

March 10, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Preservation Parks of Delaware County

1:00 PM Deer Haven Park

**Attendance:**

**Staff:** Rich Niccum, Patrick Shirey, Beth McCollam, Matt Simpson, Casey Smith, Dennis Welch, Tyler Swartzlander, Sandra McBrearty, Tom Curtin, Mary Van Haaften

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

**Public:** Brittani Stiltner

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM, roll call was taken, all members present.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

B. Ruhl moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2023 Special Board Meeting as presented, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

B. Ruhl moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting as presented, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

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

**Park Updates:** None

**Open to the Public:** None

**New Business:**

1. J. Bader moved to approve Resolution 2023-533 Recognizing Tom Curtin's Years of Service, B. Ruhl seconded; all members voted aye.
2. B. Ruhl moved to approve Resolution 2023-534 to Repay a Prior Year Advance for H2Ohio Perfect Creek Ph 2, J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.
3. B. Ruhl moved to approve Resolution 2023-535 to Repay a Prior Year Advance for CIP Grant for the Ohio to Erie Trail, J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.
4. B. Ruhl moved to approve Resolution 2023-536 authorizing the purchase of the DeWitt Property in Liberty Township, J. Bader seconded; B. Ruhl and J. Bader voted aye. G. Marzluf abstained.
5. J. Bader moved to approve the purchase of two vehicles for the Law Enforcement department, B. Ruhl seconded; all members voted aye.
6. Staff presented an update on Year 4 of the District's Strategic Plan.
7. M. Simpson reported that bids were received from three construction companies for the McCammon Creek Park entrance drive and parking lot paving project. Strawser's bid was determined to be the lowest and best in the amount of \$386,600. B. Ruhl moved to award a construction contract to Strawser Paving Company in the amount of \$386,600 with a

contingency up to \$425,000 for the McCammon Creek Park entrance drive and parking lot project, J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.

8. J. Bader moved to approve Resolution 2023-537 requesting funds from the Ohio Department of Transportation for the Metroparks Paving Fund, B. Ruhl seconded; all members voted aye.
9. B. Ruhl moved to accept a donation of \$1,500 from the Amos Family Donor Advised Fund to be used for educational programming, J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.
10. B. Ruhl moved to approve a farm lease for the Sandel property Phase 3 upon closing in May. The lease to G & B Farms, LLC will run through November 30, 2023. J. Bader seconded and all members voted aye.

**Department Reports:** Accepted as presented.

**Open to the Public:** None.

**Old Business:**

1. Staff updated the board on an opportunity to connect Hickory Wood Park to City of Delaware sewer and water service through the adjacent Riverby development; however, no decision was made as design and construction of the facility is not currently scheduled and the Park District is still investigating the feasibility of an on-site system.

**Executive Session:** B. Ruhl moved to go into executive session at 1:49 PM for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and employee compensation, J. Bader seconded, roll call was taken, and all members voted aye.

The board returned to Regular Session at 2:15 PM. No action was taken.

B. Ruhl moved to allow the consumption of alcohol upon conclusion of the meeting for the purpose of toasting Director Curtin's retirement. J. Bader seconded and all members voted aye.

**Next Board Meeting Date:** April 11, 1:00 PM at Deer Haven Park

**Adjournment:** B. Ruhl moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:19 PM. J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Mary Van Haaften, Deputy Director

  
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Glenn Marzluf, Chair, Park Commissioner