

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

**8:00 a.m.
May 20, 2014**

**2355 Ada Road
Lima, OH 45801**

MINUTES

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

Kevin Bruin made motion to approve the minutes for the April 15, 2014 meeting as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Bruin reported the following:

- Thanked all participating staff for the Ford Work Day and thought the event was coordinated well with a lot of work accomplished. Kevin Haver asked if for next year's Ford Work Day a power point program should be shown over lunch so that the Ford employees could see the other parks too. Kevin Bruin thought that would be a good idea.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- The Clean Ohio Fund grant application was due on April 17. The local NRAC committee will review the applications on May 22.
- Presented a conservation power point program for John Hoffman's workshop at OSU Lima.
- Attended the park section meeting at Batelle Darby Park.
- On May 3 attended the dedication for Camp Myeereh. The Bellefontaine Joint Rec District has taken it over and is now open to the public.

Vince Sarno reported the following:

- Prepared and opened the campground for the season. Opened flush restrooms, turned water on at all the parks and currently preparing the beach for opening.

Bob O'Connor submitted a written report to the Commissioners.

Beth Theisen submitted a written report to the Commissioners.

Old Business

- Kevin Bruin moved that the April 2014 Monthly Budget Update be approved as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.
- Kevin Bruin moved that the April 2014 Bills be approved as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.
Kevin Bruin asked about the progress on the biennial audit. The State Auditor is waiting on the 2013 Foundation 990 by E.S. Evan to complete the audit.

Kevin Haver reported the following project updates:

- The bikeway extension at Blue Jacket Court has started.
- The Allen County Farm Restroom project is progressing. The sewer line and tap is close to going out for bid.
- The prairie grasses at Motter Metro Park will be planted next year and will continue to be farmed for this year. Kevin requested ideas from Bob Antibus for the interpretive signage at the park.
- American Township is requesting a 6 – 8" water line for 600 feet along with a fire hydrant for Hermon Woodlands. This will cost approximately \$45-50,000 more than expected. Not sure if this is American Township's policy or is legally required. This decision may be up to the insurance company. It doesn't make good financial sense to spend the additional money on the type of structures that will be at the park.
- The Park District would like to have an enclosed shelter house designed so that it can be used in the other parks too. Currently looking for an architectural firm that will design small structures.
- The ODOT contract for paving will begin at Kendrick Woods soon.

Kevin Bruin asked about the status of the pond at Teddy Bear Park. Kevin Haver replied that the vast majority of work is done with a target completion date this fall. The pond is 20-25 feet deep and 3.5 acres.

New Business

- The beach will open for the season on May 24th.
- The amphitheater programs begin on May 24th.

A discussion took place regarding an additional levy. Kevin Bruin said that he was in favor of being on the ballot for next May. Kevin Haver said that the Park District will need extraordinary help to get a new levy passed and several other agencies are looking for passing a levy too. Thought needs to be given to the amount, length of time, date and the Cooperative Park Improvement Grant Program. The discussion continued.

Kevin Bruin made a motion to approve an additional levy of .75 mil in May 2015 with length to coincide with the existing levy. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Resolution 11-2014 was presented authorizing the Director-Secretary of the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District to enter into contract for soil testing at the Ottawa Metro Park. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 11-2014 be accepted as presented. Cathy Ahman seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 12-2014 was presented authorizing the Director-Secretary of the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District to enter into contract for electrical services at the Ottawa Metro Park. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 12-2014 be accepted as presented. Cathy Ahman seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 13-2014 was presented authorizing the Director-Secretary of the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District to enter into contract for computers. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 13-2014 be accepted as presented. Cathy Ahman seconded and the motion passed.

With no further business, Kevin Bruin made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 a.m. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Robert K. Antibus
Chairman

Kevin L. Haver
Director-Secretary