



## MINUTES

Perry County Park District Board - Regular Meeting

October 17, 2022 3:30pm

New Straitsville Village Office

State Route 93, New Straitsville, OH 43731

- I. Call to Order  
Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 3:50 pm
  
- II. Roll Call  
Present: Scott Moore; Fred Redfern; Sue Oberhauser; Tami McAdams.  
Absent: (one vacant board position)  
Staff: Jessie Bennett - PCPD Naturalist;  
Guests: Jack Coll - board candidate; Sue Miller-representing the Village of New Straitsville;  
Jamie Knippa - Mayor of Hemlock;
  
- III. Approve Agenda Items / Request for additional/revised agenda items  
Ms. McAdams moved, Ms. Oberhauser seconded, to approve the October 17, 2022, meeting agenda.  
Motion carried by unanimous vote
  
- IV. Approval of September Minutes  
A. Mr. Redfern moved, Ms. Oberhauser seconded, to approve the September 12, 2022, Regular meeting minutes.  
Motion carried by unanimous vote
  
- V. Financial Status of Park District and Approval of Revenue and Expenses  
A. Ms. Oberhauser moved, Mr. Redfern seconded, to approve the September 2022 revenue & expenses report  
Motion carried by unanimous vote
  
- VI. Comments from the public/guests  
Ms. Miller stated how pleased the Village of New Straitsville is to be partnering with the Park District on the upcoming “Adventures at the Cave” program. She advised that Robinson’s Cave is owned by the New Straitsville History Group.  
  
Mr. Knippa suggested that the Park District could participate and partner with the Village of Hemlock for their 2023 July 4th event (fireworks and a car show are planned).
  
- VII. Executive Session - Board Member Candidate  
Executive Session -Pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) for the purpose of discussing the appointment of a public official.

- A. Ms. McAdams moved, Mr. Redfern seconded, to enter into executive session pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) for the purpose of discussing the appointment of a public official.

Roll call vote: Scott Moore-yes; Fred Redfern-yes; Sue Oberhouser-yes;  
Tami McAdams-yes.

The executive session began at 4:08 pm and ended at 4:10 pm.

- B. Mr. Redfern moved, Ms. McAdams seconded, to return to regular meeting session.  
Roll call vote: Scott Moore-yes; Fred Redfern-yes; Sue Oberhouser-yes;  
Tami McAdams-yes.

Returned to regular session at 4:10 PM.

- C. Ms. McAdams moved, Mr. Redfern seconded, to recommend to Judge Cooperrider that Mr. Jack Coll be appointed to the Perry County Park District Board, to fill the vacant board position.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Ms. McAdams is to send an email to Judge Cooperrider with the Board's recommendation.

#### VIII. Old Business

- A. HB 377 Appalachian Community Grant - collaboration update

Mr. Moore stated that he has continued to reach out to the County Commissioners, Winding Road, Little City of Black Diamonds, and Buckeye Hills, to offer PCPD input and collaboration. There have been no responses to date.

Mr. Redfern advised that the Central Ohio Railroad has been awarded a \$110,000 grant allotment.

- B. County-wide Park and Recreation/Tourism Project

Mr. Moore updated the Board that Mark Barbash anticipates having the final county asset database completed in approximately one week from this board meeting date.

- C. New Straitsville Signage

Mr. Moore advised the Board that the new signs and new plexiglass have been installed at the park in New Straitsville and look very good. Ms. McAdams said the purchase order had been set up and the payment voucher submitted and paid out to MinuteMan Press.

- D. Thorn Township/Thornville bike trail -ODOT TAP update

Mr. Redfern advised that the Letter of Intent has been submitted to ODOT. Ms. McAdams stated that the next step after that would be for Thorn Township to hopefully receive an invitation to apply for the TAP grant.

E. 2023 Budget

The Board discussed the 2023 Budget Request in-depth, developing specific budget items and expected cost amounts. Mr. Moore, Ms. McAdams, and possibly Mr. Redfern, will meet with the commissioners on October 26, 2022, at 11:00 am to present the budget request proposal to the County Commissioners.

