

Board Minutes July 17, 2020
Preservation Parks of Delaware County
1:00 PM Video Meeting

Attendees:

Staff: Rich Niccum, Kyle Pace, Dennis Welch, Lauren Richards, Beth McCollam, Matt Simpson, Bonnie Houk, Tony Benishek, Mary Van Haaften, Tom Curtin

Board: Glenn Marzluf, John Bader, Bruce Ruhl

Public: Steve Berry and other unidentified members of the public

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 1 PM, roll was taken, all Board members present.

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

Approval of Minutes: B. Ruhl moved to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2020 Regular Meeting. J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye. J. Bader moved to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes. B. Ruhl seconded; all members voted aye.

Budget Report: B. Ruhl moved to approve the monthly report, J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.

Park Updates:

- The opening of restrooms and playgrounds has proceeded smoothly.
- Staff have implemented a Park Ambassador program at Shale Hollow Park to provide information to visitors and assist Park Police with traffic control.
- The State Audit is progressing smoothly thanks to Bonnie's diligent efforts to locate, scan and send the requested documents to the auditors. The audit is delayed due to reduced staffing and workload in the County Auditor's office. The County anticipates being able to fulfill the State Auditor's document requests by the end of July.

Open to the Public: None.

New Business:

1. B. Ruhl move to approve Resolution 2020 – 452: a supplemental appropriation to move funds from the certified unappropriated balance to the Planning department for the purpose of land acquisition. J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.
2. B. Ruhl moved to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with participating law enforcement agencies in the County through December 31, 2020 and then annually per the agreement, provided there are no changes to the language of the current agreement. J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.
3. B. Ruhl moved to award the Construction Contract for the Ohio to Erie Trail to Mark Haynes Construction in the amount of \$545,513.55 and to approve additional

- expenditures as needed up to the budgeted amount of \$ 675,000.00 for contingencies or additional trail. J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.
4. J. Bader moved to award the Shale Hollow Park / Char-Mar Ridge Park parking lot design contract to Carpenter Marty Transportation in the amount of \$ 49,585.00. B. Ruhl seconded; all members voted aye.
 5. B. Ruhl moved to award the McCammon Creek Stream Restoration Guaranteed Maximum Price and Construction Contract with ERC in the amount of \$ 449,720.00. J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.
 6. J. Bader moved to declare the list of items submitted to the Board as Surplus Property. B. Ruhl seconded; all members voted aye.

Department Reports: Accepted as presented.

Open to the Public: Steve Berry stated that there is no substantial support for a new logo. He informed the Board that he has talked with volunteers and park visitors who expressed their opposition to the proposed logo. He stated that spending money on implementing a new logo during a pandemic is an unnecessary expenditure of funds. He asked the Board if they saw the results from a survey of 28 participants, which was conducted to gather public feedback on the new logo. The Board responded that they had. Steve indicated that he did not conduct the survey, which he believed had been sent to park volunteers and park users. The author of the survey is unknown and, if present at the meeting, did not identify him/herself or give comment to respond to methodology or questions about the three newly created logos that survey respondents were asked to compare to the new logo. He stated that volunteers are not being heard or involved. Staff responded that among the 71 people were invited to participate in the logo focus groups, 8 were volunteers.

G. Marzluf expressed his concern if there is a misimpression that volunteers are not valued. He shared, on behalf of the board, their sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Berry and all volunteers for the important work that they do for the Park District.

Old Business:

1. Logo – Staff recapped the focus group process and results with a short power point that was presented to the Board in March 2020. The focus groups were facilitated by a third party to gather feedback on the proposed logo. Focus group members included participants in the District's Strategic Plan and represented a variety of Delaware County residents, businesses, organizations, and PPDC volunteers. Of 71 invited, 26 participated. In summary, the participants in the three Focus Group sessions overwhelmingly agreed that the proposed "Fox leaf" logo served to differentiate Preservation Parks from other park districts, would contribute to greater awareness of Preservation Parks, and that the Fox was an appropriate image for the logo.

The Board indicated that staff would make the determination regarding implementation of the new logo and they did not need to take a vote. G. Marzluf said that if a vote had been taken, he would have voted in favor of the new logo.

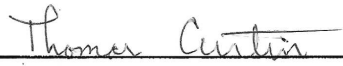
Executive Session: B. Ruhl moved to go into executive session at 2:12 PM for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and potential litigation. Park District legal counsel Chad Heald joined the Board for this discussion. J. Bader seconded, roll call was taken; all members voted aye.


The Board returned to regular session at 2:55 PM, no action was taken.

Next Board Meeting Date: August 21, 1 PM via Zoom.

Adjournment: J. Bader moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:57 PM, B. Ruhl seconded; all members voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,


Thomas Curtin, Executive Director


Glenn Marzluf, Chair, Park Commissioner