

Board Minutes July 13, 2017

Preservation Parks of Delaware County

1 PM Hogback Ridge Park

**Attendees:**

Board members: Dan Boysel, John Bader, Bruce Ruhl

Staff: Chris Roshon, Matt Simpson, Kyle Pace, Sandra McBrearty, Tony Benishek, Dennis Welch,  
Rich Niccum, Mary Van Haften, Tom Curtin

Public: Amy Tovar, Erica Wares, George Kaitsa

**Call to order:** D. Boysel called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, roll call was taken, all members voted aye.

**Adoption of Agenda:** B. Ruhl moved to adopt the revised agenda, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

**Approval of Minutes:** B. Ruhl moved to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2017 meeting, J. Bader seconded, all members 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:** None.

**Park Updates:**

The Park District closed on the purchase of 7 acres adjacent to Emily Traphagan Park.

State Budget Legislation Update:

The Ohio Parks and Recreation Association reported that 1545 Park Districts have been exempted from the bill that would have required them to unitize with neighboring property owners on gas and oil wells.

The Probate Judges Association has opposed HB 218 (which would expand the authority of Probate Judges) in its current form. It's anticipated that the bill will be modified to exclude 1545 Park Districts.

Rich Bradley and several volunteers banded eleven Purple Martin chicks at Gallant Farm. The banding effort will continue in subsequent years.

**New Business:**

B. Ruhl moved to approve Resolution 2017 – 351 which Rescinds Resolutions 2017 – 347 and 2017 -348. J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

B. Ruhl moved to approve Resolution 2017 – 352, a resolution declaring the necessity of placing a levy on the November 7, 2017 ballot. J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

Upon the vote approving Resolution 2017-352, County Auditor George Kaitsa signed the Auditor's Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue with the amount of \$6,208,524 and presented it to Board President D. Boysel.

B. Ruhl moved to approve Resolution 2017 – 353, to proceed to a levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation. J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

B. Ruhl moved to approve Resolution 2017 – 354 to establish a budget Org Key to track a Clean Ohio grant and a Supplemental Appropriation to allow the Park District to expend funds associated with the grant. J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

B. Ruhl moved to approve Resolution 2017 – 355 to authorizes the Park District to apply for a Clean Ohio Grant. J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

B. Ruhl moved to allow the Delaware Rotary Club to serve beer and wine at their July 31, 2017 social at Deer Haven Park. J. Bader seconded. The Board then discussed whether this would set a precedent that could have negative effects for the Park District, and whether one specific facility should be designated for gatherings that wish to serve beer and wine. The Board decided to review each request on a case by case basis and directed the staff to create a policy that would be used for future requests. D. Boysel then called the question and all members voted to approve the request.

**Department Reports:** Accepted as presented.

**Old Business:**

M. Simpson presented a revised version of the Logan Concept Plan including twenty acres set aside for wildlife habitat. The Park District is evaluating the potential for reuse of existing buildings. A future public Open House will be held to invite public input on the concept plan.

**Executive Session:** B. Ruhl moved to go into Executive Session at 2:02 PM for the purpose of discussing land acquisition, J. Bader seconded, and roll call was taken. All members voted aye.

**Regular Session:** The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:26 PM.

B. Ruhl moved to authorize staff to negotiate for land in Genoa Township. D. Boysel seconded, all members voted Aye.

D. Boysel moved to approve Resolution #2017-356 authorizing the Director or the Deputy Director to purchase land in Orange Township. J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

**Date of Next Board Meeting:** The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 2017, 1:00 PM at Hogback Ridge Park, 2656 Hogback Road, Sunbury, Ohio.

B. Ruhl moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:33 PM, D. Boysel seconded, all members voted aye.