Ms. Oberhauser moved, Mr. Redfern seconded, to approve the 2023 budget proposal as developed at this October 17, 2022, meeting, for presentation to the County Commissioners.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

The Board also discussed creating a property use proposal for the Commissioner's Silica property and possibly the Clay Center property, to indicate the Park District's interest in obtaining a lease/agreement so the property(s) can be managed as a park, under the Perry County Park District. Mr. Moore is to schedule a meeting with the Commissioners in mid to late November.

F. Park District Strategic Plan discussion

The Board discussed again the need for strategic plans for the future. The Board members concurred with the previous month's discussion that in 2023, a one-year plan should be created, followed by a three-year, and a five-year plan in the appropriate future years.

G. OPRA Membership 2023

Ms. McAdams advised that the OPRA renewals and new board member applications will be submitted to OPRA this week and a purchase order opened. OPRA will send an invoice in November.

IX. New Business

A. Silica property update

1. The Board discussed potential future preservation efforts and interpretation of Wilson Mound. Mr. Moore described the recent roadwork and parking lots that have been installed.
2. Shared access route from Glenford Fort to Silica property  
Mr. Moore said that he'd hoped the contractors would grade and enlarge the shared access connector route between the two properties, but that though it had been requested if they had time, it had not gotten done.

## B. Programming Report (Bennett)

### 1. Programs

Ms. Bennett provided an update on recent and upcoming programming and events.

In September, six Storytime programs were provided at Perry County District Library locations with very good attendance.

.....Corning, Junction City, Thornville, Somerset, Crooksville, and New Lexington.

Upcoming programs:

Oct 25 - Ms. Bennett will be the featured speaker at "Breakfast with Commissioners" at Dodson's Restaurant. Mr. Redfern will also attend.

Nov 3 - Glenford Stars - after-school nature program through Glenford schools, ages K-5

### 2. New Straitsville - Adventures at the Cave

The Board, Ms. Bennett, and Ms. Miller discussed the upcoming Adventures at the Cave event. All board members expect to be available to assist Ms. Bennett. The New Straitsville History Group will have the museum open, provide refreshments, and some of their members will be available to provide historical information to attendees.

### 3. Grant applications

Ms. Bennett provided an update on grant applications submitted and upcoming.

Submitted Aug 15: NAI (National Association for Interpretation) - Interpretive Project Grant  
\$993.80 requested (grants are up to \$1000)

Submitted Sept 27: Foundation of Appalachian Ohio  
Community Foundation Grant for Perry County  
\$3,656 requested (grants are \$500-\$5000)

Upcoming to submit: ODNR Division of Wildlife  
Wildlife Education Grant  
\$498 to be requested (grants are up to \$500)

Ms. Miller told the Board about a grant opportunities from the Rocky Boot Company and SOPEC (Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council Ms. Bennett will look into them.

(Mr. Redfern left the meeting at 6:19pm)

4. USFWS Permit Application

Ms. Bennett advised that she is almost ready to submit her permit application for the US Fish & Wildlife Migratory Bird Collection Permit. She is waiting on the required letters of support from community organizations to submit with the application. There will be no cost for the permit.

5. Burr Oak conference/training request

Ms. Bennett advised the Board of an opportunity to attend the Appalachian Green Teachers Conference at Burr Oak State Park Lodge on October 27 and also set up a display table for PCPD. There will be no cost involved to attend the conference because she is setting up a table there. She will be doing a combined table with the Perry County Waste Reduction and Recycling Office recycling educator, Hallie Clark.

6. County sites - virtual tours and intro's

Ms. Bennett said she still hopes to do at least one or two virtual park tours/short videos in late fall/early winter this year. She also provided the Board with a draft of a programming department strategic plan for 1, 3, and 5 years.

X. Adjournment

Ms. McAdams moved, Ms. Oberhauser seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm

Next Regular Meeting - Monday, November 14, 2022, 3:30pm

Location: Glenford - Hoover Center Theater

Reminder: 2022 Park Board Meeting 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*)