

Board Minutes February 1, 2018

Preservation Parks of Delaware County

1 PM Hogback Ridge Park

**Attendees:**

Board: John Bader, Bruce Ruhl, Glenn Marzluf (awaiting swearing in by probate judge)

Staff: Kyle Pace, Dennis Welch, Bonnie Houk, Matt Simpson, Robin Mayes, Liz Neroni, Rich Niccum, Sandra McBrearty, Sue Hagan, Tony Benishek, Chris Roshon, Mary Van Haaften, Tom Curtin

Public: Amy Tovar

**Call to order:** J. Bader called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, roll call was taken, B. Ruhl and J. Bader present, Glenn Marzluf present as observer.

**Adoption of Agenda:** B. Ruhl moved to approve the agenda as presented, J. Bader seconded, both members voted aye.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** B. Ruhl moved to approve the January 16, 2018 meeting minutes as presented, J. Bader seconded, both members voted aye.

**Budget Report:** B. Ruhl moved to accept the monthly budget report as presented, J. Bader seconded, both members voted aye.

**Open to the Public:** Amy Tovar reported that the Friends of Preservation Parks discovered paid invoices from 2007 regarding meetings with a law firm on behalf of the Friends.-Staff will make inquiries and get back to Amy.

**Park Updates:** Staff submitted a Clean Ohio Trails Fund grant for acquisition of railroad right-of-way northeast of the Village of Sunbury.

**New Business:**

1. Naturalist Liz Neroni and Farm Educator Robin Mayes updated the Board on plans for the Education Department's 2018 theme: Adventures In Flight. Exhibits at Deer Haven Visitor Center will focus on birds, the current challenges they face, what people can do at home to help birds, their various habitats and adaptations. McKay Lodge at Shale Hollow will contain exhibits on flying insects and bats. Gallant Farm will focus on human flight, women in flight, the history of flight in Ohio, and the use of hot air balloons in the Civil War. Flight-themed programs, speakers, and movies will round out the experience. The exhibits and programs will begin Memorial Day weekend at Deer Haven with tethered hot air balloon rides, a screening of the movie UP and demonstrations by a falconer. Adventures In Flight will run through Labor Day weekend.
2. Senior Park Planner Matt Simpson updated the Board on the Hing House demolition project. He expects to receive quotes for this work by the end of February. The Park District has budgeted \$20,000 for the project.

**Department Reports:** Accepted as presented.

**Old Business:**

1. Park District legal counsel Ross Long is working with County Prosecutor Aric Hochstettler to include language in the Hyatts Road Sanitary Sewer Easement that will protect Preservation Parks against legal action associated with the construction, repair, operation, maintenance, and replacement of the force main sewer through Shale Hollow Park along Hyatts Road.
2. B. Ruhl moved to table discussion on revisions to the Employee Handbook until the March board meeting. J. Bader seconded, both members voted aye.

**Executive Session:** B. Ruhl moved to go into executive session at 2:05 PM for the purpose of land acquisition. J. Bader seconded, roll call was taken and both members voted aye.

The Board returned to regular session at 2:28 PM.

B. Ruhl moved to authorize the Deputy Director to negotiate for land in Brown Township. J. Bader seconded, both members voted aye.

B. Ruhl moved to adjourn at 2:29 PM, J. Bader seconded, both members voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,



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Tom Curtin, Executive Director



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J. Bader, Chair