

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

**10:30 a.m.
December 18, 2012**

**2355 Ada Road
Lima, OH 45801**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:42 a.m. by Chairman, Nancy Steiner. Present was Commissioners, Bob Antibus, Kevin Bruin; Guest, Cathy Ahman; Staff, Chris Fetzter, Bob O'Connor, Vince Sarno, Beth Theisen; Legal Advisor, Dale Vandemark; Director, Kevin Haver and Recording Secretary, Denise Graham.

Kevin Bruin moved that the minutes for the November 20, 2012. Nancy Steiner seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- The new office van has been received replacing the 1999 Plymouth van.
- Two new furnaces were installed in the McElroy Center.
- The maintenance building addition is complete.
- The mower from Steve Myers Service and the Bobcat from Bobcat of Lima will probably not be received in 2012.
- A transfer is needed to cover OPERS expenditures for the year end. A motion was made to approve a transfer from Insurance to OPERS to cover year end expenditures. Kevin Bruin made motion to approve the transfer. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

Bob O'Connor reported the following:

- On November 10th & 11th, the ranger department participated in the Hunting with Heroes event. Twenty disabled veterans participated and ten deer were taken.
- At the Allen County Chief of Police meeting Bob O'Connor was nominated and elected as Secretary/Treasurer for another year. Chief Mike Keith was elected as President and Chief Kyle Fittro as Vice-President.
- Patrols were increased in the parks during deer-gun week (November 26-December 2).

Vince Sarno reported the following:

- The maintenance staff is continuing work on the Lauer Barn.

Chris Fetzter reported the following:

- On December 8, Chris, Mark & Beth held a traditional 1860's Christmas dinner program at the cabin. The program was very well received.

Anne Bowman reported the following:

- The Friends of the Park campaign is going well. Both individual and business membership requests have been sent out.

Old Business

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

- Kevin Bruin moved that the November 2012 Bills be approved as submitted. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- The pursuit of land in the Elida area is continuing with regard to the Herman Estate. There are currently six adjacent parcels of land with different landowners that the Park District is considering. The 1st priority property is owned by Elida School. Kevin met with Don Diglia regarding the school property. The school is interested in selling the parcel which is all wooded. The 2nd priority is the Haidle property which is available to purchase. The 3rd priority is owned by New Creation Lutheran Church. They are interested in selling 10 or 11 acres and retaining 5 or 6 acres for building a new church. This property would give access to Diller Road. The 4th priority is the Coolidge property which is mostly open ground and would provide access to Sunnydale. The 5th priority is the Baber property which is already for sale but asking a high price. The 6th priority is the Metzger property which would square off the entire 6 parcels. Appraisals need to be done very soon to determine amounts for the local matching grant. No taxpayer dollars would be used to purchase the property due to having the Herman Estate. There is an abandoned railway on the north side of the track separated by woods that would give an opportunity for a bikeway. Kevin has been appointed to the NRAC board. There is \$1.9 million available.

New Business

- Kevin presented the Commissioners with an updated 2013 budget. The total amount is the same but the Employee Separation Account and Replacement Account have been removed with the amounts dispersed into the Land Account and New Buildings Account. Kevin Bruin made motion to accept the revised 2013 budget- dated 11/28/12. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

Resolution 21-2012 was presented to fix the contract and the compensation for the Parks Superintendent of the Park District for the year beginning December 27, 2012. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 21-2012 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 22-2012 was presented to fix the compensation for the Chief Ranger of the Park District for the year beginning December 27, 2012. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 22-2012 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 23-2012 was presented to fix the compensation for the Director-Secretary of the Park District for the year beginning December 27, 2012. Bob Antibus moved that Resolution 23-2012 be accepted as presented. Kevin Bruin seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 24-2012 was presented to authorize employment of legal counsel for the Park District for the period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 24-2012 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 25- 2012 was presented to authorize employment of the following named persons in the designated positions and for the amended compensation indicated effective December 27, 2012. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 25-2012 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 26-2012 was presented to authorize submitting to the electors of the Park District the question of a replacement of a tax for the benefit of the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District for the purpose of maintaining, conserving, developing, improving, acquiring and protecting lands and waters for the purposes of parks, parkways, and forest reservations, including the existing McLean –Teddy Bear Park, Heritage Park, Kendrick Woods, Allen County Farm, Ft Amanda Historical Park, Deep Cut Historical Park, Ottawa Metro Park, Rotary Riverwalk, The Lippincott Bird Sanctuary, Agerter Road River Access, Motter Metro Park and Freedom Flag Veterans Monument, at a rate not exceeding 0.75 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 7.5 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of ten years, commencing in 2013, first due in calendar year 2014. Bob Antibus moved that Resolution 26-2012 be accepted as presented. Kevin Bruin seconded and the motion passed. The official certificate and resolution needs to be submitted to the Board of Elections.

Bob Antibus made motion to rescind Resolution 14-2012. Kevin Bruin seconded. The motion passed.

Roll call was taken to accept amended Resolution 26-2012; Nancy Steiner – yes vote, Robert K. Antibus - yes vote, Kevin P. Bruin - yes vote.

Resolution 27-2012 was presented of appreciation for Nancy R. Steiner for service to the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District of Allen County from 1992-2012. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 27-2012 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 28-2012 was presented authorizing the Director-Secretary of the Park District to enter into contract for appraisal services with Midwest Appraisals, Inc. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 28-2012 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 29-2012 was presented authorizing the Director-Secretary of the Park District to file application for financial assistance under the Clean Ohio Fund program. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 29-2012 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

With no further business, Bob Antibus made a motion to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. Kevin Bruin seconded. The motion passed.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.

Nancy R. Steiner
Chairman

Kevin L. Haver
Director-Secretary