

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

**8:00 a.m.
May 21, 2013**

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

Bob Antibus moved that the minutes for the April 16, 2013 meeting be approved as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Bob Antibus thanked everyone for the Arbor Day Tree planting and all of their work towards the levy. Kevin Bruin also thanked everyone for their work on the levy and for making the Ford Work Day successful.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- Beaver Construction (contractor for I-75 project) needs additional dirt for their project and has offered to dig a 3.5 acre pond on the Pickrell Property. A wetland delineation is currently being conducted on the site. Bassett & Associates has drawn a plan for the proposed pond.
- Two of the Park District Foundation C.D.'s recently matured. The funds from the C.D.'s were divided and placed into Huntington Investments and Edward Jones investments to stay under the FDIC limit of \$250,000.
- A meeting is scheduled with Rhonda Eddy on May 22 to discuss the 2014 preliminary budget which will be due in the next month.

Bob O'Connor reported the following:

- On April 19, Abby Michael and Chad Sandlin were given oath of office.
- On April 25, Bob attended the first meeting for National Night Out to be held at Heritage Park on August 6 from 6 pm to 9 pm.
- On April 30 and May 1 Richard provided programming for Delphos Girl Scouts.
- On May 4, Richard participated in the Touch a Truck program at the Lima Public Library.
- On May 9, Bob and Kazz participated with Lima Catholic School's Positive Addition Week Career Day Program. Spoke to 60 6th graders regarding careers in maintenance and law enforcement. On May 10, helped with the Positive Addition Week 5K run/walk.

Vince Sarno reported the following:

- Planted all memorial trees and replacement trees.
- Sprayed herbicide at all of the parks.
- Repaired waterline/hydrant leak in campground.
- Repaired roof damage from last year's wind storm at Teddy Bear Park and Ottawa Metro Park.
- Currently power washing, mowing, trimming & sweeping roads/lots in all parks and facilities.

Beth Theisen reported the following:

- The naturalist department is very busy with school group spring hikes and 2 week pioneer skills programming.

- Cassie Thompson was hired a few weeks ago as a seasonal naturalist intern.

Old Business

Bob Antibus moved that the April 2013 Monthly Budget Update be approved as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Bob Antibus moved that the April 2013 Bills be approved as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed. Kevin Haver reported that he has requested an energy audit through AEP. AEP will audit the lighting in the parks and office to determine what will be most efficient.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- 14 Park & Recreation agencies were on the ballot for May 7. The Johnny Appleseed Park District was the leader in the State of Ohio for the highest percent favorability of passage. The Park District won every precinct except Beaverdam. Met with the staff on May 16 to review and summarize the levy campaign in preparation for planning ahead to future levies. An 18 month lead time is needed in planning for a levy.

Dale Vandemark reported the following:

- The proposed bikeway connection from the Riverwalk to Heritage Park will contain an Exhibit A & Exhibit B for Jerome Mentor's easement.

New Business

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- A public meeting regarding the Motter Metro Park is scheduled for June 4th at 7 p.m. on the 3rd floor of Bluffton's Town Hall. The drawing prepared by Bassett & Associates show a relatively simple layout of trails, prairie, and tree & shrub plantings. This plan will be shown to the public.

Resolution 8-2013 was presented authorizing the Director-Secretary to enter into contract for the purchase of security equipment. Bob Antibus moved that Resolution 8-2013 be accepted as presented. Cathy Ahman seconded and the motion passed. The contract is for security equipment at Ottawa Metro Park which includes 5 camera views inside of the beach and 3 camera views in the parking lots. The video will be evidence quality and can also be used as a training tool for the beach operation. The cameras and equipment will be hard wired into the beach house.

With no further business, Bob Antibus made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 a.m. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

The next Board meeting date is not scheduled at this time.

Kevin P. Bruin
Chairman

Kevin L. Haver
Director-Secretary