

**MINUTES OF THE JOHNNY APPLESEED METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY MEETING**

**8:00 a.m.
April 16, 2013**

**2355 Ada Road
Lima, OH 45801**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman, Kevin Bruin. Present was Commissioners, Bob Antibus, Cathy Ahman; Staff, Chris Fetzler, Bob O'Connor, Vince Sarno, Beth Theisen; Legal Advisor, Dale Vandemark; Director, Kevin Haver and Recording Secretary, Denise Graham.

Bob Antibus moved that the minutes for the March 19, 2013 meeting be approved as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- Update on Resolution 6-2013 and Resolution 7-2013, previously passed at the March 19, 2013 Board meeting, shall not exceed amount of \$3,400 and \$3,500, respectfully.
- Kevin has been attending meetings for the Activate Allen County initiative. This group initiative was spurred by the YMCA receiving a large grant that is to be used for connecting townships with bike/walkways. Memorial Hospital and St. Rita's Hospital is also involved. Working to prioritize the plan for connecting townships and bike/walkways.
- The Wake, Rattle & Roll is Friday, April 26 at 7 a.m. Kevin invited the Commissioners to attend. Kevin Bruin indicated that he would like to attend.
- Met with Shawnee Township regarding the extension of the bikeway. Jerome Mentor, owner of Dairy Queen committed to a 15 foot easement for the Park District Riverwalk. The agreement with Shawnee Township for maintenance on that portion of the Riverwalk is verbal.

Bob O'Connor reported the following:

- On March 4, the ranger staff attended training on interacting with the special needs population presented by the Ohio Peace Office Training Commission.
- On March 19, Bob presented a power point presentation to the OCVN group on waterfowl identification.
- On March 25, two new seasonal rangers, Abby Michael and Chad Sandlin were hired.

Vince Sarno reported the following:

- Replaced the heater in the Clivus restroom at Ottawa Metro Park.
- Brent & Tim finished working on the Lauer Barn for the season.
- Prepared campground from opening day.
- Currently preparing for the Ford Work Day and preparing for the park's busy season.

Beth Theisen reported the following:

- Recently had planning meetings with the volunteers for the upcoming butterfly & wildflower monitoring season.
- The OCVN Class ended on April 6.

Old Business

Bob Antibus moved that the March 2013 Monthly Budget Update be approved as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Bob Antibus moved that the March 2013 Bills be approved as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed. Bob Antibus mentioned that there may be grants available from AEP for converting lighting to LED.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- Approximately 1000 levy yard signs have been placed. The billboards are all up as well as the bus stop signs. Anne Decker has done a very nice job on the bus stop sign placement. The ads on television will increase in the next few weeks.

New Business

- The Arbor Day Ceremony is Friday, April 26 at 11 a.m. at Motter Metro Park. Bob & Joanne Antibus will be honored with two white oak trees.

With no further business, Bob Antibus made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 a.m. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.

Kevin P. Bruin
Chairman

Kevin L. Haver
Director-Secretary