



## Minutes

Perry County Park District Board - Regular Meeting

May 9, 2022 3:30pm

Junction City Public Library, 108 W Main St, Junction City, OH 43748

Mr. Moore called the May 9, 2022, Regular Meeting to order at 3:31 pm.

### I. Roll Call

Present: Scott Moore; Tami McAdams.

Absent: Fred Redfern; (and the two vacant board positions)

Staff: Jessie Bennett - PCPD Volunteer Naturalist;

Guests: Junction City Mayor - Shawn Ward

### II. Comments from the public/guests

Mayor Ward welcomed the PCPD Board to Junction City and thanked the Board for its recent donation of a 911 address sign for their village park. He stated that the Village was planning two community events in 2022 and invited the PCPD to have a table at both:

- 4th of July Celebration - Sunday, July 3, 2022
- First Annual Fall Festival - Saturday, Oct 1, 2022 (1st Saturday of October)

### III. Approve Agenda Items / Request for additional/revised agenda items

A. Ms. McAdams moved, Mr. Scott seconded, to approve the May 9, 2022, regular meeting agenda.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

### IV. Approval of Minutes

A. Mr. Scott moved, Ms. McAdams seconded, to approve the April 11, 2022, Regular meeting minutes.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

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

Ms. McAdams presented the financial reports for April 2022.

A. Mr. Scott moved, Ms. McAdams seconded, to approve the April 2022 revenue & expenses.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

### VI. Old Business

A. County Commissioner related

1. The Park District (Ms. McAdams) received permission from Commissioner Carpenter to create a double lock system on the gate at the old Central Silica property for PCPD access. The PCPD lock will be a combination lock. The combination will be kept secure.
2. Commissioner Carpenter advised Ms. McAdams that work will begin soon on the new driveway at the old Central Silica property.

B. Park address signage - status of research project for locations

1. Junction City (1) (delivered May 9, 2022)
2. Glenford (2) (to be delivered later in May)
3. Soil & Water (2) (delivered in April, 2022)

\*15 signs remaining - Board members divided up the list of municipalities and will be making contact to discuss the address sign needs at their parks.

C. County-wide Park and Recreation/Tourism project

Mr. Moore advised that he had reached out to Mark Barbash with an invitation to a PCPD Board meeting, no response had been received to date. Mr. Moore will follow-up with another invitation.

D. Adoption of New Mission Statement

Ms. McAdams and Mr. Moore presented the draft of a new mission statement. The statement was a collaborative work over the past few weeks from Mr. Moore, Ms. McAdams, Mr. Redfern and Ms. Bennett. Because he was going to be absent from today's meeting, Mr. Redfern advised Mr. Moore on May 7, 2022 that he was in agreement with the current draft.

Ms. McAdams moved, Mr. Scott seconded, to adopt the new Perry County Mission Statement as presented, to read:

“The mission of the Perry County Park District is to support the conservation and preservation of natural areas in Perry County and to enhance wonder, appreciation, and education within our county through environmental, historical, cultural, and recreational programs and activities, to enrich the quality of life in our communities.”

Motion carried by unanimous vote

The Board will begin drafting a vision statement to complement the new mission statement. Ms. McAdams will update the website with the new mission statement.

VII. New Business

A. Upcoming Community Events and Programming Report

Ms. Bennett gave an update on recent and upcoming programming and events. The Earth Day set up was a success and the Park District engaged with several groups of local students. The table display included skins, mounts, skulls, and rocks. Ms. Bennett provided the Board with copies of the new general info and volunteer program brochures. She advised that the May 7 hike at Glenford Fort/adjacent property had been canceled due to slippery, muddy footing conditions following recent rains. The next hike is set to be a historical nature hike scheduled at Glenford Fort/adjacent property in late June. Perry County Library Storytime nature programs are being scheduled for Fall 2022.

Ms. Bennett reminded the Board she would be attending the one-day ODNR Wildlife Diversity Conference on May 11, 2022, in Columbus. Ms. McAdams will set up a purchase order for reimbursement of the \$25 registration fee.

Ms. Bennett advised that if possible, she'd like to attend one day of the National NAI Conference, set to be held in Cleveland, OH this year. Conference dates: November 29–December 3, 2022 (NAI = National Association for Interpretation). She has applied for a complimentary membership, designed for individuals and agencies with minimal funding available. The Board will consider the request as the date gets closer. Ms. Bennett will provide cost information as soon as it is available.

1. New Straitsville Community Picnic - July 2

Mr. Moore stated that New Straitsville Village Fiscal Officer Sue Miller has invited the Park District to have a table at the New Straitsville Community Picnic on July 2. The Board does want to have a table at this event.

Ms. Bennett is not available that day, but Mr. Moore and Ms. McAdams are available to man the table. Ms. Bennett will contact Ms. Miller to confirm our attendance.

2. Thornville bike event - update (McAdams)

Ms. McAdams advised she made contact with PC Health Department Jenny LaRue to ask for the Thornville bike event status, date, and needs from Park District (pre-prep, set-up, marketing, volunteers/helping hands) that PCPD had proposed and had been tentatively planned to occur late May-early June as a kick-off to summer for kids and to coincide with the end of the school year. Ms. LaRue/Health Dept took the lead on the event after discussion with the Board at the February board meeting. Ms. LaRue advised that there was no update at this time.

3. Junction City community events - July and October

The Park District has received an invitation from Junction City's Mayor Ward to have a table at the Junction City 4th of July Celebration on Sunday, July 3 and the First Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 1.

July 3: Ms. Bennett advised she is probably available that day and will check her schedule to confirm. Mr. Moore and Ms. McAdams will be on hand to assist in staffing the table. Ms. Bennett will contact the Village's Fiscal Officer Tara Theado to confirm our attendance.

October 1: The Board does want to have a table at this event as well. Staffing the event will be discussed at a later date.

B. Vision Statement

The Board discussed the development of a Vision Statement and will begin to collaborate on creating a draft for a vision statement.

A shared working document in Google Drive will be set up for collaboration.

C. Name suggestions for old Central Silica property

The Board discussed the need for an official name for the County Commissioner's old Central Silica property (that adjoins Glenford Fort). Now that PCPD is beginning to schedule hike events for the public to that property, the need for an official name to refer to is evident. Some of the initial ideas discussed were: Referring to both properties together as Glenford Earthworks, or Glenford Earthworks Complex.... made up of Glenford Fort and ??? (property name needed). It was suggested to have a specific name for the Silica Property that somehow nods to/encompasses/includes the idea of what is there... cliffs, rock, Wilson mound, borrow pit pond, glacial features, etc.

The Board will collaborate on name suggestions to propose to the County Commissioners. A shared working document will be set up in Google Drive for collaboration.

D. Governor's initiative for Appalachia

Mr. Moore presented information about a grant possibility that will provide comprehensive investment in the Appalachian region of Ohio. The \$500 million proposal, "Ohio BUILDS – Small Communities, Big Impact – A Plan for Appalachia", would provide funding into the proposal's three priority areas of restoring historic downtowns, improving community health, and rebuilding the local workforce. One of the grant funding categories includes trails, recreation, tourism, and arts. The Board discussed exploring possible partnerships with villages and communities to support their applications or to combine efforts for joint grant applications.

VIII. Adjournment

Ms. McAdams moved, Mr. Scott seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm

Next Regular Meeting - Monday, June 13, 2022, 3:30 pm

Location: Thornville Library

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*)