

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

**8:00 a.m.
October 19, 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; Staff, Chris Fetzer, Bob O'Connor and Vince Sarno; Director, Kevin Haver and Recording Secretary, Denise Graham.

Bob Antibus made motion to approve the minutes for the September 15, 2015 meeting as submitted. Kevin Bruin seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- Interviews will begin on October 21st for two positions in the Ranger Department. The Chief Ranger position will be filled first and the other positions will be filled accordingly. An additional position has been added to the department due to reactivating nightly closure. In the past few years as a cost saving effort the Parks haven't had nightly closure.
- The Interpretive Services position hasn't been filled and the search is suspended for the time being.
- The appropriate paperwork has been completed and filed for tax exempt status on the Stockton Property and the Guagenti Property.

Vince Sarno reported the following:

- The maintenance department planted the prairies/wildlife cover at Motter Metro Park (50 acres) and the Stockton Property (34.5 acres)
- The park sign has been installed at the Hermon Woodlands Metro Park.
- Closed the campground for the season on October 13.
- Currently working on turning the water off, closing restrooms and winterizing parks & facilities.

Bob O'Connor reported the following:

- On September 9, two men were arrested at Ft. Amanda Park. After meeting with the Auglaize County Prosecutor, charges were filed. Both subjects plead not guilty to the charges and pretrial dates were set.
- On September 26, Deer Archery season began. The rangers have been patrolling the boundaries of all the parks.
- On October 16 & 17 filming took place at Kendrick Woods for a short film "Gideon's Frontier". Both days the film crew was on location until dark.

Chris Fetzer reported the following:

- A Lantern Walk was held at Fort Amanda Park on October 10. 50 people attended the program.

Old Business

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

Kevin Bruin moved that the September 2015 Bills be approved as submitted. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed. A question was asked about a bill from E.J. Prescott for \$2,292.50. The 20' pipe will be used as part of a tunnel structure in the kid's area at Hermon Woodlands.

Kevin Haver reported on the following projects:

Hermon Woodlands Metro Park

- The West Shelter at Hermon Woodlands is almost complete and the East Shelter is underway. The trail is almost complete. An extension will need to be filed for the Clean Ohio Fund grant. The project was to be completed by December 31, 2015 but it is behind schedule. The Foundation paid for the two shelters and the installation of the restroom. The new park was made possible through the \$604,000 Hermon Estate gift with a local match to receive a \$461,000 Clean Ohio Fund grant.
- The Hermon Woodlands dedication is scheduled for Saturday, October 24 at 10 a.m.

Allen County Farm Park

- The soil borings came back o.k. on the site for the new building at the Farm Park. The building will be 60'x80' and used for storage.

Lauer Historical Farm

- The contract has been signed with The Collaborative for the design of the Lauer Historical Farm. The project will take 2 - 4 years to complete. The first priority is to stabilize and renovate the house and install the infrastructure. There aren't any sewer lines directly in front of the property therefore the lines will run diagonal from the Fett Subdivision. The project will begin late winter or early spring.

New Business

- Several meetings have taken place recently regarding a potential Rail Trail of the Spencerville Elgin Glenmore Railroad. Kevin is working with Eric Davis of Allen Economic Development Group and several other key leaders on the project. The 11 mile rail trail project will take 5-10 years to develop. The iron structures and rocks are in place for crossing the Ottawa River and Auglaize River. The trail would tie in to the Riverwalk at Collett Street.

Res. 12-2015 - was presented authorizing the Director-Secretary of the Park District to hire Tyler Black as a Parks Foreman. Bob Antibus moved that Resolution 12-2015 be accepted. Kevin Bruin seconded and the motion passed.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17 at 8:00 a.m.

With no further business, Kevin Bruin made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 a.m. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

Cathy Ahman
Chairman

Kevin L. Haver
Director-Secretary