

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

**8:00 a.m.
November 19, 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, Mark Mohr, Vince Sarno, Beth Theisen; Legal Advisor, Dale Vandemark; Director, Kevin Haver and Recording Secretary, Denise Graham.

Bob Antibus moved that the minutes for the October 15, 2013 meeting be approved as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- Kevin and several of the staff attended the Northwest Ohio Parks Gathering on October 25th at Hancock Park District.
- The 2014 Budget was presented to the Commissioners for review. The deadline for submittal to the County Auditor is December 20.
- Bob Antibus made motion to approve the transfer of funds from the Medicare expenditure account to OPERS to cover year end expenditures. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.
- Bob Antibus made motion to approve the transfer of funds from Real Estate revenue to Homestead revenue. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.
- Kevin asked the Commissioners if they would like to change the December 17th Board meeting time to 11 a.m. followed by a Christmas Lunch at 12 Noon. The Commissioners agreed that they would like to change the time.

Beth Theisen reported the following:

- Submitted a written report of October programs to the Commissioners. The last hike for the Walking Thru Autumn Hiking series was held on November 2 with 55 individuals completing at least 6 of the 8 hikes. Those participants received a hiking stick medallion.

Vince Sarno reported the following:

- Closed and winterized campground and shower house, closed restroom at the west end of Heritage Park.
- The Riverwalk was sealed from the loop to the railroad bridge with a new product called Biorestor.
- Wagner Doors installed new restroom doors at Heritage Park.

Bob O'Connor reported the following:

- On September 24, Bob attended the OPRA-LE meeting held in Columbus and on October 29-30 attended the Ohio Attorney General's Conference in Columbus.
- On November 8-10, the Park District participated in the Hunting with Heroes event. This was the fifth year for the event with 24 disabled veterans participating this year. Areas that were hunted included the Husky property off Adgate Rd., the Port Authority property behind the Harley Davidson dealership, along with JSMC and Park property.

- The body armor for the ranger staff has been ordered. The body armor is made possible through a 50/50 matching grant from the Bulletproof Partnership Program.

Chris Fetzer reported the following:

- The 1800's Thanksgiving Dinner at the log cabin had a full registration for both Friday and Saturday night.

Mark Mohr reported the following:

- The photo contest went well. A few less photos were entered this year than in prior years. 60 people attended the Photo Contest Open House. Alloway Environmental Testing sponsored the contest and Michael Ayers judged the photos.

Old Business

- Bob Antibus moved that the October 2013 Monthly Budget Updates be approved as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.
- Bob Antibus moved that the October 2013 Bills be approved as submitted. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- The Clean Ohio Grant Application was submitted. Approval at the local level will take place by December 12 and approval through the state will take place in the February/March timeframe. The Foundation will purchase the property this year in 2013 and the Park District will purchase the property from the Foundation after the grant is approved in 2014. This property will not involve any local tax money but will come from the Hermon estate gift and Clean Ohio Fund.

New Business

- Kevin Bruin asked about the status of the Lauer Historical Farm. Kevin Haver reported that the barn that the maintenance staff has worked on is basically complete and will now look into the infrastructure for the Farm.
- Bob Antibus asked about the barn at the Allen County Farm Park. Kevin Haver reported that nothing has transpired at this point.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- The Park District is one of three sponsors for the Christmas Tree Festival. Chris will be organizing the volunteers for door greeters and the talking tree. Mark will be re-enacting in the log cabin. The Festival runs December 4-8.

With no further business, Bob Antibus made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 a.m. Cathy Ahman seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin P. Bruin
Chairman

Kevin L. Haver
Director-Secretary