

February 20, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
Preservation Parks of Delaware County
1:00 PM Deer Haven Park

Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM, with Board members John Bader, Chair and Glenn Marzluf, Secretary present. Bruce Ruhl, Vice Chair was absent. Staff included Mary Van Haaften, Executive Director; Rich Niccum, Deputy Director; Kyle Pace; Beth McCollam; Chief Welch; Matt Simpson; Casey Smith; Chris Roshon; Tony Benishek; Tyler Swartzlander; Sgt. Chad Watkins; and Bonnie Houk.

Public Comments: None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of January 26, 2024, Previous Board Minutes
2. Resolution 2024 – 573 Approve a Supplemental Appropriations for the H2Ohio balance in the amount of \$70.75
3. Resolution 2024 – 574 Approve a Repay of prior year advances into the General Fund from the H2Ohio Perfect Creek Ph 2 Fund in the amount of \$177,532.34

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda: None

Approval of Consent Agenda: J. Bader moved to approve the consent agenda with a correction to a date in the minutes, G. Marzluf seconded, all members present voted aye. The motion passed.

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

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

Department Reports:

Outdoor Connections Manager C. Smith reported that Naturalist staff were hosting Chilly Trek programs each month at different parks; the Winter 100 currently has 282 participants; the District is partnering with the Central Ohio Flyfishers to host Fly Tying classes again this year; the Lantern tour at Gallant Farm was beautiful and had 42 participants; staff replaced the wallpaper in front room of the farmhouse with period correct patterns; and the New Year's Day Hike at Deer Haven Park was attended by 90 people.

Administrative Manager T. Swartzlander reported that he has been assisting with updates to the Employee Handbook, the Park District's budget trend analysis, Park District by-laws, purchasing manual, fiscal forms, and more. He is also assisting Park Operations with repair and remodeling work at the Mac Building.

Human Resources Manager T. Benishek reported that staff attended The OSU and Hocking College job fairs to recruit for open seasonal positions. The District has fourteen seasonal positions this year, with nine former seasonals returning from last year, which is the most the District has ever had. It was noted that several seasonal staff have been hired as full-time staff over the years.

Chief D. Welch reported that after-hours activity was occurring at Hickory Woods Park. Park officers investigated and identified an individual, resulting in a citation. Also at Hickory Woods, a drug stop resulted in an indictment due to the efforts of Sgt. C. Watkins. Chief Welch worked with staff from