

May 12, 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, Kyle Pace, Pat Shirey, Bonnie Houk, Rich Niccum, Tony Benishek, Tyler Swartzlander, Sandra McBrearty, Mary Van Haaften, Tom Curtin

Visitors: Steve Berry

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

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes: D. Boysel moved to approve the April 14, 2016 minutes as amended, B. Ruhl 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 he and his wife assisted with a school program at Gallant Farm. Seventy-five second graders learned about farm life, fed chickens, ground corn, and did laundry. He complimented the farm staff and program and said he learned a lot, too.

Park Updates:

1. Marketing update: The special mailing to residents in southern Delaware County is ready and will be mailed within two weeks. Social media marketing efforts will continue to promote programs and will also expand to general nature topics that are tied into what is trending. Website redesign is on schedule.
2. Delaware Schools & Logan tax exempt filing: The school system has filed an objection to the park district's request for tax exempt status for the Logan property.
3. Delaware County Master Gardeners: The group has proposed a children's garden to be integrated into a park, potentially in conjunction with a natural play area. The site would need access to water, electricity, parking, and restrooms. The group is also investigating possible sites with the City of Delaware.
4. Wellness initiative: T. Benishek reported on a step competition with seven other Delaware County agencies and businesses. There has been an enthusiastic response to the six week program; the City of Delaware is currently in the lead.
5. Staff award: T. Curtin reported that Liz Neroni received a 2016 Downtown Revitalization Award for her work on the Main Street Delaware Downtown Planter Program, which incorporated native plantings in the downtown planters.

New Business:

1. Farm donation: J. Bader moved to accept a \$64,000.00 donation from the Linda Nestor Estate. D. Boysel seconded and all members voted aye.
2. Resolution 2016-337: D. Boysel moved to establish a budget org key for the Nester Donation that will allow the Park District to maintain separate accounting records for the funds. J. Bader seconded and all members voted aye.
3. Rules and regulations: It has been approximately twelve years since the park district established its original rules & regulations and fine amounts. The proposed rules & regulation revisions consist of the district's current rules as well as new rules to address current issues and issues that may be encountered in the future. In addition, the district's Offense Waiver Schedule (fine schedule) has been updated. Many current fine amounts range from \$25.00 to \$50.00. Under the new Offense Waiver Schedule, fines will range from \$50.00 to \$100.00. The Board asked numerous questions regarding wording and activities that would and would not be permitted in the parks. Staff were able to answer most questions and the Board directed staff to continue gathering additional information for further discussion at the next Board meeting.

Department Reports: Department reports were accepted as submitted.

Old Business:

1. Pipeline work at River Run Park: The proposed access to the site has changed and the wooden mats will be placed so they will not impact as much of an area as previously indicated. Orange safety fencing will be used to restrict visitor access to the work site. Marathon will provide the park with a Certificate of Insurance from the Contractor and will provide a side letter for restoration. They will restore everything impacted – trees, etc. Staff has estimated restoration costs based on the revised proposal so Marathon will have an understanding of their liability up front.
2. Perkins update: The Board reviewed a draft rendering of the proposed Observatory renovations and Planetarium and were informed of the revised project costs.

Executive Session: B. Ruhl moved to go in to Executive Session at 1:54 PM for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and compensation of a park employee. D. Boysel seconded, roll call was taken, all members voted aye.

1. Land
2. Personnel

The Board returned to regular session at 2:24 PM.

D. Boysel moved to accept the donation of a 0.107 acre tract of land on Cascade Road in Liberty Township along the northern boundary of Emily Traphagen Park. J. Bader seconded and all members voted aye.

D. Boysel moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 PM, B. Ruhl seconded and all members voted aye.