

April 11, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
Preservation Parks of Delaware County
1:00 PM Deer Haven Park

Attendance:

Staff: Rich Niccum, Kyle Pace, Beth McCollam, Matt Simpson, Chris Roshon, Tyler Swartzlander, Mary Van Haaften, Tony Benishek, Bonnie Houk

Board: Bruce Ruhl, Glenn Marzluf, John Bader

Public: Amy Tovar

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 agenda as presented, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye.

Approval of Minutes: J. Bader moved to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2023 Board Meeting as presented, B. Ruhl seconded, all members voted aye.

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

Park Updates:

1. B. Houk announced that Preservation Parks received Highest Achievement Award in Open and Transparent Government from the State Auditor's office, receiving 4 out of 4 stars.
2. M. Van Haaften reported that the Park District closed on 47+ acres of land north of Havener Park - formerly owned by the DeWitt family - and to be known as Deer Haven North. The future park will be farmed through 2026; therefore, trail development will not occur until 2027 at the earliest.

Open to the Public: Amy Tovar expressed concern about the speed limit (55 mph) on Buttermilk Hill Rd. She inquired whether the Park District would make a request to Troy Township to reduce the speed limit to 35 mph as visitation has increased at Gallant Woods and Gallant Farm. G. Marzluf directed staff to investigate this request, as well as a solar powered flashing beacon, and/or other alternatives to increase safety at this crossing.

New Business:

1. B. Ruhl moved to approve Resolution 2023-538 Authorizing the Sr. Planner to Apply for a Clean Ohio Trail Grant for a pedestrian bridge at McCammon Creek Park, east of Bale-Kenyon Road. J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.
2. J. Bader moved to approve Resolution 2023-539, a Supplemental Appropriation for Land Acquisition, B. Ruhl seconded; all members voted aye.
3. B. Ruhl moved to renew the Park District's liability insurance coverage with the Public Entities Pool in the amount of \$68,958.12, J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.
4. M. Simpson reported that qualifications were received from two consulting firms for final design and engineering of the McCammon Creek Bicentennial Barn, stand-alone restroom building, and barn event parking lot. Qualifications were reviewed by an evaluation committee and Schooley Caldwell was determined to be most qualified for the project. Upon selection, Schooley Caldwell submitted a fee proposal of \$244,120. B. Ruhl moved to award a contract to Schooley Caldwell for final design and engineering of the McCammon Creek Park Bicentennial Barn,

stand-alone restroom, and barn event parking in the amount of \$244,120 with a contingency up to \$254,120. J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.

5. M. Simpson reported that quotes were received to redeck a bridge on the Meredith Road section of the Ohio to Erie. Two quotes were received, and Jagger Construction was determined to be the lowest and best bid in the amount \$22,400. B. Ruhl moved to award a contract to Jagger Construction for this project in the amount of \$22,400 with a contingency up to \$25,000. J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.
6. G. Marzluf moved to declare the items on the Surplus property list as presented. B. Ruhl seconded; all members voted aye.

Department Reports: Accepted as presented.

Open to the Public: None.

Old Business: None

Executive Session: B. Ruhl moved to go into executive session at 1:53 PM for the purpose of discussing land acquisition, J. Bader seconded, roll call was taken, and all members were present.

The board returned to Regular Session at 2:15 PM and took the following action:

G. Marzluf moved to authorize Mary Van Haaften, acting Executive Director, to negotiate for land in Delaware County through the remainder of 2023. J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.

Next Board Meeting Date: May 19, 1:30 PM at Deer Haven Park.

Adjournment: B. Ruhl moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 PM, J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Van Haaften, Executive Director



Glenn Marzluf, Chair, Park Commissioner