



Perry County Park District Board
Regular Meeting - June 14, 2021 3:30pm
Perry County Health Department
409 Lincoln Park Dr, New Lexington, OH 43764

Mr. Moore called the June 14, 2021 Regular Meeting to order at 3:32 pm.

I. Roll Call

Present: Scott Moore; Jenny LaRue; Tami McAdams; Theresa Kane

Absent:

Guests: Karen Glade; Judy and Jim Vatter; Intern Jasmine Love; Intern Kennedy Walls.

II. Approve agenda items / Request for additional agenda items

Agenda accepted as presented.

Mr. Moore introduced PCPD 2021 college interns Jasmine Love and Kennedy Walls.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. May 10, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Ms. McAdams moved, Ms. LaRue seconded to approve the May 10, 2021 Regular meeting minutes.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

IV. Lodging Tax Update

Karen Glade, Perry County Lodging Tax Agent, provided the Board with an update on the lodging tax collection project. She advised that she had been hired to work four hours per week on lodging tax collection and has met with the Hocking County Lodging Tax Agent. Ms. Glad advised that lodging businesses around the county are being contacted and will be worked with to bring them into compliance. Several have voluntarily responded to written communications from the county.

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

A. May Financial Reports

Ms. McAdams provided the May financial reports to the Board. Mr. Moore advised that various aspects of intern funding still needed to be finalized with the Auditor's Office.

VI. Old Business

A. 2021 Interns - Introduction and Update

Mr. Moore reintroduced the summer interns to the Board and provided an update of their activities so far and planned for the future.

1. Mr. Moore advised that the interns have visited several sites so far, including The Clay Center of Ohio, the County Commissioners property on Cooperrider Rd, and Ludowici Park.

2. Joint activity with Perry Soil and Water Conservation District

Mr. Moore described an opportunity for sampling of the pond at the Commissioners' Cooperriders Rd property in coordination with Penny Cox and the Perry Soil and Water. The results will be interesting and beneficial to the Commissioners' in planning for the area, as well as Soil and Water and the Health Department.

It was agreed that Mr. Moore should move forward with planning the joint activity with Soil and Water after getting permission from the Commissioners for the activity.

3. Virtual Park Tours update

Board members discussed the potential intern project of creating short videos that highlight various parks, recreational attractions and activities around the county. Mr. Moore will discuss this further with the interns. The interns were asked to research videos produced by other park districts across the state to gain content, format and production ideas. It was agreed that locations with existing trail systems would be best to start with, like Finck's Preserve and Ludowici. The interns are also looking into learning more about the interactive map feature used by the Licking County Health Department (Map Hub).

4. Possible intern activity - Facebook nature/natural resource posts

Ms. McAdams asked that the interns research and write up short nature and natural resource based posts for the District's Facebook page. Discussion followed and it was agreed that the interns would provide weekly articles to Ms. McAdams for the Facebook page.

B. Lincoln Park Drive Wetland Park Proposal - update

Ms. LaRue provided an update on discussions and ideas for developing a public park highlighting the wetland area on Lincoln Park Drive. There are two parcels in this area, one of which is owned by the Perry County Commissioners. The project, and possible ODNR NatureWorks grant funding, is being explored by PC Health Dept Director of Education Deborah Rainey.

Ms. LaRue advised that the vision for the project is to have a small parking area off Lincoln Drive and boardwalk with an observation area at the end that extends out into the wetland. The park would provide a space for public enjoyment and educational opportunities and includes an area that could be planted for pollinators.

Board members visited the proposed site.

C. Board Vacancy - Update

Mr. Moore advised that Judge Cooperrider has accepted Harold Gilbert's notice of resignation and that board position is now vacant. Discussion followed.

The Board directed Ms. McAdams to draft a vacancy posting document, submit to the Perry Tribune, the County website and Facebook.

