

January 13, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Preservation Parks of Delaware County

1:00 PM Shale Hollow Park

**Attendance:**

**Staff:** Patrick Shirey, Rich Niccum, Beth McCollam, Tony Benishek, Matt Simpson, Bonnie Houk, Tyler Swartzlander, Dennis Welch, Chris Roshon, Tom Curtin, Mary Van Haften

**Board:** Bruce Ruhl, Glenn Marzluf, John Bader

**Public:** Amy Tovar, Jason Friedman and Jeff Shafer with Addison Properties, Brian Burkhart with CEC Engineering, Jim Frey

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:59 PM, roll call was taken all members present.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

G. Marzluf moved to approve the minutes of the December 9 regular meeting as presented, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

G. Marzluf moved to approve the minutes of the January 5 special board meeting as presented, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

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

**Park Updates:** G. Marzluf has been reappointed to the Board. His term will run from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025.

**Open to the Public:** None

**New Business:**

1. Election of Officers. B. Ruhl nominated G. Marzluf for Chair of the Park Board, J. Bader seconded, both members voted aye. B. Ruhl nominated J. Bader for Vice Chair of the Park Board, G. Marzluf seconded, both members voted aye. G. Marzluf assumed the Chair and conducted the remainder of the meeting.
2. Staff presented The Year In Review PowerPoint presentation to the Board.
3. B. Ruhl moved to approve Resolution 2022-530 to Establish a Capital Project Fund related to WRRSP funding for the Olentangy River Protection Project. J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.
4. B. Ruhl moved to accept the Hyatts Road Easement payment in the amount of \$18,924.00. J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.
5. B. Ruhl moved to accept the distribution of the G.R. Vlasak Trust in the amount of \$691.24. J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.
6. B. Ruhl moved award a contract to Jagger Construction in the amount of \$556,086.67 with a contingency up to \$585,000 for construction related to the Ohio to Erie Trail. J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.

7. Jason Friedman, with Addison Properties presented a proposal to the Board to annex their development along with Hickory Woods Park into the City of Delaware. He proposed to extend city water north on Berlin Station to both properties, as well as to extend sewer and water to the proposed Hickory Woods facilities at no cost to Preservation Parks. Mr. Friedman further proposed to coordinate the annexation process on behalf of Preservation Parks at no cost to the Park District. J. Friedman stated there would be a 20-35 foot tree buffer along the back of the lots bordering the park, depending on utilities. T. Curtin requested the species that would be planted in the development.
8. **Department Reports:** Accepted as presented.

**Open to the Public:** None.

1. **Old Business:** B. Ruhl moved to approve Resolution 2022-531 to Approve the Revised 2023 Budget. J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.

**Executive Session:** J. Bader moved to go into executive session at 2:21 PM for the purpose of discussing compensation of park employees and land acquisition. B. Ruhl seconded, roll call was taken, all members voted aye.

The Board returned to regular session at 3:29 PM and took the following action:

1. B. Ruhl moved to approve raising the Executive Director's compensation to \$140,000.00 per year. J. Bader seconded. All members voted aye.
2. B. Ruhl moved to approve raising the Deputy Director's compensation to \$120,900.00 per year, and promoted Mary Van Haaften to Executive Director upon the retirement of Executive Director Tom Curtin. J. Bader seconded.


**Board Retreat Meeting Date:** February 10, 11:00 AM at Shale Hollow Park

**Next Board Meeting Date:** February 10, 1:00 PM at Shale Hollow Park

**Adjournment:** J. Bader moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:31 PM. B. Ruhl seconded; all members voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Thomas Curtin, Executive Director

  
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Glenn Marzluf, Chair, Park Commissioner