

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

**8:00 a.m.
August 27, 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 Fetzer, Bob O'Connor, Vince Sarno, Beth Theisen; Director, Kevin Haver and Recording Secretary, Denise Graham.

Bob Antibus moved that the minutes for the May 21, 2013 meeting be approved as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- Beaver Construction (contractor for I-75 project) has signed the agreement for excavation of the 3.5 acre pond on the Pickrell Property. Beaver Construction has begun moving the 124,000 cubic yards of dirt that is needed. The depth of the pond will be 20-25 feet deep. Stone rip rap will be put down by Beaver Construction but the Park District will pay for it.
- The 10 year fishing agreement for Lima Lake is up for renewal with ODNR and a new agreement needs to be signed.
- RPC is putting together a user pedestrian count at the Riverwalk. There will be 4 check points and 100 volunteers used for the count. The count is going to be used for future funding for pedestrian bikeways.
- Kevin Haver asked that the Commissioners amend the policy regarding seasonal employee shelter use. Currently, seasonal employees are entitled to a free shelter house. Kevin requested that the policy allow for seasonal employees a \$50 reduction of cost for use of the Farm Park. Bob Antibus made motion to amend the policy. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Chris Fetzer reported the following:

- The summer amphitheater series is completed. The attendance was very good but the rain hindered attendance at some of the programs.

Beth Theisen reported the following:

- The naturalist department had a busy summer leading 6 day camps and participating with several summer library programs. Cassie Thompson has completed her summer naturalist internship with the Park District. She did a very good job for the Park District.

Bob O'Connor reported the following:

- The Park District received 2 weather radios from Allen County EMA. The radios are located at the beach and campground.
- Arrested two people in the stone quarry.
- Two seasonal rangers quit at the beginning of the summer.
- The Lima YMCA had 186 participants at the Triathlon held on July 21.
- The Ranger department participated with National Night Out which was held on August 6 at Heritage Park.

Vince Sarno reported the following:

- All painting, staining and trail maintenance is completed at all of the parks.
- Removed old and installed new swings at Teddy Bear Park, Allen County Farm and Heritage Park –West End.
- The Maintenance Department is currently staining the outside of the Lauer Barn.

Old Business

- Bob Antibus moved that the May, June & July 2013 Monthly Budget Updates be approved as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.
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- Bob Antibus moved that the May, June & July 2013 Bills be approved as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- Presented the Commissioners with a quote from C&J Electric for the electricity at the Lauer Barn. A brief discussion took place. Bob Antibus made motion to accept the quote from C&J Electric. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.
- The middle barn at the Allen County Farm Park is deteriorating. In June, the barn had issues with the electrical box. The barn is not worth saving and needs to be razed. A pole building is being considered that would match existing buildings on the property. The Park District needs storage for equipment and the building could be utilized instead of one of the large tents at Apple Fest. The staff will research and report at a future meeting.

New Business

- Kevin Haver presented the Commissioners with the 2014 preliminary budget. Bob Antibus made motion to approve the budget. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

At 9:15 a.m., Bob Antibus made motion to move into Executive Session to discuss land. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

At 10:15 a.m., Bob Antibus made motion to return from Executive Session. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10 at 8 a.m. Kevin Haver reported that due to the lower number of park projects not as many Board meetings are needed in 2014. A discussion took place and it was decided to go ahead and schedule monthly meetings and cancel as needed.

At 10:19 a.m., with no further business Bob Antibus made motion to adjourn. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin P. Bruin
Chairman

Kevin L. Haver
Director-Secretary