D. Clay Center & Glenford 247 acre Commissioners' property utilization

Mr. Moore discussed the OPRA/ODOT Metro Park Funds available to the Park District and the use restriction to be on land owned or under long term lease to the Park District. Potential land leases with the County Commissioners were discussed. Ms. Kane stated it was important to be sure the Park District does not lose access to those Metro Park funds and felt the Park District should continue to move forward with establishing the situations to be able to use the funds. Concerns were raised regarding the need for several things to be addressed before entering into any property lease agreement, including liability insurance coverage as well as obligations and expectations for maintenance and general funding. It was agreed the Park District should propose a discussion with Commissioner Ben Carpenter to learn more about what a lease agreement with the County would look like and include.

There was also discussion about initiating an ash tree removal project at The Clay Center to assist them with managing that issue in the campground and trail areas.

E. Ohio's Appalachian Country Organization Membership

Ms. LaRue updated the Board on discussions regarding membership in Ohio's Appalachian Country organization and summarizing the possible benefits. A yearly membership would cost \$100.

The organization will be holding their quarterly meeting on August 11 in Perry County at the Vinberige Winery in Glenford. Board members and others wishing to attend will need to register by August 6. Cost for the luncheon meeting is \$20. Registration contact info is available on the Ohio's Appalachian Country organization website (<http://www.appalachianohio.com>).

Ms. LaRue will contact the organization about setting up a special meeting with them and the PCPD Board to assist the Board in further exploring whether to become a member of the organization. The meeting may be conducted via Zoom.

Because the membership would directly relate to tourism in the county and would assist the PCPD in promoting county-wide visitor and tourism activities, it was suggested that this could be an expense to submit to the County Commissioners for funding from the Lodging Tax fund.

VII. New Business

- A. Base Map Project Assistance & Intern Tutoring from Aaron Glanville (Moore)
Mr. Moore discussed the current status of the base map project and suggested contracting with previously engaged independent contractor Aaron Glanville to continue work on the base map project and provide tutoring session(s) with the summer interns on GIS mapping software and techniques. Discussion followed.

Ms. LaRue moved, Ms. McAdams seconded to offer a contract to Aaron Glanville for continued work on the base map project and tutoring session(s) with the summer interns. Approved for up to \$500 total to be shared between the two projects.

- B. Park Address Signage

Mr. Moore discussed the need for address number signs at parks around the county and suggested this as a project for the PCPD. The addition of address signs will assist visitors in locating the various parks and assist emergency services in the event of 911 dispatches to the parks. Because the signage could improve the visitor and tourism experience in the county, Mr. Moore suggested that this could be a project to submit to the County Commissioners for funding from the Lodging Tax fund. Ms. McAdams shared vendor info, costs and signage details from a recent Licking Park District purchase. Mr. Moore will work with the interns to put together a list of main parks in the county to propose a list of addresses for the initial signage purchase.

- C. Park District Logo-Apparel and ID Badges

Mr. Moore discussed providing logo t-shirts and ID badges to the summer interns and for board members for events. He will research costs from Sign Works. Mr. Moore offered to donate the funds for this purchase. Discussion followed regarding shirts, caps and use of PCPD logo. Regarding ID badges, Ms. LaRue said the ID badges could be made at the Health Department and that she will check on cost.

- D. Possible June 26 Event at Clay Center, during Pottery Festival

Mr. Moore advised that the interns had suggested a potential family movie night event with other activities to be held at the Clay Center of Ohio during the Pottery Festival. Costs associated with movie rights were discussed as well. Mr. Moore will work with the interns in contacting Clay Center management to discuss the idea, noting concern that the planning time would be very short.

There was also discussion about possible joint events with Perry Soil and Water Conservation District such as hikes at Glenford and the adjoining Commissioners' property, S&W open house at Gun Club and possibly sharing a space at the county fair.

VIII. Comments from the Public

Judy and Jim Vatter advised they were PC residents and lived beside the County Commissioners' property on Cooperrider Rd (old Premier Silica property). They expressed concern regarding proposed land usage on part of that property. Discussion followed.

The Board advised the Vatters that the PCPD does not manage or control that property and recommended they contact the County Commissioners office for clarification and accurate information on the proposed usage for that property.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:58pm

Ms. LaRue moved, Ms. McAdams seconded to adjourn.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Next Regular Meeting - Monday July 12, 2021 3:30PM

Arethusa Springs Park -east shelter house - 426 Fowler Ln, New Lexington, OH