

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

**8:00 a.m.  
April 19, 2011**

**2355 Ada Road  
Lima, OH 45801**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman, Bob Antibus. Present were Commissioners, Kevin Bruin, Nancy Steiner; Director, Kevin Haver; Legal Advisor, Dale Vandemark; Staff, Chris Fetzer, Mark Mohr, Bob O'Connor, Vince Sarno; and Recording Secretary, Denise Graham.

Kevin Bruin moved that the minutes for the March 22, 2011 meeting be approved as submitted. Nancy Steiner seconded. The motion passed.

Bob O'Connor thanked the Commissioners for Resolution 5-2011.

Vince Sarno reported the following:

- The Lauer Barn was set back down on the foundation on March 24.
- The cook stove was installed in the cabin at the Allen County Farm Park.
- A metal roof was installed on the kitchen area of the Ranger/Naturalist office due to problems with raccoons.
- A new sump pump was installed in the office basement.
- Ash trees were removed at Ottawa Metro Park and Teddy Bear Park.
- Prepared campground and shower house for the season opening on April 15.
- On April 11-13, the water was turned on at all of the parks. Agerter Road Access and the West End restroom are now open for the season.

Mark Mohr reported the following:

- Currently working with volunteers on removal of Garlic Mustard in Kendrick Woods. There isn't as much Garlic Mustard in the areas that have been worked on the last several years.
- The Log Cabin program on April 3 went well.

**Old Business**

Kevin Bruin moved that the March 2011 Monthly Budget Update be approved as submitted. Nancy Steiner seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Bruin moved that the March 2011 Bills be approved as submitted. Nancy Steiner seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Haver reported on the Lauer Barn project:

- The staff and contractors are working on the lower level of barn. A new footer and heavy 12 x 12 beams have been installed. The west wall flagstone foundation is complete. The masons are working on the east wall. Merkle reset the barn back down on the foundation.
- A barn located on Lincoln Highway was donated to the Park District. The staff is working on salvaging beams to be used in the Lauer Barn. The only cost associated with this is the staff time, renting of lift to take beams down and a dumpster. The flagstone for the foundation

was donated by National Lime & Stone. The staff will probably finish up on the barn for the season.

Kevin Haver reported on the Riverwalk Signage project:

- Don Spyker volunteered to raise money for the signage. He has over \$9,000.00 committed to date. There will be five locations with 3x4 signs. The signs will show the entire area (City, Townships and landmarks) and will be placed in main parking areas. Eight other signs will be used to help guide people (You Are Here!). Revolution Bicycle Club will be donating etiquette signs. Distance signs will be placed with the starting points beginning in downtown Lima since the ends of the Riverwalk may be extended. The sign order should be submitted in the next few weeks.
- The Commissioners would like to send a thank you letter to Don Spyker. Kevin Haver offered to prepare the letter for the Commissioners.

Kevin Haver reported on the Legislative Update:

- Local Government Funds will be cut 25% for fiscal year 2011/2012 (\$27,000) and \$57,000 for 2012/2013.
- Tangible Personal Property Reimbursement tax will end after 2013 when our current levy expires, Kevin believes it will end but waiting on clarification.
- Due to property revaluations, the Park District is currently working with a .69 mill rollback on business and industry and .61 mill rollback on residential. If the next levy is replaced the amounts will go back up to .75 mill.

## **New Business**

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- Arbor Day is Friday, April 29. The Park District and Commissioners would like to honor David & Nancy Steiner with a Sugar Maple tree at Ottawa Metro Park at 10:30 a.m.

Resolution 8-2011 was presented authorizing the director-secretary to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association. Nancy Steiner moved that Resolution 8-2011 be accepted as presented. Kevin Bruin seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 9-2011 was presented to authorize compensation adjustments due to loss of benefits. Nancy Steiner moved that Resolution 9-2011 be accepted as presented. Kevin Bruin seconded and the motion passed.

At 9:00 a.m., Kevin Bruin made motion to move into executive session to discuss land. Nancy Steiner seconded. The motion passed.

At 9:10 a.m., Kevin Bruin made motion to return from executive session. Nancy Steiner seconded. The motion passed.

With no further business, at 9:11 a.m. Kevin Bruin made motion to adjourn. Nancy Steiner seconded. The motion passed.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

Robert K. Antibus  
Chairman

Kevin L. Haver  
Director-Secretary