



MINUTES

Preservation Parks of Delaware County

December 12, 2013 – 1:30 P.M.

Shale Hollow Preserve

6320 Artesian Run, Lewis Center, Ohio 43035

ATTENDEES: John Bader, Dan Boysel, Bruce Ruhl, Rita Au, Kim Banks, Tony Benishek, Frank DiMarco, Logan Dunn, Sue Hagan, Michael Landon, Saundra McBrearty, Bob Macaluso, Ted Miller, Liz Neroni, Rich Niccum, Kyle Pace, Chris Roshon, Gabe Ross, Patrick Shirey, Kara Spriggs, Tyler Swartzlander, Mary Van Haften, Dennis Welch, Todd Younkin

GUESTS: Jim Bargar, April Hoy, Amy Tovar

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Chair Bruce Ruhl.

Review of Minutes. J. Bader pointed out a typo in a name. B. Ruhl moved to approve the Minutes as corrected; J. Bader seconded; D. Boysel abstained. The motion carried.

Review of Monthly Budget Report. After review of the report, D. Boysel moved to approve the expenditures for the month of November as presented. B. Ruhl seconded. The motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Amy Tovar complimented the Park District on the new park brochures.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Professional Leave. Requests were submitted from seven members of staff to attend the February 2014 OPRA Conference and Trade Show at Kalahari Conference and Resort at an approximate (some staff are members of OPRA and pay less; some staff will volunteer and will receive a cost break) cost of \$400 per person for the conference and \$200 per night for the hotel (sharing of rooms will occur as much as possible). D. Boysel moved to approve the attendance of seven staff to attend the 2014 OPRA Conference; B. Ruhl seconded. The motion carried.
2. 2014 Budget Allocation Resolution. Stating that we had not received the final cash balance report from the county auditor's office as yet, but that we needed to have allocations in place by the end of the year, R. Au presented the preliminary 2014 Appropriations for consideration. D. Boysel moved to adopt Resolution #288, the Preliminary Budget Allocations for 2014. B. Ruhl seconded. The Resolution was adopted. D. Boysel requested a comparison with the 2013 Allocations, the percent of change, and information regarding any large purchases.
3. Transfer of Funds Resolution. R. Au presented Resolution #289, which would transfer funds from the Expenditures Transfers Fund to the General Revenues Fund. This would differentiate the WPCLF funds from the general revenues fund. B. Ruhl moved to adopt Resolution #289, to transfer funds from the Expenditures Transfers Fund to the General Revenues Fund in the

amount of \$428,882, effective upon receipt of the WPCLF bond funds. D. Boysel seconded. The resolution was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Grant Application Results. R. Au reported that the Park District has been awarded a NatureWorks grant in the amount of \$28,600 for the construction of a small shelter near the upper parking lot of Shale Hollow Preserve. This is at least 50% of the cost to construct the shelter. She also reported that the requested grant for the construction of the restroom at Blues Creek Preserve had been denied.
2. Cellar Cabin Reconstruction Proposal. D. Boysel moved not to restore the cabin in any of the Preservation Parks. B. Ruhl seconded. The motion carried.
3. Comprehensive Plan Update. R. Au reported that all but one department's suggestions/plans had been received and that it was her hope to have the update completed in February.
4. Park Director Manual. R. Au reported that she is chairing a committee of fellow park directors to develop a manual for park directors which will include information regarding a vast variety of topics relative to the operation of park districts. It will be a long-term project – perhaps a year or longer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. At 2:17 P.M., B. Ruhl moved to convene an Executive Session for the purpose of considering the acquisition of land; D. Boysel seconded. The motion was approved. D. Boysel moved to adjourn the Executive Session at 2:55 P.M.; B. Ruhl seconded. The motion carried.

D. Boysel moved to acquire a 114 acre property in Delaware Township at a gross cost of \$1,447,000, accepting a gift of \$200,000 by the owner at time of closing and an additional gift of \$100,000 over a period of four years, for a total purchase price of \$1,147,000. B. Ruhl seconded. The motion was approved. R. Au was to notify the property owner.

D. Boysel moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:01 P.M. B. Ruhl seconded. The motion carried. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 9 at 1:00 at Hogback Ridge Preserve.