

Board Minutes November 9, 2018

Preservation Parks of Delaware County

1 PM Hogback Ridge Park

**Attendees:**

Board: John Bader, Bruce Ruhl, Glenn Marzluf

Staff: Matt Simpson, Bonnie Houk, Rich Niccum, Sue Hagan, Kyle Pace, Tyler Swartzlander, Tony Benishek, Chris Roshon, Mary Van Haaften, Tom Curtin

Public: Amy Tovar

**Call to order:** J. Bader called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM, roll call was taken, all members present.

**Adoption of Agenda:** B. Ruhl moved to adopt the revised agenda as presented, G. Marzluf seconded, all members voted aye.

**Approval of Minutes:**

G. Marzluf moved to approve the October 12, 2018 regular board meeting minutes, B. Ruhl seconded, all members voted aye.

B. Ruhl moved to approve the October 25, 2018 special board meeting minutes, J. Bader seconded and B. Ruhl and J. Bader voted aye. G. Marzluf abstained due to his absence at the October 25, 2018 special board meeting.

**Budget Report:** B. Ruhl moved to approve the monthly budget report as presented, G. Marzluf seconded, all members voted aye.

**Open to the Public:** Amy Tovar informed the Board that the primitive trail at Gallant Woods was obscured by leaves making it difficult to follow; this is also a concern once the snow falls. She inquired if the trail could be marked better. Kyle Pace said that the Operations Department has been blowing off the trail every two weeks. Staff will devise a method to mark the trail better.

**Park Updates:**

- Matt Simpson shared pictures of the nearly completed Deer Haven wildlife blind. J. Bader asked if the foliage directly in front of the blind could be thinned to provide views across the pond. Staff will review.
- M. Simpson informed the Board that the Sandel Legacy Trail Paving is nearing completion. There are a few punch list items that need to be addressed before the project can be closed out.
- M. Simpson informed the Board that the Park District has received a NatureWorks grant in the amount of \$37, 878.00 to pave the entrance drive at Char-Mar Ridge Park. The Park District's match is \$12,000.00.
- Staff will hold an open house at Shale Hollow Park on Sunday, November 18 from 1 to 3 PM to solicit public comment on the proposed southern primitive trail.
- M. Simpson informed the Board that the Park District received a Clean Ohio Trail Fund grant to acquire land for the Ohio to Erie Trail.
- M. Van Haaften informed the Board that the Alum Creek Phase 4 - acquisition and restoration of 37 acres along Bale-Kenyon Rd - has been recommended for funding through the Clean Ohio Greenspace Program.

**New Business:**

1. G. Marzluf move to approve Resolution 2018 – 384 Establishing a Budget Org Key to track the NatureWorks grant. B. Ruhl seconded, all members voted aye.
2. G. Marzluf moved to approve Resolution 2018-385 Establishing and ORG Key and Approving the Clean Ohio Trail Fund grant for acquisition of railroad right-of-way in the Village of Sunbury and Trenton Township. B. Ruhl seconded, all members voted aye.
3. The 2019 Draft Budget was presented to the Board. B. Ruhl clarified the increases in the budget were due to new levy funds the Park District will be receiving in 2019 and that the funds were being directed toward land acquisition and capital projects. G. Marzluf asked that a narrative accompany the final budget providing details regarding 2019 projects.
4. M. Simpson provided a summary of the Community Trail Improvement Grant submissions received by Preservation Parks. G. Marzluf moved to approve the award of a Community Trail Improvement Grant to Concord Township in the amount of \$15,000.00 for Rapid Flashing Beacons to be installed at a pedestrian trail crossing. B. Ruhl seconded, all members voted aye

**Department Reports:** Accepted as presented.

**Old Business:**

1. M. Simpson presented concept drawings and site plan for the development of the Logan property, which the staff recommends naming Hickory Woods Park.
2. Sue Hagan informed the Board that we have begun working with TreeTree on developing a new logo and have solicited input from staff.
3. Attorney Ross Long has informed staff that three pieces of furniture still need to be sold before the Jones Estate can be closed. The Park District can wait until the end of the year to see if the furniture is sold. If it doesn't sell, the District can accept the furniture, and the estate can be closed. The Board will wait until the end of the year and then decide how to proceed.

**Executive Session:** B. Ruhl moved to go into executive session at 2:03 PM for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and compensation of park district employees. G. Marzluf seconded, roll call was taken, all members voter aye.

The Board returned to regular session at 3:32 PM.

B. Ruhl moved to renew the Park District's health insurance coverage with Anthem for 2019 with a 7.9% increase in premium. G. Marzluf seconded, all members voted aye.

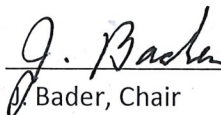
B. Ruhl moved to authorize the Director and the Deputy Director to negotiate for land in the Village of Sunbury. G. Marzluf seconded, all members voted aye.

G. Marzluf moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:32 PM, B. Ruhl seconded, all members voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Curtin, Executive Director



J. Bader, Chair