



MINUTES

Perry County Park District Board - Regular Meeting

July 11, 2022 3:30pm

Arethusa Springs - 425 Fowler Ln, New Lexington, OH 43764

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 3:35pm.

I. Roll Call

Present: Scott Moore; Fred Redfern; Sue Oberhauser; Tami McAdams.

Absent: none (one vacant board position)

Staff: Jessie Bennett - PCPD Volunteer Naturalist;

Guests: Sue Oberhauser-board member candidate; Jenny LaRue- PCHD

A. Welcome new Board Member Sue Oberhauser!

II. Approve Agenda Items / Request for additional/revised agenda items

Mr. Redfern moved, Ms. McAdams seconded, to approve the July 11, 2022, meeting agenda.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

III. Approval of June Minutes

A. Ms. McAdams moved, Mr. Redfern seconded, to approve the May 9, 2022, Regular meeting minutes.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

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

A. Mr. Redfern moved, Ms. Oberhauser seconded, to approve the June 2022 revenue & expenses report

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Ms. McAdams stated she followed up with Auditor's Office/Commissioners Office with clarification questions regarding salary entries - intern and part-time Naturalist employee. Mr. Taylor indicated his internet service was down and he couldn't pull up the payroll file at that time. He said that he expected that the intern entries were ones that would roll back into the general fund. New salary lines were created for the Naturalist position. Mr. Taylor will take another look when their internet is restored to be sure there are no discrepancies and will let the Board know if any are found.

V. Comments from the public/guests

Ms. LaRue of the Perry County Health Department advised that the next local meeting regarding the Appalachian Region Fund will be Weds July 13, 2:30pm at the Grace Lutheran Church in Thornville. They will be meeting weekly for another 7 or 8 weeks. She recommends that the Park District has a representative there. More discussion on this subject followed in New Business section E.

VI. Old Business

A. County Commissioner related

1. Central Silica property

a) Driveway Update

Ms. Bennett advised that the new driveway excavation has begun and are stores of stone and dirt have been brought in.

b) Discussion on interior access trail to Soil & Water's Glenford Fort from the old Central Silica property

Mr. Moore provided a summary of recent discussions with the Commissioners and Soil & Water on the best location for the final trail route to connect the properties. He has been asked to flag this route for future review by both parties.

2. Discussion of Dutcher House, at Glenford Fort - possible PCPD field office

Based on recent conversations between Mr. Moore (Park District Chair) and the County Commissioners, the Board determined that more formal discussions should take place to explore and negotiate an agreement for use of a part of the Glenford Fort house (Dutcher House).

Mr. Redfern moved, Ms. McAdams seconded, for Chairperson Mr. Moore to initiate discussions with the County Commissioners and Perry Soil and Water Conservation District to begin negotiating details of a formal lease agreement for use of a part of the Glenford Fort Dutcher House as a Park District field office and activities center.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

B. Park address signage

1. Status of board member research project for locations

Ms. McAdams advised that she had talked with Thorn Township and one sign would be provided for their new kayak/canoe launch on Honey Creek Rd.

Ms. McAdams advised that eight or nine signs were still to be formally assigned, but that seven of these were expected to go to Roseville (4), Thornville (1), Hemlock (1), Thorn Township (1), and another possibly to Congo (1).

Mr. Moore reported that he had made contact with the Wayne National Forest administration regarding providing signs in the next round to Tecumseh Lake, Stone Church, Wildcat Hollow and Monroe Lookout. WNF declined the offer.

Mr. Redfern advised that parks in Crooksville and New Lexington still have yet to have addresses assigned. The Board determined that signs for these locations would be on a future sign order, after addresses were established.

Ms. LaRue suggested that once most of the signs have been delivered and installed, that there should be a news release and periodic Facebook highlight posts with photos. The Board agreed.

Ms. LaRue also advised that she had just learned that the correct address for Arethusa Springs Park (Fowler entrance) is 425 Fowler Ln (not 426). Ms. McAdams will correct this on the PCPD website.

C. County-wide Park and Recreation/Tourism project (update - Moore)

Mr. Moore reviewed a recent letter/email from the group's Mark B.... describing the next steps that were determined in the recent Zoom meeting, the most predominant being an assets survey. He will continue to monitor the groups progress and report back to the Board.

VII. New Business

A. Upcoming Community Events and Programming Report (Bennett)

Ms. Bennett gave an update on recent and upcoming programming and events, including:

Past:

July 9 - The mothing program held at Glenford Fort drew 10 participants and was a very successful. The mothing expert Diane Platco Brooks was very pleased with the variety of moths observed and hopes to do more program at that location for us in the future.

