Board Minutes November 10, 2016

Preservation Parks of Delaware County

3 PM Hogback Ridge Park

**Attendees:**

Board members: Bruce Ruhl, John Bader, Dan Boysel

Staff: Sue Hagan, Chris Roshon, Kyle Pace, Pat Shirey, Josh Troyer, Zach Wells, Rich Niccum, Tony Benishek, Dennis Welch, Saundra McBrearty, Bonnie Houk, Matt Simpson, Mary Van Haaften, Tom Curtin

Public: Amy Tovar, Steve Berry, Zach Price, Teresa Staats, Tom Burns, Don Stevens, Mike Schmidt

**Call to order:** B. Ruhl called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM, roll call was taken, all members voted aye.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** D. Boysel moved to approve the October 13, 2016 minutes, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

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

**Open to the Public:** Steve Berry inquired if the Perkins project would be addressed in today’s meeting. T. Curtin replied that Mike Schmidt of Cramer and Associates would provide a presentation on the feasibility study during Old Business**.** He also inquired about how the Linda Nestor donation would be used. T. Curtin replied that the money would be used for a variety of projects at Gallant farm such as the fishing pier and hay loft. An additional donation from the estate is anticipated.

**Park Updates:**

1. T. Curtin informed the Board that the park district did not receive grants for paving of BWCT / Sandel Legacy Trail, trail improvements at Gallant Woods, or acquiring land adjacent to Emily Traphagen Park. However, the Park District did receive a Clean Ohio Greenspace grant to acquire phase 2 of the Alum Creek Corridor Protection project.
2. T. Curtin informed the Board that Bonnie Houk recommended canceling the Park District’s BP charge cards to avoid the fees being charged. Staff will use Park District Visa cards if they need to purchase gas for park vehicles when they cannot access the county pumps.

**New Business:**

1. T. Curtin informed the Board that the budget had been adjusted to show an increase of $13,500 in revenue and decrease of $16,750 in expenditures. The Board asked several questions all of which were answered satisfactorily. An updated budget, with revisions highlighted, will be sent to the Board within the next few weeks.

**Department Reports:**

**Old Business:**

1. Mike Schmidt of Cramer and Associates provided the Board with the results of the Perkins Feasibility Study. While both Preservation Parks and the Perkins Observatory were found to be viewed favorably, the conclusion was reached that the project is not fundable at this time. The report recommended: 1. that Tom Burns, Director of Perkins Observatory, should continue providing tours to cultivate potential donors, and 2. that OWU would need to raise its level of financial participation in the partnership, which should occur upon completion of the university’s current capital campaign.
2. D. Boysel moved to reimburse Oxford Township $3,464.11 as approved in their 2016 CPIG project. J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

**Executive Session:** B. Ruhl moved to go in to Executive Session at 2:12 PM for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and compensation of public employees, J. Bader seconded, roll call was taken and all members voted aye.

1. Land
2. Personnel

The Board returned to regular session at 2:57 PM. No action was taken.

D. Boysel moved to adjourn at 2:58 PM, J. Bader seconded and all members voted aye.