



MINUTES

Preservation Parks of Delaware County
September 12, 2013 – 1:00 P.M.
Hogback Ridge Preserve
2656 Hogback Road, Sunbury, Ohio

ATTENDEES: John Bader, Dan Boysel, Bruce Ruhl, Rita Au, Frank DiMarco, Sue Hagan, Sandra McBrearty, Ted Miller, Jason Nahvi, Rich Niccum, Kara Spriggs, Dennis Welch, Todd Younkin

GUESTS: Rich Bradley, Amy Tovar

The meeting was called to order by Chair B. Ruhl at 1:01 P.M.

Review of Minutes. The Minutes of the August 8, 2013 meeting were reviewed. There was no discussion. D. Boysel moved to accept the Minutes as submitted; J. Bader seconded. The motion carried.

Review of Monthly Budget Report. D. Boysel questioned what was included in the Intergovernmental category of funds. K. Spriggs explained that that included rollbacks and local government funds. The second half of the rollbacks had not yet been received and the local government funds are received every month. These factors are why the report shows that not all projected funds have been received. After discussion, B. Ruhl moved to approve the expenditures as presented; D. Boysel seconded.

Public Participation. None was offered.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Professional Leave Requests.
 - a. Todd Younkin
 - b. Seth Detter
 - c. Tyler Swartzlander

2. Staff Recognition. R. Au recognized the following:
 - a. Education Staff for successful summer camps, with 91 attendees, and the registration fees provided the funds for the seasonal employee's salary
 - b. S. McBrearty, R. Mayes, G. Ross, and R. Niccum for successful Paper Moon Dance. This first time event drew 150 attendees to the Gallant Farm Preserve.
 - c. S. Hagan, S. McBrearty, B. Macaluso, R. Stoner, D. Welch, S. Detter, J. Dorinsky, T. Swartzlander, T. Miller and M. Van Haften for successful Green-Wise Fair, with 350 participants
 - d. T. Miller, M. Van Haften, M. Landon, B. Macaluso, R. Stoner, Kevin White (seasonal), and C. Roshon for work at Shale Hollow Preserve
 - e. J. Nahvi, for 2.5 years of performance as Human Resources Manager. His last day with Preservation Parks is September 20, 2013.

3. Opening of Shale Hollow Preserve. After checking schedules, it was determined that the opening date could be November 10, 2013.

REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Construction Projects. T. Miller reported that the projects at Shale Hollow Preserve, the Gateway Interpretive Pavilion, Ottawa Creek Preserve, and Blues Creek Preserve are proceeding and all are in different stages of development.
2. Update on OPRA Park Section Fall Forum. R. Au reported that registration was low to date and is disappointing. Au reminded the Park Commissioners to submit their registration forms.
3. Visitation Statistics. R. Au reported that the following visitation statistics show continued community support, as well as confirm the impression that the parks are getting busier:
 - a. Average concert attendance: 250
 - b. Average special event attendance at the Farm: 212
 - c. Estimated overall annual attendance for park district to date for 2013: 471,800
4. Orchard Oaks Preserve. The Commissioners considered a request from Dave Orndorf for financial assistance with a few maintenance projects at Orchard Oaks Preserve, including sealing the driveway and staining the house and barn. B. Ruhl moved to establish a budget not to exceed \$2000 to be utilized, either internally with PPD personnel, or externally with hired contractors, with the projects to be completed by May 2014. J. Bader seconded. The motion was approved.
5. Surveys. R. Au reported that to date 300 surveys had been completed and that the results were favorable and which indicated a preference for additional trails, wildlife viewing blinds and a stand-alone nature center. Au plans to administer the surveys during the Delaware County Fair.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:08 P.M., B. Ruhl moved to convene an Executive Session for the purposes of discussing land acquisition and personnel issues. D. Boysel seconded. At 3:38 P.M., B. Ruhl moved to adjourn the Executive Session and re-convene the General Session. J. Bader seconded. Both motions carried.

B. Ruhl requested that the date and time of the October meeting be changed to October 9 at 2:00 P.M., from October 10, at 1:00. D. Boysel and J. Bader agreed.

B. Ruhl moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:39 P.M. J. Bader seconded. The motion carried.