

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

**8:00 a.m.
January 13, 2015**

**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; Legal Advisor, Dale Vandemark; Staff, Vince Sarno; Director, Kevin Haver and Recording Secretary, Denise Graham.

Kevin Bruin made motion to nominate Cathy Ahman as chairman. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

Old Business

- A construction meeting for the Hermon Woodlands Park is scheduled for 11 a.m. Bassett's is working on the trail design. The ad for the request of bids will be advertised soon; the bid opening is scheduled for January 30th. Technicon is finishing work on the shelter design.
- Kevin Bruin asked about the Allen County Farm restroom project. Kevin Haver reported that the Park District may need to begin an appeals process since it has been over 3 weeks since any correspondence has taken place. The building code says a concrete footer is needed instead of a stone pad.

New Business

Resolution 1-2015 was presented declaring it necessary to request an additional tax in excess of the ten mill limitation 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 Park, Fort Amanda Historical Park, Deep Cut Historical Park, Ottawa Metro Park, Rotary Riverwalk, Lippincott Bird Sanctuary, Agerter Road River Access, Motter Metro Park, Hermon Woodlands 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 eight years, commencing in 2015, first due in calendar year 2016. The roll call was taken, Cathy Ahman – yes vote, Robert K. Antibus - yes vote, Kevin P. Bruin - yes vote.

Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 1-2015 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

Other

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- Odesky & Associates has completed the survey and the summary has been received.
- The first levy meeting is scheduled for January 14th at 12 Noon.
- The Fire Chief Association is interested in building a memorial/monument in one of the parks.

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

With no further business, Kevin Bruin made a motion to adjourn at 8:16 a.m. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

Cathy Ahman
Chairman

Kevin L. Haver
Director-Secretary

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

**8:00 a.m.
January 27, 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; Legal Advisor, Dale Vandemark; Staff, Chris Fetzer, Bob O'Connor, Vince Sarno; Director, Kevin Haver and Recording Secretary, Denise Graham.

Kevin Bruin made motion to approve the minutes for the December 16, 2014 meeting as submitted. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- The office staff has been very busy with year-end and beginning of year work.

Dale Vandemark reported the following:

- Continuing work on the Beaverdam land gift. The survey needs to be completed on the 6 acre parcel.

Vince Sarno reported the following:

- Inventory has been completed at all parks and facilities.
- Six dead ash trees were taken down at Motter Metro Park.
- Currently working on making signs for the Hermon Woodlands Park and snow removal.

Bob O'Connor reported the following:

- The rain shelter on the Riverwalk was damaged after being installed just 4 days. A few days later all the panels were damaged. The shelter will be repaired using lexan in the panels and a camera will be installed to help with security.

Chris Fetzer reported the following:

- Currently working on scheduling the summer amphitheater program series. The dedication of the new amphitheater band shell is scheduled for Saturday, May 30th at 7 p.m. A swing band will be performing for the event.

Old Business

Kevin Bruin moved that the December 2014 Monthly Budget Update be approved as submitted. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Bruin moved that the December 2014 Bills be approved as submitted. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- The first levy meeting was held on January 14th. Met with Anne Decker regarding media coverage, theme and strategy. Billboards and bus stop boards are all reserved. Kevin invited the commissioners to attend the next levy meeting scheduled for February 18th at 12 Noon.

- Letters have been sent to the townships & villages and Allen County Trustees & Clerk Assn. regarding scheduling a speaking engagement on the upcoming levy. Several speaking engagements have been scheduled. Plan to send another letter on the levy to the church groups who use the parks.

Bob Antibus asked about the absentee ballots. Kevin will check with the Board of Elections to see who took ballots out.

Kevin Bruin asked about the status of Allen County Farm restroom project. Vince Sarno called the state building inspector on January 26th and was told that he would look the project over again but haven't heard anything back. Kevin Bruin thought that the Park District should check to see what it would cost to put a concrete footer under the restroom.

Resolution 2-2015 was presented for submitting to the electors of the Park District the question of an additional 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 Park, Fort Amanda Historical Park, Deep Cut Historical Park, Ottawa Metro Park, Rotary Riverwalk, Lippincott Bird Sanctuary, Agerter Road River Access, Motter Metro Park, Hermon Woodlands Metro Park and Freedom Flag Veterans Monument and to re-establish the cooperative park improvement grant program to benefit community parks throughout Allen County, 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 eight years, commencing in 2015, first due in calendar year 2016. The roll call was taken, Cathy Ahman – yes vote, Robert K. Antibus - yes vote, Kevin P. Bruin - yes vote.

Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 2-2015 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 3-2015 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 3-2015 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tues., February 24, 2015 at 8 a.m.

With no further business, Kevin Bruin made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 a.m. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Cathy Ahman
Chairman

Kevin L. Haver
Director-Secretary