

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

**8:00 a.m.
March 21, 2012**

**2355 Ada Road
Lima, OH 45801**

MINUTES

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

Kevin Bruin moved that the minutes for the January 17, 2012 meeting be approved as submitted. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- The work on the south side of the Lauer Barn is complete. The maintenance staff will be wrapping up work there until fall.

Bob Antibus thanked the staff for all the work performed for Maple Fest.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- At this time there isn't any word on when the State Audit will be.
- On Thursday, April 5 at 12 Noon the first levy meeting will be held. All levy chairs will be attending and Jim Eaton will be discussing current updates on levy do's and don'ts.
- The attendance for Maple Fest school groups and public weekend were both low in attendance. The staff met on March 15 and they would like to delay the next Maple Festival (2014) until changes can be made to improve/enhance the Festival. The Park District currently doesn't have enough sizeable sugar maple trees. Maybe at some point land will become available with the appropriate trees.
- Kevin asked the Commissioners if they would still like to schedule two meetings a year with staff. The Commissioners agreed and another date will be scheduled.
- At this time, no information is available for the mutual aid agreement with the city.

Vince Sarno reported the following:

- The maintenance staff has been working on the Lauer Barn for the last 3 months.
- Tawa Tree Service removed 6 large ash trees and 1 hickory tree at the Park Office. The lumber will be used for the Lauer Barn project.
- The boat ramp at Ottawa Metro Park was removed, repaired and reinstalled.
- The main electric service and new breaker box was installed at the office.
- Snow stakes and winter signs have been taken down.
- New underground electric service has been installed to the maintenance shop.
- On March 20, mowing began in the parks. This is the earliest in Park District history.

Kevin Bruin moved that the February 2012 Monthly Budget Update be approved as submitted. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Bruin moved that the January & February 2012 Bills be approved as submitted. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Bruin moved that the January 2012 Monthly Budget Update be approved as submitted. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- Met with Bassett & Associates regarding a band shell for Ottawa Metro Park. Very pleased with the estimate that was received of \$58,000. The Rotary Club is contemplating installing a small band shell near Lima Stadium. Would like to see them put it at Ottawa Metro Park instead since the City of Lima already has one at Faurot Park.
- Met with Jay Lugibill regarding the farming contract for Motter Metro Park. It was decided to have a 2 year contract instead of 3 year. Would like to set-up some community meetings in Bluffton to discuss development of Motter Metro Park.
- A few weeks ago the Park District was made aware of a wetland mitigation project for a \$380 million project at the industrial park which has been on the books for 2.5 years. The Allen Economical Group has promised the industry that it will be shovel ready for them. At this time the Park District does not have a large portion of land with hydric soil readily available. Met with a consultant from Envirotech to see if the Park District could join the North Coast Regional Council of Park District so that the mitigation money can be put into a wetland bank. Tom Mazur from Regional Planning is mapping some of the Park District's land to see what additional land is available within a ½ mile radius with hydric soil. The minimum amount is 50 acres.

Kevin Bruin reported the following:

- There will be 3 groups of volunteers for the Ford Earth Day Project. Approximately 20 volunteers from ONU, 15 volunteers from LCC and 30 from Ford. Projects will include planting trees and preparing the disc golf course with tee areas for the additional 9 holes.

A discussion took place regarding designating an Arbor Day Honoree. Warren Jacobs will be honored with a Sugar Maple at McLean Teddy Bear Park at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 30.

Resolution 3-2012 was presented authorizing the director-secretary to enter into contract for roofing services. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 3-2012 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 4-2012 was presented authorizing the director-secretary to enter into contract for emergency electrical repair. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 4-2012 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 5-2012 was presented authorizing the director-secretary to enter into contract for computer services. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 5-2012 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

At 9:10 a.m., Kevin Bruin made motion to move into executive session to discuss land. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

At 10:00 a.m. Kevin Bruin made motion to return from executive session. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

With no further business, at 10:01 a.m. Kevin Bruin made motion to adjourn. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17 at 8:00 a.m.

Nancy R. Steiner
Chairman

Kevin L. Haver
Director-Secretary