

July 13, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
Preservation Parks of Delaware County
1:00 PM Deer Haven Park

Attendance:

Staff: Craig Flockerzie, Beth McCollam, Tyler Swartzlander, Tony Benishek, Matt Simpson, Dennis Welch, Chris Roshon, Casey Smith, Bob Brown, Mary Van Haaften, Rich Niccum

Board: Glenn Marzluf, Bruce Ruhl, John Bader

Public: Amy Tovar, Andy Zakrajsek, Elany Brown, Ellie Brown, Clint Brown

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 1:02 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 June 9, 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 an update on a speed study conducted by the Delaware County Engineer's Office for Buttermilk Hill Road. Troy Township reviewed the situation and have the option to make a request to ODOT for a speed reduction from 55 mph to 50 mph. The Delaware County Engineer's Office suggested installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon at the crosswalk between the two parks. This would cost approximately \$21,000 for a pair of lights.
2. M. Simpson and M. Van Haaften presented updates on the Ohio to Erie Trail Bridge completion. The bridge is now open, and getting a lot of use. A public ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for July 15 at 10 AM.

Open to the Public: Amy Tovar asked about how the Buttermilk Hill Road speed study was conducted and stated that a reduction to 50 mph was not enough. She asked if Preservation Parks would request that the speed limit be set below 50 mph. M. Simpson explained that it is ultimately up to Troy Township to request the lower speed from ODOT, who has the final say on the speed limits.

New Business:

1. G. Marzluf conducted the swearing in of Robert Brown as Park Officer.
2. R. Niccum informed the board that Preservation Parks is a recipient of a 2023 ODNR Cardinal Award for collaboration with the Ohio Geological Survey in promoting and preserving Central Ohio's geological resources. An award ceremony will take place on July 26 at 4:30 PM at ODNR's Natural Resources Area on the Ohio State Fairgrounds.
3. M. Simpson presented the Orchard Oaks Preserve Master Plan.
4. B. Ruhl moved to approve Resolution 2023-543 authorizing the executive director and/or deputy director to sign a purchase agreement, closing documents and agreements, including an environmental covenant, related to purchase of the Havener property and the financing thereof pursuant to the Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program (WRRSP) award. J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.

5. J. Bader moved to approve Resolution 2023-544 to Approve and Advance back from OPWC Sandel Ph 2 Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$23,638.50. B. Ruhl seconded; all members voted aye.
6. B. Ruhl moved to approve Resolution 2023-545 authorizing the executive director and deputy director to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Liberty Township for an access easement across Havener Park to the future 100-acre Deer Haven North property. 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 1:51 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 2:03 PM. No action was taken.

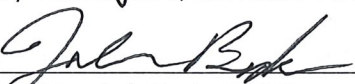
Next Board Meeting Date: August 17, 1:00 PM at Deer Haven Park.

Adjournment: B. Ruhl moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 PM, J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Van Haaften, Executive Director



Glenn Marzluf, Chair, Park Commissioner
JOHN BADER COMMISSIONER