

Board Minutes October 14, 2021
Preservation Parks of Delaware County
1:00 PM Deer Haven Lodge

Attendees:

Staff: Rich Niccum, Matt Simpson, Bonnie Houk, Beth McCollam, Lauren Richards, Tony Benishek, Craig Flockerzie, Dennis Welch, Tom Curtin

Board: John Bader, Bruce Ruhl, Glenn Marzluf

Public: Susan McGrail, Stacy Chaney-Blankenship, Sue Chaney, Linsey Griffith, Jennifer Jenkins.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM, roll call was taken, all members present.

Adoption of Agenda: B. Ruhl moved to adopt the revised agenda as presented, G. Marzluf seconded, all members voted aye.

Approval of Minutes: G. Marzluf moved to approve the minutes of the September 9 meeting, B. Ruhl seconded, all members voted aye.

Budget Report: G. Marzluf moved to approve the monthly budget report as presented, B. Ruhl seconded, all members voted aye.

Park Updates: None.

Open to the Public: Stacy Chaney-Blankenship spoke about the proposed Addison development in the City of Delaware and asked that the Park District consider working with the City to preserve a portion of the property. She stated that 350 people have signed a petition supporting preservation of the area and shared a power point slide depicting the proposed development area as well as a handout that included a county map of the Park District, population statistics, locations of schools, PPDC parks within 5.5 miles of the City and an excerpt of a survey regarding priorities for program investment. (Hard copy handout saved in Board packet records on file.)

Susan McGrail asked that the Park District and City work together to preserve a portion of the property and shared Westerville's Gold Medal plan for creating parks in their city.

Sue Chaney shared that she and others meet via zoom with the developer, and he may be interested in selling part of the property. A park in this location would provide individuals who do not have an easy way to access parks with the ability to access the park by walking or taking public transportation.

Jennifer Jenkins shared information about the Forest Free School and how participants could be served by a park at this location. She also provided information on a grant opportunity. (Hard copy of E-mail saved in Board packet records on file.)

Director Curtin shared that he and Delaware City Manager Tom Homan are trying to set up a meeting with the developer to determine his level of interest in selling a portion of the property, how much property he'd be willing to sell, for what price, and whether he can accommodate the timelines associated with grant cycles.

New Business:

1. G. Marzluf moved to approve the purchase of a 2022 Toyota Tacoma 4 WD SR double cab pick-up truck with a 6-foot bed for \$34,664.88 through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. B. Ruhl seconded, all members voted aye.

2. B. Ruhl moved to accept the Judgement Entry permitting the transfer of \$7,227.55 from the capital project fund for the Alum Creek Phase 3 project to the General Fund per ORC 5705.14(B). G. Marzluf seconded, all members voted aye.
3. G. Marzluf moved to approve Resolution 2021-487 Authorizing the Executive Director and Deputy Director to sign closing and escrow documents for the conveyance of 0.054 acres of Right-of-way to the Village of Sunbury. B. Ruhl seconded, all members voted aye.
4. G. Marzluf moved to approve Resolution 2021-488 which allows an advance back of funds from the ODOT Metro Park Paving Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$78,332.34. B. Ruhl seconded, all members voted aye.

Department Reports: Accepted as presented.

Open to the Public: None.

Old Business:

1. Strategic Plan Update: The Board was provided with a quarterly update in their Board packet. Human Resources manager Tony Benishek spoke about the payroll process improvement initiative which resulted in a 6-hour reduction in the time it takes to process payroll.
2. Whetstone Mitigation Project: Matt Simpson shared the draft concept plan regarding the location of trails, entrance drives, parking lot, picnic shelter and restroom location for the proposed Whetstone mitigation site.

Executive Session: B. Ruhl moved to go into executive session at 2:02 PM for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and compensation of Park District employees. G. Marzluf seconded, roll call was taken, all members voted aye.

The Board returned to regular session at 2:29 PM, no action was taken.

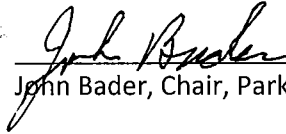
Next Board Meeting Date: November 12 at 1:30 PM at Deer Haven Lodge.

Adjournment: B. Ruhl moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:33 PM, G. Marzluf seconded, all members voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas Curtin, Executive Director



John Bader, Chair, Park Commissioner