Upcoming:

July 13, 10am- PC District Library - Summer Reading Program "Wonders of Water".
.....There are 83 children registered already! This is the first of several upcoming programs in partnership with the Library.

August 6, 11a-3p - Soil and Water - Family Fun Day at PC Gunclub, Somerset

August 20, 9a -1p - Soil and Water - Fishing & Paddling Try It at Tecumseh Lake, Shawnee

August 20, 9:30p - Star gazing at the Clay Center with the Columbus Astronomical Society

Ms. Bennett and the Board also discussed a presence at the county fair. Ms. Bennett to make contact with Soil and Water, and Judge Hoover to determine if/when we can share a portion of their booths. Board members will try to be available to assist.

B. Proposed partnership event

1. New Straitsville Museum/Robinson's Cave "Adventures at the Cave"

- Fall (Oct/Nov) "Zoe" - youth volunteer from New Straitsville to assist us
Mr. Moore and Ms. McAdams advised that Sue Miller, Village Manager of New Straitsville has expressed interest in the village partnering with PCPD for a fall event that will highlight local history and provide a hike to the cave and speakers at the museum and cave. They discussed this further with Ms. Miller and determined the event should be in October or November. The event name of "Adventures at the Cave" was suggested, as well as using a local youth to assist. The young lady, Zoe, visited the PCPD table at the Community Picnic and was very impressive in her knowledge of wildlife and plants. She expressed interest in volunteering for PCPD, especially for an event there in New Straitsville. Ms Bennett will follow up with Ms. Miller to start planning the event.

C. Letter of Support for Perry County Mobility Management (Redfern)

At the June meeting, Mr. Redfern requested that the Board provide a letter of support for Perry Co Mobility Management in their effort to seek funding from the Ohio Transportation Partnership Program. The draft letter was sent out for Board review. Mr Redfern moved, Ms. Oberhauser seconded, to provide the letter of support as presented for the Perry County Mobility Management, to be signed by Mr. Moore for the Board.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Ms. McAdams to scan and email the signed letter of support to Perry County Mobility Management.

D. Board Member position advertisement - one open position

The Board discussed the remaining open Board member position.

Ms. McAdams advised that one person has expressed interest in applying for the remaining position and is waiting to hear back on the application acceptance dates.

Ms. McAdams moved, Mr. Redfern seconded, to advertise the remaining opening Board position again, with an application due date of August 1, 2022.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

E. Appalachian Region grant - collaboration (Moore)

Mr. Moore provided a summary of the Appalachian Region grant (offered through the ARC / Appalachian Regional Commission. In partnership with the Ohio Governor's Office of Appalachia, ARC is supporting projects in the 32 Appalachian counties. Shawnee and Somerset have been awarded the funds in Perry County.

Ms. LaRue reiterated that she felt the Park District should be at the upcoming local meetings regarding the Appalachian Fund on Weds July 13, 2:30pm at the Grace

Lutheran Church in Thornville. Mr. Redfern advised that he could attend the July 13 meeting as the Park District representative. Ms. Oberhauser advised she would attend if possible.

F. OPRA grant application (McAdams)

Ms. McAdams advised that we only learned of the OPRA grant availability less than two weeks ago and the deadline for the OPRA grant applications is June 15.

The areas of grant available are: Program Development, Administrative, Research She advised that she felt the Board does not have enough time to determine a project at this late date in any of these areas, and have time to complete the grant application, collect supporting documentation (cost estimates, etc), and submit a grant proposal by the deadline which is four days away.

The grant is typically offered yearly, so Ms. McAdams recommends that we research and determine an appropriate project in either program development or administrative areas, and plan on applying in the next cycle.

Mr. Redfern moved, Ms. McAdams seconded, to began planning and preparing grant application information to apply in 2023 if grant is offered again.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Redfern moved, Ms. Oberhauser seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm

Next Regular Meeting - Monday, August 8, 2022, 3:30pm

Location: Hemlock, Ohio

Shelter house at Hemlock Community Church 8860 Main St SE, Hemlock

Reminder:

2022 Park Board Meeting Dates/Locations -

- A. May- June 2022 (*Corning/Junction City/Thornville*)
- B. July - Sept 2022 (*New Lexington/Hemlock/Crooksville*)
- C. Oct - Dec 2022 (*New Straitsville/Glenford/Shawnee*)