

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

**8:00 a.m.
September 20, 2011**

**2355 Ada Road
Lima, OH 45801**

MINUTES

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

Ben Altenbach was given the Oath of Office by Bob Antibus, to serve in the capacity of Seasonal Park District Ranger.

Kevin Bruin moved that the minutes for the August 16, 2011 meeting be approved as submitted. Nancy Steiner seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- Several Park District staff helped with the event at the Freedom Flag Monument and Tank Plant on September 15.
- The Park District hosted the Northwest Ohio Park District Gathering on September 16. Seven parks systems attended.
- On September 8 & 9, Kevin attended a park forum in Butler County.
- The Shawnee Township bikeway project will be held off until 2013.

Bob O'Connor reported the following:

- Several of the Ranger staff helped with security at the Allen County Fair. On August 20th, Richard presented a program on Ohio Snakes at the Park District's booth at the fair.
- Dog Day at the Beach was held on September 17. 100 people and 150 dogs attended. There were a few incidents this year.

Vince Sarno reported the following:

- Finished painting and staining at all of the parks.
- Installed butterfly signs at Ottawa Metro Park and Motter Metro Park.
- Working on grinding out stumps, backfilling and seeding at the Office, Teddy Bear and Ottawa Metro Park.
- Finished trail maintenance at all of the parks.
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Kevin Bruin moved that the August 2011 Monthly Budget Update be approved as submitted. Nancy Steiner seconded. The motion passed.

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

Kevin Haver reported the following:

- A decision will need to be made shortly regarding the upcoming Park District Levy. After meeting with the Budget Commission, Rhonda Eddy and Jim Link, it is unclear if a renewal or a replacement levy should be sought. Property revaluations will be performed at the beginning of 2012 and home values will be going down but agricultural land values are to increase. A renewal levy will take the valuations back to 2003 value, where a replacement levy will take the values at 2012. Filing to put the levy on ballot must be done 90 days before the election. Kevin would like to contract with a surveying firm to see what constituents in Allen County would like from the parks. Billboards, etc. have to be reserved a year in advance so we will need to decide very soon. At this time there isn't a firm recommendation for the levy chair. A separate website needs to be created for the levy campaign. Need to look for a volunteer, etc. to do this. Nancy Steiner mentioned that Tom Vondrell does video, etc. and may be interested in video and website creation.

New Business

- The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is Thursday, September 22 at 6 pm at the Allen County Farm Park.

Resolution 12-2011 was presented authorizing the director-secretary to enter into contract for the purchase of a patrol vehicle. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 12-2011 be accepted as presented. Nancy Steiner seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 13-2011 was presented authorizing the director-secretary to enter into contract for the purchase of furnaces. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 13-2011 be accepted as presented. Nancy Steiner seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 14-2011 was presented accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 14-2011 be accepted as presented. Nancy Steiner seconded and the motion passed.

Resolution 15-2011 was presented in appreciation for Steven J. Dorsten for service to the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District and the citizens of Allen County. Kevin Bruin moved that Resolution 15-2011 be accepted as presented. Nancy Steiner seconded and the motion passed.

At 8:55 a.m., Kevin Bruin made motion to move into executive session to discuss land. Nancy Steiner seconded. The motion passed.

At 9:20 a.m. Kevin Bruin made motion to return from executive session. Nancy Steiner seconded. The motion passed.

With no further business, at 9:20 a.m. Kevin Bruin made motion to adjourn. Bob Antibus seconded. The motion passed.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15th at 8:00 a.m.

Robert K. Antibus
Chairman

Kevin L. Haver
Director-Secretary