

March 15, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
Preservation Parks of Delaware County
2:00 PM Deer Haven Park

Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM, with Board members John Bader, Chair and Glenn Marzluf, Secretary present. B. Ruhl was absent for roll call but arrived at 2:09 PM. Staff included Mary Van Haaften, Executive Director; Rich Niccum, Deputy Director; Kyle Pace; Chief Welch; Matt Simpson; Casey Smith; Chris Roshon; Tyler Swartzlander; Sgt. Travis Elkins; Claire Saniel-Banrey; and Bonnie Houk. Public: None present.

Public Comments: None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of February 20, 2024, Previous Board Minutes
2. Resolution 2024-578 Authorize the Purchase of Vehicles and Equipment in the estimated amount of \$285,500.00 and as approved in the 2024 budget
3. Resolution 2024-579 Authorize Resigning of the Delaware County Mutual Aid Agreement for Law Enforcement
4. Resolution 2024-580 Authorize a Contract with Iron-Site, Inc. in the Amount of \$27,526.65 for Streambank Stabilization at McCammon Creek Park

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda: None

Approval of Consent Agenda: G. Marzluf moved to approve the consent agenda with a correction to a date in the February 20, 2024, minutes, J. Bader seconded, all members present voted aye. B. Ruhl was absent for this motion. 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. B. Ruhl was absent for this motion. The motion passed.

Human Resources Changes in Personnel Report: G. Marzluf moved to approve the Changes in Personnel Report including the promotion of Sgt. Elkins, J. Bader seconded. B. Ruhl was absent for this motion. All members present voted aye. The motion passed.

Department Reports:

Outdoor Connections Manager C. Smith reported on the success of the Wonderful Woodchucks and Rodents program, Trekking Pole program, and the Snow Moon Luminary Hike at Shale Hollow Park that was attended by 125 people. She also shared that Gallant Farm hosted a Colorful Quilts weekend display and staff completed the installation of an original period sink in the farmhouse kitchen.

Administrative Manager T. Swartzlander shared photos of the recent repairs and improvements to the Mac building including exterior repairs to and prevent future water damage and remodeling of the interior office spaces to replace damaged walls, windows, and flooring.

Chief D. Welch reported there were only two security concerns such as unlocked doors and alarms not being set in February and thanked staff for their help. Officers assisted a male subject with mental health issues outside the Deer Haven Park gate and were able to get the individual needed help; training for officers really helps in these situations. A recent drug case saw a subject indicted and arrested, and

officers are wrapping up the case. The vandalism case at Emily Traphagen Park from last summer is anticipated to wrap up soon with possible restitution to be paid to the Park District by the subject.

Marketing Specialist C. Sanial-Banrey shared that the District was a featured agency in the Destination Delaware kiosk at Polaris Mall. Destination Delaware also featured our programs on their website and social media.

Natural Resources Manager C. Roshon reported that Perfect Creek Park phase 3 and Havener property tree planting will be underway soon and hope to start prescribed burns soon depending on weather conditions.

Park Operations Manager K. Pace reported that there was minimal damage to the parks from the March 14 storms. Blues Creek Park saw the worst damage with several large trees down across the drive. Construction on the Deer Haven Park primitive trail continues, and photos were shared of the bridge and stone steps that staff are constructing.

Sr. Park Planner M. Simpson reported on two demolition projects (houses) at Perfect Creek Park, provided a status update on the State of Ohio capital budget applications for the Bicentennial Barn and the Sunbury Trailside Welcome Station. G. Marzluf commented on how nice the trails at McCammon Creek Park North are and commended staff for their hard work.

Public Comments: None

Other Business

1. Orndorf Life Estate Expenses – staff recommended that the Board allow the Executive Director and Deputy Director to approve minor expenses, such as driveway gravel, tree trimming, and mowing at Orchard Oaks Preserve as determined to be in the best interest of the Park District and future park plans. G. Marzluf moved to authorize the Executive Director and Deputy Director to approve expenses up to \$10,000 and labor annually for such items related to the life estate and future park plans. B. Ruhl seconded. All Members voted aye. The motion passed.

Executive Session: B. Ruhl moved to go into executive session at 2:23 PM for the purpose of discussing land acquisition, G. Marzluf seconded. Roll call was taken; all members were present. All Members voted aye. The motion passed.

The board returned to regular session at 3:18 PM. No action was taken.

Next Board Meeting Date: Thursday, April 18, 2:00 PM at a location to be determined.

Adjournment: G. Marzluf moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:18 PM, B. Ruhl seconded; all members voted aye. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Van Haaften, Executive Director



John Bader, Chair, Park Commissioner