

Board Minutes September 7, 2017
Preservation Parks of Delaware County
1 PM Hogback Ridge Park

Attendees:

Board members: Dan Boysel, John Bader; Bruce Ruhl arrived at 1:05 PM

Staff: Bonnie Houk, Rich Niccum, Matt Simpson, Chris Roshon, Kyle Pace, Dennis Welch, Josh Hough,
Saundra McBrearty, Tony Benishek, Mary Van Haaften, Tom Curtin

Public: Amy Tovar, Kathy Belew, Duane and Darletta Hough

Call to order: D. Boysel called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM, roll call was taken, all members present voted aye.

Adoption of Agenda: D. Boysel moved to approve the agenda as presented, J. Bader seconded, all members present voted aye.

Approval of the Minutes: J. Bader moved to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2017 meeting, D. Boysel seconded, all members present voted aye.

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

Open to the Public:

Kathy Belew, Shale Hollow neighbor, expressed her interest in learning about the governance and decision making process of the Park District and her interest in trails.

Amy Tovar informed the Board and staff that she was unable to access the Board minutes on the Park District's website. Staff will look into this right away.

Park Updates:

Gallant Woods paving will begin on September 18th and will take one to two weeks to complete. Gallant Woods park gates will be closed to vehicular traffic during this time. Visitors can park at Gallant Farm and access Gallant Woods via the connector trail between the two.

NRAC 17 received four Clean Ohio Grant applications for Round 12, including one from Preservation Parks. \$1,224,052 is available this funding round.

The Park District closed on Phase 2 of the Alum Creek Corridor Protection project (McCammon Estate) on August 15, in the amount of \$1,823,000. Clean Ohio Grant funds (\$1,288,000) were combined with Park District funds (\$535,000) to purchase the 64 acres.

New Business:

1. Park Board President D. Boysel conducted the public swearing in of Park Police Officer Josh Hough.
2. B. Ruhl moved to approve Resolution #2017-358 Accepting the amounts and rates of the levy and authorizing the necessary levies and certifying them to the county auditor. J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.
3. B. Ruhl moved to approve Resolution #2017-359 Authorization to purchase property in Orange Township, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.
4. The Park District received the second half tax settlement totaling \$1,710,726.34.
5. T. Benishek informed the Board that the renewal date for Anthem health benefits has been changed from October 1, 2017 to January 1, 2018.

6. M. Simpson presented the draft Delaware County Bike Plan. The Plan will be used to coordinate the development of an integrated network of bike trails throughout the county.
7. The second quarter Statement of Activity has been received from the Delaware County Foundation. The Preservation Parks Fund has a balance of \$13,088.48 and the Amy Clark Bader Bird Sanctuary Fund has a balance of \$2,023.50.

Department Reports: Accepted as presented.

Old Business:

1. The Park District infrequently receives requests from groups reserving park facilities to allow alcohol to be served. Over the past several years, special permission for use of alcohol was granted at indoor facilities (Deer Haven and Shale Hollow) by the Executive Director. The Board asked staff to look into creating an Alcohol Use policy. Use of alcohol in the parks is addressed in the existing Park Rules and Regulations:

No person shall possess, sell, offer for sale or consume any intoxicating liquor, wine, beer or alcoholic beverage while on park-owned or controlled property, except where a liquor license exists or in specific designated areas authorized by the Director and with issuance of a written permit. No person shall bring onto Park District property or into facilities any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverage other than those sold by the licensed concessionaires and/or with a special permit issued by the Director.

Staff feel the current rules are sufficient, given the infrequency of requests, and recommend continuing to review requests on a case-by-case basis, with recommendations presented to the Board for approval. This will allow staff and the Board flexibility in responding to requests as they arise.

2. M. Simpson discussed the Logan property concept plan with the Board including potential dates for a public Open House to solicit input. The Open House will be held on either October 3 or 4.

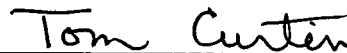
Executive Session: B. Ruhl moved to go into Executive Session at 2:05 PM for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and compensation of a park employee, J. Bader seconded, roll call was taken, all members voted aye.

Regular Session: The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:39 PM. No action was taken.

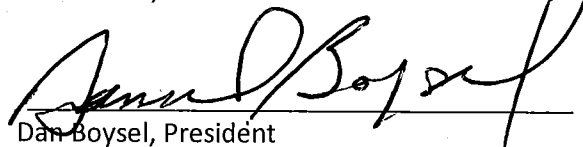
Date of Next Board Meeting: The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2017, 1:00 PM at Hogback Ridge Park, 2656 Hogback Road, Sunbury, Ohio.

B. Ruhl moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:41 PM, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Curtin, Executive Director


Dan Boysel, President