, and Life insurance coverages, D. Boysel seconded, all members voted aye.
2. D. Boysel moved to approve Resolution 2016 - 333: Transferring money to the Bond Fund, B. Ruhl seconded, all members voted aye.
3. D. Boysel moved to approve Resolution 2016 - 334: Transferring appropriation in the Logan Fund to Debt Service, B. Ruhl seconded, all members voted aye.

Department Reports: Department reports were accepted as submitted.

Old Business:

1. D. Boysel moved to enter into a Mitigation agreement with the Delaware County Engineer for 0.72 acres of mitigation at Shale Hollow Park in the amount of \$22,000, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

Executive Session: J. Bader moved to go in to Executive Session at 2 PM for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and discipline of a public employee. D. Boysel seconded, roll call was taken, all members voted aye.

1. Land
2. Personnel

The Board returned to regular session at 2:35 PM.

D. Boysel moved that the Director be authorized to sign all closing documents for the McCammon acquisition and to accept the Postle donation on behalf of the Park District. J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

D. Boysel moved to authorize the director to negotiate for land in Liberty Township, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

D. Boysel moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:39 PM, B. Ruhl seconded, all members voted aye.