

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

**8:30 a.m.
June 24, 2014**

**2355 Ada Road
Lima, OH 45801**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. at 485 N. Wapak Road, by Chairman, Bob Antibus. Present was Commissioners, Cathy Ahman, Kevin Bruin; Legal Advisor, Dale Vandemark; Staff, Kevin Kaskocsak, Vince Sarno; Director, Kevin Haver and Recording Secretary, Denise Graham.

Kevin Bruin made motion to approve the minutes for the May 20, 2014 meeting as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed. Kevin Bruin would like a discussion on the campground to be added as a future agenda item.

Cathy Ahman reported the following:

- On June 5, Cathy along with Beth, Kazz and Tim toured the nature playscapes at Five Rivers Metro Park. The tour was very helpful and informative and they came away with several good ideas for the Hermon Woodlands Park.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- The State Audit that began on January 28, 2014 is still in progress. The auditor is continuing work on the Foundation records.
- The NRAC Committee recently met to evaluate the second round of Clean Ohio Fund Grant applications. The Park District's Stockton Property acquisition grant application is ranked number 2 among the applications. Currently waiting on approval from the Department of Public Works to proceed.

Beth Theisen submitted a written report to the Commissioners for the May naturalist programs.

Vince Sarno reported the following:

- A lift was rented to do major pruning, replace light bulbs, and repair flag poles.
- The maintenance staff painted grills, volleyball poles and gates at all the parks.
- On June 12, Procter & Gamble employees built a 420' boardwalk at Lippincott Bird Sanctuary.
- On June 17, a new pump motor for the water feature and Ottawa Metro Park beach was installed.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- Employees from Citizens National Bank mulched and planted flowers at the Veterans Freedom Flag Monument. The Park District has seen an increase in large groups wanting to volunteer.

Old Business

- Kevin Bruin moved that the May 2014 Monthly Budget Update be approved as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed. The total cost including drawings for the 300' bikeway extension at Blue Jacket Court is \$30,000.

- Kevin Bruin moved that the May 2014 Bills be approved as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed. A discussion took place regarding the bills. The prairie seed purchase is for 50 acres at Motter Metro Park. There were several repair bills for vehicles. Kevin normally budgets for one new vehicle per year. There are three different ongoing projects that Bassett Associates is involved with; Allen County Farm restroom, Hermon Park, and Ottawa Metro Park Bandshell.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- The order has been placed for the bandshell and has been confirmed with David Williams & Associates. The application for the permit has been submitted to the state. It will take approximately 2-4 weeks for the state building inspector to review. The Park District will pay for the footer, electrical and stone drive and the Foundation will pay for the prefabricated unit. A contractor from Michigan usually installs the unit. A local contractor will be used for the concrete work.
- The Allen County Farm restroom has been put out to bid with legal notice in the Lima News. The bid opening is June 27 at 10 a.m. The restroom is an all concrete building and will be delivered on a flatbed truck.
- The Blue Jacket Court Bikeway extension paving was completed last week.

Kevin presented the Commissioners with the preliminary 2015 budget. Kevin Bruin made motion to approve the 2015 preliminary budget. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed. Note: all carryover needs to be appropriated.

Kevin prepared a handout with a graph that shows the budget cuts from 2008 to 2013. The Park District has had \$500,000 in cuts over the last 6 years. Bob Antibus would like to see a comparison of the cost of a gallon of gasoline, utility costs and park attendance from 2008 to 2013.

Joe Guagenti has presented the Park District with the opportunity to purchase the adjacent property and building to the Hermon Woodlands Park (485 N. Wapak Road). He is currently asking \$155,900. The proposed property already has a sewer tap, water tap, fire hydrant and driveway cut. These items would benefit the Hermon Woodlands Park and offset at least \$63,500+ in cost for the Hermon Woodlands since they wouldn't need to be installed on the current property. A discussion took place.

Kevin Bruin made motion to purchase the property and building at 485 N. Wapak Road for \$155,900. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. Cathy Ahman will not be able to attend.

With no further business, Kevin Bruin made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Robert K. Antibus
Chairman

Kevin L. Haver
Director-Secretary