

October 10, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
Preservation Parks of Delaware County
1:00 PM Shale Hollow Park

Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM, with Board members Glenn Marzluf, Chair; John Bader, Vice Chair; and Bruce Ruhl, Secretary. Staff included Mary Van Haaften, Executive Director; Rich Niccum, Deputy Director; Kyle Pace; Beth McCollam; Chad Watkins; Matt Simpson; Casey Smith; Chris Roshon; Tony Benishek; Molly Creamer; and Bonnie Houk. Public present: None

Public Comments: None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of September 7, 2023, previous Board Minutes.
2. Resolution 2023-555 Supplemental Appropriation for Capital Equipment from the General Fund to the Park Operations Budget in the amount of \$40,170.98.
3. Resolution 2023-556 Repay a Prior Year Advance for the Ohio to Erie Trail 1,500' with Bridge project back to the General Fund in the amount of \$478,725.00.
4. Resolution 2023-557 Authorize a Contract with Garrabrant for Demolition of Structures at Perfect Creek Park in the amount of \$27,950.00 up to of \$35,000.00 for reasonable changes.
5. Resolution 2023-558 Approve Renewal of Model Railroader lease at the Sandel Legacy Trailhouse for one year.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda: None

Approval of Consent Agenda: B. Ruhl moved to approve the consent agenda, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye. The motion passed.

Financial Report and Ratification of Vouchers: J. Bader moved to approve the Financial Report and Ratification of Vouchers, B. Ruhl seconded, all members voted aye. The motion passed.

Human Resources Changes in Personnel: B. Ruhl moved to approve the Changes in Personnel Report, J. Bader seconded, all members voted aye. The motion passed.

Department Reports:

Human Resources Manager Tony Benishek shared that he is working with Outdoor Connections staff to offer new health and wellness activities for staff to experience. Yoga was highlighted yoga for September. The Park District is doing more outreach with colleges and universities related to creating career connections for potential new hires.

Outdoor Connections Manager C. Smith introduced Molly Creamer, the new Historical Farm Manager. September highlights included My Neck of the Woods closing weekend program with the Bugman, a wheat planting video at Gallant Farm that was featured on the Farm Instagram page, the Delaware County Fair exhibit, which approx. 3,000 people attended. Bob and Sue Postle were named Volunteers of the Year for their work on invasive species removal at McCammon Creek Park.

Sergeant C. Watkins reported on an injury on the primitive trail at Gallant Woods Park. Park Police also were called to Sycamore Run Park to investigate a report of suspicious activity. J. Bader asked whether vandalism has increased in the parks. Sgt. Watkins responded that the incidents were related to a single individual.

Marketing Manager B. McCollam reported on the annual Genoa Twp. Fishing Day. She shared website updates and highlighted a new webpage for Board meeting materials including draft agenda, past meeting minutes, and resolutions.

Natural Resources Manager C. Roshon shared photos of Perfect Creek Park phase 2 habitat restoration and reported that the Natural Resources assisted with the submittal of a Clean Ohio Fund Grant for Camp Lazarus 60 acres.

Park Operations Manager K. Pace reported that Operations staff G. Ross and K. Parrott attended the Tiller's International timber framing training to gain experience that can be applied to the District's various timber frame buildings. Staff are completing the final stages of trail construction at McCammon Creek Park Red Fox Trail north of Orange Road.

Sr. Park Planner M. Simpson reported on the Perfect Creek Park, phase 2 H2Ohio Wetland project and Sandel Legacy Trail Asphalt Sealing. Planning staff are working on the Bicentennial Barn plans, demolition of houses at Perfect Creek Park, and master planning for Perfect Creek Park.

Public Comments: None

Other Business: None

Executive Session: B. Ruhl moved to go into executive session at 1:29 PM for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and compensation of employees, J. Bader seconded. Roll call was taken; all members were present and all members voted aye. The motion passed.

The board returned to regular session at 2:39 PM. No action was taken.

Next Board Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 8, 1:00 PM at Deer Haven Park.

Adjournment: B. Ruhl moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:41 PM, J. Bader seconded; all members voted aye. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Van Haaften, Executive Director



Glenn Marzluf, Chair, Park Commissioner