

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

**8:00 a.m.
February 18, 2014**

**2355 Ada Road
Lima, OH 45801**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman, Bob Antibus. Present was Commissioners, Cathy Ahman, Kevin Bruin; Staff, Vince Sarno, Beth Theisen; Director, Kevin Haver and Recording Secretary, Denise Graham.

Kevin Bruin made motion to approve the minutes for the January 21, 2014 meeting as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- Requested the Board's perspective on the OPRA Board Institute that was recently attended. A discussion took place. Bob Antibus thought a newsletter for Commissioners would be a good idea. Kevin Bruin suggested an ice breaker/gathering for attendees and their spouses. The Commissioners thought a regional conference would be a good idea and felt it wasn't necessary for the Board Institute to coincide with the OPRA Conference. They would like it to remain being held on a Saturday/Sunday.
- Kevin will be meeting with the realtor to discuss the Stockton property and the possibility of the sale delayed 4-5 months so that the grant could be applied for.
- The audit is ongoing. So far, not pleased with time-frame, extra amount of requests and the additional work it has created.
- Requested a discussion for an Arbor Day honoree recipient. A discussion took place and it was decided to plant 4 trees to honor those that have been instrumental with the levy campaign: David Adams, Anne Decker, Jim Eaton and Tom Sciranka.
- Maple Syrup tours will begin shortly for the schools. There will not be a weekend public program due to decreased attendance over the past years.

Bob O'Connor submitted a written report to the Commissioners.

Vince Sarno reported the following:

- The Maintenance Department has been busy with snow removal. There has been 256 hours of plowing this year.

Beth Theisen reported the following:

- Attended the OPRA conference in February.
- Plan to attend a tour of Five Rivers Metro Park's Naturescapes in June.

Old Business

- Kevin Bruin moved that the January 2014 Monthly Budget Updates be approved as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed. The Park District is losing an estimated \$153,000 in 2014 for unpaid property taxes in Allen County.

- Kevin Bruin moved that the January 2014 bills be approved as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Haver reported the following projects:

- Met with Dave Bassett regarding plans for the restroom at the Allen County Farm Park. A 42 inch storm sewer runs from Slabtown Road to the Ottawa River which could be an obstacle but it may be possible to tie into a man hole. A new water tap can be installed on St.Rt. 81 with a 1-1/2 inch water main. Would like to get the bid requests out soon.
- The bikeway extension that ties into Blue Jacket Court will be out for estimates soon. The extension from the Riverwalk to Bluejacket Court in Shawnee is 300 lineal feet and will cost approximately \$21,500.
- Waiting on the approval (Request to Proceed) from the Ohio Public Works Commission to move ahead with development of the Hermon Woodlands Metro Park. Have been in contact with the Wisconsin State Park for specifications on an enclosed shelter that they have. There aren't any manufacturers that have enclosed shelters. Plans to install a prefab concrete restroom will be forthcoming.

New Business

- The plans are progressing with the Ottawa Metro Park Band/Shade shelter. A special cut may need to be made for the shade shelter due to the unique seating design. A wedge shaped sail shelter may work as long as most of the seating is covered. There is money available for the band shelter from the Foundation.

Resolution 4-2014 was presented authorizing the Board of Commissioners of the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District to certify that the total appropriations do not exceed the official estimate of revenues available for the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 4-2014 be accepted as presented. Cathy Ahman seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 5-2014 was presented authorizing the Director-Secretary of the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District to file an application with the Clean Ohio Fund financial assistance. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 5-2014 be accepted as presented. Cathy Ahman seconded and the motion passed.

The Clean Ohio Fund application is due by April 25. The proposed property has 60 acres with 2.5 to be sold separately with the house. 57.5 acres remain with 33 acres tillable and the other in government programs. At this time, do not know the terms of the government contracts.

Kevin contacted the landowner regarding the property adjacent to the Hermon Park but hasn't heard back from her. The owner lives in North Carolina.

Kevin Haver reported the following regarding the Park District Foundation of Allen County:

- Met with Rich Rudolph and Larry Webb regarding the Foundation Development Director position. Larry Webb declined the position but through discussion recommended Thom Peters to help the Foundation get started with fundraising. Thom Peters works for a fundraising firm in Wisconsin and is currently working with the YMCA. On March 25 & 26 he will be in Lima and a meeting will try to be scheduled with him for one of those days.

With no further business, Kevin Bruin made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 a.m. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Robert K. Antibus
Chairman

Kevin L. Haver
Director-Secretary