

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

**10:30 a.m.
December 16, 2014**

**2355 Ada Road
Lima, OH 45801**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chairman, Bob Antibus. Present was Commissioner, Cathy Ahman; Legal Advisor, Dale Vandemark; Staff, Chris Fetzer, Richard Kimmel, Mark Mohr, Bob O'Connor, Vince Sarno; Director, Kevin Haver and Recording Secretary, Denise Graham.

Cathy Ahman made motion to approve the minutes for the November 18, 2014 meeting as submitted. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

Cathy Ahman and Bob Antibus had a great time at the cabin Christmas Dinner.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- A meeting is scheduled on Wed., Jan. 7 at 10 a.m. with Odesky & Associates to discuss the results of the completed survey. Four survey drafts were provided to critique by the Park District prior to Odesky conducting the survey.
- On December 15 Kevin testified to the Paulding County probate judge on behalf the Paulding Co. Park District to maintain its status. The Paulding Co. Park District was created 15 years ago but it has not been active. A county commissioner asked the probate judge to disband it. The Park District has 400 acres on the Maumee River and several beautiful areas not being used by the public.

Bob Antibus asked about the OPRA deadline for the Board Institute. Kevin said that there isn't a Board Institute scheduled for this year.

- The Ottawa River Coalition will be dedicating their storm shelter on the Rotary Riverwalk on December 18.
- George Dunster has agreed to be the levy chair.
- The Clean Ohio Fund has money available for Round 9. Kevin didn't submit a grant request for this round because the Ohio Public Works Commission isn't approving grants for improvements but only for acquisition. There has been a re-interpretation of the rules.
- The Pat Heffner estate was invested with Huntington Investments and Edward Jones.
- The re-opening of the wetland mitigation project at the Lippincott Bird Sanctuary from several years back has been settled with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.
- Denny Glenn is working on a grant application through the Rotary Club for the Veterans Memorial military museum.
- Kevin is currently working with a land owner that lives adjacent to Motter Metro Park. The landowner is concerned with the approximately 6 dead ash trees leaning on their property.
- The 2015 budget was submitted to Allen County. The Employee Separation fund and Rainy Day fund is not listed/not available for entry on the official County budget system. The funds were dispersed back to the land and new buildings accounts.

Dale Vandemark reported the following:

- Working with the manager of the limited liability company on three tracts of land in Beaverdam. It was determined through a title search that the 3rd tract of land technically isn't theirs even though taxes were paid by them. The other 2 tracts are able to be donated to the Park District Foundation.

Bob O'Connor reported the following:

- On November 19, Bob, Rich and Dave Zimmerly attended Active Shooter in Schools training.
- On November 27, Tim and Bob removed tree stands at Kendrick Woods and Hermon Woodlands.
- The Ranger Department did extra patrol the week of December 1 due to Deer Gun Season.

Vince Sarno reported the following:

- Finished putting out snow stakes and winter signs.
- Finished mulching leaves at all of the parks.

Chris Fetzer reported the following:

- 30 volunteers were used for the Christmas Tree Festival.
- Volunteers were used for the Christmas Dinner's at the cabin.

Mark Mohr reported the following:

- Organized the volunteers and re-enactors and the Christmas Tree Festival log cabin.
- Several volunteers are helping with the FeederWatch project.
- Currently working on developing and scheduling summer day camps.

Beth Theisen submitted a written report.

Old Business

Cathy Ahman moved that the November 2014 Monthly Budget Update be approved as submitted. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

Cathy Ahman moved that the November 2014 Bills be approved as submitted. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Haver reported on project updates:

- Kevin and Vince met with the Ohio Historic Connection to discuss the trail problem along the river at Fort Amanda Park. The OHC has requested proposals from 2 engineering firms to design a plan to stabilize the bank with pilings. Once the engineering firm is chosen it will go out for bid and the project should be completed in 2015.
- Kevin, Vince and Beth met with the Ohio Historic Connection to discuss interpretive signage at Fort Amanda. The OHC has \$35,000 to spend on signage. The potential plan is to convert the BBQ shelter into a base for an informational kiosk. Trail signs will be on pedestals. Dave Johnson, local historian, would like to work on the history. The landowner that owns the adjacent field to Fort Amanda no longer lives in this area and may be interested in selling or donating. The extra land would be great for parking and programming.
- The Ottawa Metro Park bandshell is nearing completion.

- The work on Hermon Woodlands is continuing. Kevin and Dave Bassett laid out the trail network. Kohli & Kaliher will be hired to do the bridge work design. If the bridges can be built on site it will save some money.

Bob Antibus asked about the DonorbyDesign draft proposal. Kevin Haver reported that the majority of the draft contained information that wasn't what was originally asked for and was a last minute add on to the proposal.

Resolution 24-2014 was presented to authorize employment of the following named persons in the designated positions and for the amended compensation indicated effective December 25, 2014. Cathy Ahman moved that Resolution 24-2014 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 23-2014 was presented to authorize the Director-Secretary to enter into contract for architectural services. Cathy Ahman moved that Resolution 23-2014 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 25-2014 was presented to fix the compensation for the Chief Ranger of the Park District for the year beginning December 25, 2014. Cathy Ahman moved that Resolution 25-2014 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 26-2014 was presented to fix the contract and the compensation for the Parks Superintendent of the Park District for the year beginning December 25, 2014. Cathy Ahman moved that Resolution 26-2014 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 27-2014 was presented to authorize employment of legal counsel for the Park District for the period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Cathy Ahman moved that Resolution 27-2014 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 28-2014 was presented to fix the compensation for the Director-Secretary of the Park District for the year beginning December 25, 2014. Cathy Ahman moved that Resolution 28-2014 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tues., January 27, 2015 at 8 a.m.

With no further business, Cathy Ahman made a motion to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Robert K. Antibus
Chairman

Kevin L. Haver
Director-Secretary