

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

**8:00 a.m.  
June 16, 2015**

**2355 Ada Road  
Lima, OH 45801**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman, Cathy Ahman. Present was Commissioner, Bob Antibus, Kevin Bruin; Legal Advisor, Dale Vandemark; Staff, Chris Fetzer, Lacy Pellegrini (Naturalist Intern), Vince Sarno, Beth Theisen; Director, Kevin Haver and Recording Secretary, Denise Graham.

Kevin Bruin made motion to approve the minutes for the April 21, 2015 meeting as submitted. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Bruin reported that the 27<sup>th</sup> Ford Work Day went well on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Antibus reported that he enjoyed his recent bike ride on the Riverwalk.

Cathy Ahman reported that she enjoyed the Swing Band performance for the bandshell dedication on May 30.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- Currently finishing up levy details. Currently waiting on the final report for revenue & expenses. The levy campaign expenses are approximately \$32,000. The Board of Elections will take the election expense from the Park District's 1<sup>st</sup> half of real estate taxes in 2016. Gathering all pertinent information levy information into a storage tub to review for the next levy in 8 years.
- On June 24 at 10 a.m., four of the five Paulding County Park Commissioners will be meeting at the Park District for a tour of the parks. It has been years since the Paulding County Park District has had any activity. The Park District Commissioners are invited to attend.
- The next Board and Foundation Trustee meetings are scheduled for July 21. It has been mentioned in the past that the meetings be held at the Hermon Woodlands. Kevin Bruin and Bob Antibus said they could not attend. A discussion took place to possible rescheduling of the meetings. Kevin Haver and Bob Antibus said they could not will send an email to the Trustees and Commissioners to try to reschedule the meeting to the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Bob O'Connor submitted the following written report:

- On May 5, the rangers updated their 4 hours of Continuing Education Training required by the Ohio Attorney General's office to maintain Peace Officer status.
- On May 7, Kevin Kaskocsak and Bob participated in Positive Addiction Day at St. Gerard's School.
- Shawn Warwick, a student at Rhodes State College, has been riding with the rangers on multiple shifts. He is required to complete an 80 hour internship – 40 hours with the Park District and 40 hours with the Sheriff's Office.
- On June 1 & 2, the Ranger Department re-qualified with their service weapons. All rangers passed.
- The ranger department has been conducting details at Ft. Amanda Park. Three individuals have been cited to court: two for disorderly conduct and the third for public indecency. They are also prohibited from entering any Johnny Appleseed Parks.

Vince Sarno reported the following:

- The maintenance department has been busy with mowing, painting gates, sign posts and volleyball poles at all parks. The ponds have been treated at Kendrick Woods and Heritage Park and all parks have been sprayed.
- Prepared the beach for opening day and all of the parks for Memorial Day Weekend.

Chris Fetzer reported the following:

- Attendance for the first four summer amphitheater programs are as follows: 144 people attended the Reptile program on May 23, 66 people attended the Swing Era Band on May 30, 22 people attended the Ron Irick program on June 6 and 72 people attended the Buckeye Drive concert on June 13.

Beth Theisen reported the following:

- Introduced Lacy Pellegrini, a junior at Mount Vernon Nazarene University majoring in environmental biology, is interning with the Naturalist department for the summer.
- The naturalist department is busy with summer camps, vacation bible school programs and summer library programs.

Kevin Bruin moved that the April & May 2015 Monthly Budget Update be approved as submitted. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Bruin moved that the April & May 2015 Bills be approved as submitted. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

## **Project Status Update**

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- The installation of the Allen County Farm Restroom is complete and is available for use. Landscaping such as fill dirt and seeding around the restroom needs to be completed.
- The Hermon Woodlands project is slowly moving ahead. The building pads for the shelter houses had to be expanded. The steel columns have been delivered for the shelters. The trail has been completely cut and parking lots and pads for the restroom and shelters are in place. The maintenance staff continues to work on the nature playground and cutting away invasive species and poison ivy in the area.
- The Dedication for the Hermon Woodlands is scheduled for September 26. A specific time has not been set.

## **New Business**

Resolution 7-2015 was presented authorizing the Director-Secretary of the Park District to enter into contract for the purchase of a lawn mower. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 7-2015 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 8-2015 was presented authorizing the Director-Secretary of the Park District to advertise and fill the position of an interpretive services coordinator. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 8-2015 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

A date has not been determined for the next Board meeting.

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

Cathy Ahman  
Chairman

Kevin L. Haver  
Director-Secretary