

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

**8:00 a.m.
July 19, 2011**

**2355 Ada Road
Lima, OH 45801**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman, Nancy Steiner. Present was Commissioner, Kevin Bruin; Staff, Chris Fetzer, Bob O'Connor, Vince Sarno; Legal Advisor, Dale Vandemark; Director, Kevin Haver and Recording Secretary, Denise Graham.

Kevin Bruin moved that the minutes for the May 24, 2011 meeting be approved as submitted. Nancy Steiner seconded. The motion passed. There was not a June Board meeting.

Kevin Bruin commented on how nice the amphitheater programs are and appreciated the sponsorships we received for them.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- Currently attending meetings for "Walkable Allen County" sponsored by the Allen County Health Dept. Kathy Luhn of the Health Dept. is trying to copy what other communities are doing for trails such as Miami County. Currently looking for someone to head up the group and pursue state & federal grants.
- The Park District staff will be hosting the Northwest Ohio Parks gathering on September 16th.
- OPRA has restructured their memberships and it is now time to renew.
- Encouraged Commissioners to begin thinking about ideas for the upcoming levy and also a chair/co-chairpersons. Kevin Haver thought a good fundraising idea would be a sunset 5K on the Riverwalk with luminaries set-up by volunteers. Medina Park District had a similar fundraiser and cleared \$6000.

Vince Sarno reported the following:

- All memorial and replacement trees have been planted.
- Ponds at all of the parks have been treated.
- Working on removing ash trees at all the parks.

Chris Fetzer reported the following:

- The amphitheater programs have been well attended with an average of 85 persons per program. The Doctor Insecta program had 160 in attendance.

Old Business

Kevin Bruin moved that the May 2011 Monthly Budget Update be approved as submitted. Nancy Steiner seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Bruin moved that the June 2011 Monthly Budget Update be approved as submitted. Nancy Steiner seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Bruin moved that the May 2011 Bills be approved as submitted. Nancy Steiner seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Bruin moved that the June 2011 Bills be approved as submitted. Nancy Steiner seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- Kevin Haver thanked Procter & Gamble and Tom Sciranka for the 12X16 wildlife deck that they built at Lippincott Bird Sanctuary. Procter & Gamble supplied the materials and volunteers to work with Kazz & Vince. Tom Sciranka said it was one of the best team building experiences the group has been involved with.
- The Governor signed the passage of the Ohio Budget a few weeks ago. The passage affects the Park District by changing tangible personal property tax from 8 years to a 9 year payback, phased out year by year ending in 2019.
- The Riverwalk signage is ready to go up. There are 5 portal signs (Heritage, Ottawa Metro Park and 3 in the City) to be placed. Bikeway etiquette signs are also ready to go up. Fultz Signs made the signs and were all paid for by donations. The Rotarians sold 24 plates for donor recognition. They would like to install a concrete alcove at Ottawa Metro Park to place the plates in a patio like setting with two benches. We are currently working on sponsors/donors for the benches.

New Business

The work on the Miami Erie Canal at Deep Cut is complete. A dedication service took place on June 4 (National Trails Day) with 80 people in attendance.

Resolution 11-2011 was presented authorizing the director-secretary to amend the policy regarding camping in the Ottawa Metro Park. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 10-2011 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

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

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16th at 8:00 a.m.

Robert K. Antibus
Chairman

Kevin L. Haver
Director-Secretary