

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

**8:00 a.m.
March 17, 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, Mark Mohr, Bob O'Connor, Vince Sarno, Beth Theisen; Director, Kevin Haver and Recording Secretary, Denise Graham.

Kevin Bruin made motion to approve the minutes for the January 27, 2015 meeting as submitted. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- Kevin thanked the Commissioners for helping at the Optimist Home Show.
- Applications have been submitted for tax exempt status for 3 parcels that are in the CAUV program.
- Currently working on a spring marketing campaign for the Park District for commercials on WLIO. The first commercial has been completed and will air the week of March 23.
- Kevin has been working with Paulding County Park District and Marion County Park District to provide them some guidance so that they can progress.
- Some of the Motter Metro Park neighbors expressed concerned with dead ash trees leaning toward their properties. The maintenance department took down the trees.
- The Arbor Day ceremony will be held at the Ottawa Metro Park Amphitheater on April 24th. Two trees will be planted to honor Jerry Johnson and Thora Davis for their involvement with the amphitheater.

Vince Sarno reported the following:

- The maintenance department has been busy with snow removal during the month of February. Working on making signage for Hermon Woodlands Park, repairing/welding grills for all the parks and removing dead trees at Teddy Bear, Ottawa Metro Park and Motter Metro Park.

Bob O'Connor reported the following:

- On February 16 -20, the Ranger staff along with other law enforcement agencies participated in Active Shooter in Schools and Work Place training.
- On February 19, Brent Brinkman recertified part of the staff in CPR and first aid.
- On March 12, a seasonal ranger staff meeting was held to review this year's schedule.
- On March 14, Bob participated in the St Patrick's Day Parade.

Chris Fetzer reported the following:

- Participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 14. Several photos were taken and put on Facebook.

Beth Theisen submitted a written Naturalist report for Jan. & Feb. 2015.

Mark Mohr reported the following:

- The Smokehouse Luncheon was held on March 15. It went very well with 20 people in attendance plus volunteers. Currently working on county fair programs and scheduling re-enactors for the fair.

Old Business

Kevin Bruin moved that the January & February 2015 Monthly Budget Update be approved as submitted. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Bruin moved that the January & February 2015 Bills be approved as submitted. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Haver reported the following updates for Hermon Woodlands:

- The site work contract with Ohio Paving will be finishing up this spring. The water line that was installed was not buried deep enough and the valve broke with 2 million gallons of water lost. Ohio Paving will be paying the water bill of \$7100.
- Mid-Ohio Structures located in Newark, OH received the trails contract. They will be cutting 2 miles of trail through the woods with compacting stone and constructing and installing 3 foot bridges one 65', another 45' and a smaller one in the Nature PlayScape.
- KBI located in Ottawa, OH received the facilities contract. The facilities contract will be paid for through the Foundation. The contract includes 2 shelter houses and installation of a restroom.
- The final landscape should take place in late summer for the Nature PlayScape.

Kevin Haver reported on the Allen County Farm Park Restroom Project:

- The building permit for the Allen County Farm Park restroom was received a few weeks ago. When the weather breaks a crane will be brought in to install the restroom.

The Ottawa Metro Park Bandshell dedication will be held on Saturday, May 30th. A swing band will be performing.

Kevin Haver reported on the Levy Campaign:

- Several speaking engagements have been scheduled. Would like to schedule more senior groups. The next levy committee meeting will be held on Wed., March 18 at 12 p.m. The Levy Kick-Off event will be held on Thursday, March 19 from 4 pm to 6 pm. The goal is to get the facts out so voters can make an informed decision and also provide information on all of the accomplishments of the Cooperative Park Improvement Grant Program. The budget for the campaign is doing well. The levy yard signs have been received. The color is different than what was ordered but there isn't enough time to order new ones.

New Business

Resolution 4-2015 was presented requesting funds from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Designation of Projects for Ohio Parks Districts Roadwork Fund FY 2016-2017 through

the Ohio Parks & Recreation Association (OPRA). Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 4-2015 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 5-2015 was presented authorizing the Director-Secretary of the Park District to purchase a precast restroom for the Hermon Woodlands Metro Park. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 5-2015 be accepted as presented. Bob Antibus seconded and the motion passed.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tues., April 21, 2015 at 8 a.m.

With no further business, Kevin Bruin made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 a.m. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

Cathy Ahman
Chairman

Kevin L. Haver
Director-Secretary