

May 19, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Preservation Parks of Delaware County

1:30 PM Deer Haven Park

Attendance:

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

Board: Glenn Marzluf, Bruce Ruhl, John Bader

Public: Amy Tovar

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 1:29 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 April 11, 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. M. Simpson presented updates on the Whetstone Highlands Mitigation project.
2. M. Simpson has requested a speed reduction on Buttermilk Hill Road to the Troy Township Trustees. The trustees contacted the County Engineer's office to conduct a speed limit study on Buttermilk Hill Road. Once that is complete the Engineer's office will forward the results to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). ODOT has the final say on any speed limit reduction. The trustees said they will keep Preservation Parks updated.
3. M. Van Haaften reported that the Park District closed on 173.5 acres of the Sandel property (phase 3), now known as Perfect Creek Park, using funds from the Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Fund grant through the Ohio Public Works Commission. This brings the total park acreage to 404.

Open to the Public: None.

New Business:

1. B. Ruhl moved to approve a right-of-way easement to the Almandinger family to allow access to Del-Co water. J. Bader seconded; B. Ruhl and J. Bader voted aye, G. Marzluf abstained.
2. J. Bader moved to approve a contract with Mid-Ohio Paving, Inc. to repair and chip seal the existing Blue Creek Park driveway in the amount of \$30,436 with a contingency up to \$34,000. B. Ruhl seconded; all members voted aye.
3. B. Ruhl moved to accept a donation of antique collectables for the future Perfect-Sandel Farm from Kathy Sandel, J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.
4. B. Ruhl moved to approve Resolution 2023-540 to Approve an Advance Back from the OPWC Perfect Creek Ph 3 Fund to the General Fund as a result of a grant reimbursement, J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.
5. B. Ruhl moved to approve Resolution 2023-541, to Repay Prior Year Advances into the General Fund from the H2Ohio Perfect Creek Ph 2 Fund, J. Bader 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 2:08 PM for the purpose of compensation of park employees and land acquisition, J. Bader seconded, roll call was taken, and all members were present.

The board returned to regular session at 3:10 PM and took the following action:

B. Ruhl moved to approve an additional park officer position, J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.

Next Board Meeting Date: June 9, 1:30 PM at Deer Haven Park.

Adjournment: B. Ruhl moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:11 PM, J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Van Haaften, Executive Director



Glenn Marzluf, Chair, Park Commissioner