



Perry County Park District Board
Regular Meeting - August 9, 2021 3:30pm
Arethusa Springs Community Park, New Lexington, OH

Mr. Moore called the August 9, 2021 Regular Meeting to order at 3:30pm.

I. Roll Call

Present: Scott Moore; Jenny LaRue; Fred Redfern; Tami McAdams.

Absent: Theresa Kane.

Guests: Natasha Alfman - PC Auditor's Office; Karen Glade - PC Lodging Tax Officer.

II. Comments from the Public

Natasha Alfman of the Perry County Auditor's Office assisted the Board in analyzing the monthly financial reports received from the Auditor's Office.

Karen Glade gave an update of her work with Lodging Tax Collection.

III. Approve agenda items / Request for additional agenda items

A. Added Lodging Tax Requests to Old Business

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. July 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Ms. LaRue moved, Mr. Redfern seconded to approve the July 12, 2021 Regular meeting minutes.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

V. Financial Status of Park District and Approval of Revenue and Expenses

A. July Financial Reports

Ms. McAdams provided the July financial reports to the Board.

VI. Old Business

A. 2021 Interns - Introduction and Update

Mr. Moore provided an update of intern current and future activities.

1. Current activities update

Mr. Moore advised that the interns had organized the Aug 17 wildflower hike at the Clay Center. Ms. LaRue said the interns would be leading the hike with the foraging expert. The Board discussed the original tasks of Virtual Tours and providing Facebook post write-ups and upcoming event activities. Possible activities include assisting Soil and Water at the Paddlesports Try It at Lake Tecumseh on Aug 22 and a fall workday at the Glenford Fort "squirrel" and trail clearing there.

B. Aug 11 Meeting with County Commissioners

Mr. Moore, Ms. LaRue, Ms. McAdams and the interns met with the County Commissioners on August 4. (Commissioner Carpenter was not present). The interns gave a short presentation on ideas for multi-use trails at the Clay Center and the upcoming wildflower hike there on August 17. Briefly discussed topics were 2022 budget, future county property usage, lodging tax fund proposals and disbursement. The Commissioners encouraged the Park District to develop a proposal format and begin submitting requests for funding from the Lodging Tax Fund.

The Board discussed the direction and impact of the Park District and how best to serve parks in the county operated by cities, villages and townships, etc. It was discussed to increase focus on park needs, park event promotion, organizing volunteers for clean up and maintenance, natural resource management and planning, grant writing/fund acceptance, and assisting with park improvements as we are able. Planning began to develop a “needs” survey to send out to the various park management entities.

C. Ohio Appalachian Country membership meeting - Aug 11

Ms. LaRue and Ms. McAdams advised they plan to attend to further assess the potential benefits of membership for the Park District.

D. Park Address Signage Update

Ms. LaRue advised the purchase order is being put in place for the purchase from Snider Flautt Lumber and the signs will be ordered in the coming month. Locations were discussed to install the signs from this initial order round. Initial 20 sign locations being considered are the most used parks in: Crooksville, Corning, Shawnee, New Lexington and at Ludowici, St Joseph’s Lake, Clouse Lake, New Lexington Reservoir.

VII. New Business

A. Upcoming Events

1. Wildflower Hike - Clay Center - (Tues -Aug 17 -8am)

a) Ms. LaRue advised that the interns would be leading the upcoming wildflower hike along with the foraging expert.

2. Soil & Water -Paddlesport Try It - Lake Tecumseh, Shawnee (Sun Aug 22)

a) Mr. Moore advised that the interns will be assisting Soil and Water with this event. Several board members are expecting to attend and assist as well.

3. Founders Day at Ludowici - Oct 16

a) The Board discussed setting up and manning an information table.

B. EDA - State Tourism Grants

Mr. Redfern discussed State Tourism Grant availability. He will contact the grant provider for additional information.

C. Potential Event - Cycling safety/maintenance-partnering with Bike Buckeye Lake
Ms. McAdams discussed an idea for a potential bike safety and basic maintenance event that could be done by partnering with Bike Buckeye Lake organization, Perry County Health Department and Judge Cooperrider, advising that Bike Buckeye Lake is interested and will discuss the event at their September board meeting. Judge Cooperrider is on-board and very interested in helping with the event, including possibly leading a short, guided ride through the community. Event location possibilities include Somerset or Thornville. Ms. LaRue discussed considering Thornville as the location and described a current project she is doing with Thornville to install bike route signage and bike racks. She advised the PC Health Department can possibly provide give-away youth helmets. Ms. LaRue will contact her Licking County counterpart for information on their helmet give-away program. Event date to be discussed at the board's next meeting.

D. Meeting Locations - planning ahead

The Board discussed the meeting location for upcoming meetings. The September meeting will be held in Thornville as this will be more convenient to the ODOT guest speaker. Ms. McAdams will email out the address. The Board discussed that following the September meeting, board members are invited to visit a potential Thornville location for holding the cycling event.

E. Lodging Tax Fund Requests

Ms. McAdams will create a draft of a fund request for funding the park district website and one for funding the 911 emergency response address signs to present at the September meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:33pm

Mr. Redfern moved, Ms. LaRue seconded to adjourn.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Next Regular Meeting - Monday - September 13, 2021 3:30pm
Perry County Public Library - Thornville Branch