

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

**8:00 a.m.
July 29, 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; Legal Advisor, Dale Vandemark; Staff, Mark Mohr, Kelly Richard (Naturalist Intern); Director, Kevin Haver and Recording Secretary, Denise Graham.

Bob Antibus made motion to approve the minutes for the June 16, 2015 meeting as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- The Interpretive Services Coordinator position has been posted for acceptance of qualified applicants. Applications will be accepted until August 15. Kevin would like to have the position filled by fall.
- The Hermon family would like to move the Hermon Woodlands dedication from September 27 to October 24. A specific time hasn't been set yet but will be mid-morning with a small quiet affair. The major ribbon cutting ceremony will take place next spring. The project is 3 months behind schedule. The trail work should be cut and the shelters should be in place for the October 24 dedication.

Mark Mohr reported the following:

- Mark and Kelly have been busy with the Pioneer Skills and archery day camps this summer. Also have been working on eliminating invasive species in the park. Currently working on spraying Teasel in the meadow at Deep Cut.
- The Purple Martin house, located near the Riverwalk at the Lauer Historical Farm, has a pair of Purple Martins that have nested with four babies.

Beth Theisen submitted a written Naturalist report.

Old Business

Bob Antibus moved that the June 2015 Monthly Budget Update be approved as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Bob Antibus moved that the June 2015 Bills be approved as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

New Business

The Preliminary 2016 Budget was submitted to the Commissioners for approval. The Board of Elections fee for the levy being on the ballot will be taken out of the 2016 February collection of Real Estate taxes. Bob Antibus made motion to approve the 2016 Preliminary Budget. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

The Records Retention Schedule was submitted to the Commissioners for approval. Bob Antibus made motion to approve the Records Retention Schedule. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Resolution 9-2015 was presented authorizing the Director-Secretary of the Park District to enter into contract for architectural services for a pole barn at the Allen County Farm Park. Bob Antibus moved that Resolution 9-2015 be accepted. Cathy Ahman seconded and the motion passed.

The pole barn (60'x80') with a wrap-around porch will be used for storage of large equipment such as trailers & tractors and the porch can be used for programming and events.

Resolution 10-2015 was presented authorizing the Director-Secretary of the Park District to enter into contract for architectural services for the Lauer Historical Farm Park. Bob Antibus moved that Resolution 10-2015 be accepted as presented. Cathy Ahman seconded and the motion passed.

The original plan was designed 10 years ago before other Park Districts had historical working farms. There are four other Park Districts in the region that have historical farms. Kevin, staff and Commissioners need to discuss and rethink the plan and uses for the Lauer Historical Farm. Concentration needs to be placed on the main house, handicap ramp on east side of barn, utilities, drives & parking lot and restroom.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18 at 8:00 a.m.

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

Cathy Ahman
Chairman

Kevin L. Haver
Director-Secretary