

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

**8:00 a.m.
January 21, 2014**

**2355 Ada Road
Lima, OH 45801**

MINUTES

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

Kevin Bruin made motion to elect Bob Antibus as chairperson for 2014. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Bruin made motion to approve the minutes for the December 17, 2013 meeting as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- The application has been submitted for tax exemption on the remaining 50 acres at Motter Metro Park. This area will be planted in prairie grasses later this year.
- Kevin Bruin made motion to pay the staff for the closure of the Park District due to hazardous weather conditions on January 6. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.
- Kevin requested direction from the Board regarding applying for the additional round of grant monies through the Clean Ohio Fund for the new park. There is \$770,000 remaining from the last round that will be available through submittal and approval of a new grant application. Kevin suggested pursuing additional property adjacent to the new park. Bob Antibus thought it was a good idea and also suggested looking at property near other Park areas too. Kevin Bruin was in favor of applying for the next round in the Clean Ohio Fund.

Bob O'Connor reported the following:

- On January 10, new armored vests purchased through the Bullet Proof Partnership Program arrived and were distributed to the ranger staff.
- On January 14, the ranger staff attended four hours of Continuing Education Training mandated by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council on Elder Abuse and Sovereign Citizens.
- Several individuals have been interviewed for the three seasonal ranger positions.

Vince Sarno reported the following:

- The maintenance staff has been busy with snow removal due to 8 recent snow events.
- The Park District inventory is complete.
- The maintenance staff is working on cutting and splitting firewood, litter pick-up and light pruning as weather permits.

Beth Theisen reported the following:

- Met with Kevin Haver to discuss ideas on a Naturescape for the new park.

Old Business

- Kevin Bruin moved that the December 2013 Monthly Budget Updates be approved as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

- Kevin Bruin moved that the December 2013 Bills be approved as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Haver reported on the following:

- Capital improvement projects for 2014 are: 1) Allen County Farm restroom; 2) Extension of Riverwalk; 3) Hermon Park development; 4) Amphitheater Band Shell. Other projects added to the list of expenditures include: stone rip rap for the new pond at Teddy Bear Park (late summer); replacement barn at the Allen County Farm Park (late summer); and prairie plantings at Motter Metro Park.

New Business

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- The 2012/2013 Statue Audit will begin in mid to late February. Plan to have it performed off site to help eliminate disruption of office operations. Kevin Bruin asked if there has been any response from the letter sent to Matt Huffman regarding the last audit. Kevin Haver said that there has not been a response. Kevin Bruin would like to send another letter asking if anything is going to be done regarding state audits. Kevin Haver said he would prepare a new letter to send.
- The OPRA Board Institute is the first weekend of February. A 72 hour cancellation notice is required for a refund.

Resolution 1-2014 was presented to authorizing the Director-Secretary to enter into contract for architectural services for the Allen County Farm Park, Heritage Park and Ottawa Metro Park. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 1-2014 be accepted as presented. Cathy Ahman seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 2-2014 was presented authorizing the Director-Secretary of the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District to close the office and parks due to hazardous weather conditions. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 2-2014 be accepted as presented. Cathy Ahman seconded and the motion passed.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

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

Robert K. Antibus
Chairman

Kevin L. Haver
Director-Secretary

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

**10:25 a.m.
January 21, 2014**

**2355 Ada Road
Lima, OH 45801**

MINUTES

The special meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chairman, Bob Antibus. Present was Commissioners, Cathy Ahman and Kevin Bruin; Director, Kevin Haver and Recording Secretary, Denise Graham.

Resolution 3-2014 was presented to fix the compensation for the Director-Secretary of the Park District beginning January 23, 2014. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 3-2014 be accepted as presented. Cathy Ahman seconded and the motion passed.

With no further business, Kevin Bruin made a motion to adjourn at 10:27 a.m. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Robert K. Antibus
Chairman

Kevin L. Haver
Director-Secretary