



MINUTES

Perry County Park District Board - Regular Meeting

December 12, 2022, 3:30pm

Tecumseh Commons/Theater,

116 Main St, Shawnee, OH 43782

I. Call to Order

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm

II. Roll Call

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

Absent:

Staff: Jessie Bennett - PCPD Naturalist;

Guests: Scott Kreps-Shawnee Trailtown; Richard Lutz and John Flinn from the Buckeye Trails Association.

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

Mr. Redfern moved, Ms. Oberhauser seconded, to approve the December 12, 2022, meeting agenda.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

IV. Approval of November Minutes

Ms. McAdams moved, Mr. Redfern seconded, to approve the November 14, 2022, Regular meeting minutes.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

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

Mr. Redfern moved, Mr. Coll seconded, to approve the November 2022 revenue & expenses report.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Ms. McAdams suggested holding off on depositing the December 8, 2022 program donations until after the first of the year, so as to streamline the process of getting it into our 2023 budget spending line, as the 2023 budget is currently being set up by the Auditor's Office.

Mr. Redfern moved, Mr. Coll seconded, to deposit the December 8 program donations in January 2023.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

VI. Comments from the public/guests

Richard Lutz and John Flinn from the Buckeye Trails Association discussed recent and future BTA projects and activities, and are open to programming collaborations with PCPD.

Scott Krepps of Shawnee Trailtown offered member entity status to the PCPD. The PCPD obligation would be to have a representative attend the quarterly meetings to report on upcoming events and discuss possible collaborations.

VII. Old Business

A. HB 377 Appalachian Community Grant - collaboration update

The Buckeye Hills Regional Council has advised Mr. Redfern that the grant application has been submitted.

B. County-wide Park and Recreation/Tourism project

Mr. Moore advises there is no update to present. There have been no further communications from that group.

C. 2023 Budget update

Ms. McAdams advises there is no update to present on the 2023 budget. It is expected that our notification will come from the Auditor's Office once they put the 2023 budget in place in their system.

VIII. New Business

A. Silica Property- use proposal- Nov 16 Commissioners Meeting Summary

The County Commissioners declined the PCPD proposal to lease/manage the Silica Property, advising they are not ready to turn it over to another agency. They do want our input on development (trails, prairie restoration, programming, etc) and they do want us to re-establish and mark the trails.

An MOU was discussed with the County Commissioners, to be established between PCPD and the County Commissioners to include us as an advisory partner in the development of the Silica Property. Mr. Moore has been trying to connect with S&W Dave Snider to set up a meeting to discuss PCPD shared use of the Dutcher House for office space. He just learned that this meeting can be scheduled for the week of January 17 or later. He will keep the Board posted.

Silica Property Trail Marking

Mr. Moore gave additional information on the trail marking project requested by the County Commissioners, describing the GIS work and temporary flagging that was previously done by him and the interns a couple of years ago. Mr. Moore will keep the Board posted on when the project will be scheduled for work days.

Richard Lutz and John Flinn from the Buckeye Trails Association and Scott Krepps from Shawnee Trailtown all provided their suggestions for low-impact trail marking protocol. The consensus is to use paint blazes on trees when PCPD starts marking at the Commissioner's Silica/Wilson Mound Property. They recommend a 2"x6" paint blaze. They said using a 1.5" brush works well to achieve the 2" width when pressed down. The recommended height is 5-6ft. They 'shave' a flat spot on the bark, then paint the blaze. They don't paint on trees whose bark "peels" (Shahgbark, Sycamore, etc). They don't mark both directions on the same tree, in case the tree falls, so you only lose a marking in one direction, not two. They

typically use line-of-sight for determining the frequency of markings. They advised that the BTA would be available for consult and assistance when the project started.

B. Programming Report

1. Upcoming programs

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

Coming up in January, Perry County Health Network - A January 23, 2023 PCPD presentation is scheduled at the Top Hat Restaurant in Junction City at 12pm.

JFS - PC Opportunity Center (McAdams)

Ms. McAdams advised that Perry County Job and Family Services are developing an Opportunity Center that will provide training and educational programs. She provided Ms. Bennett with contact and program information to reach out to JFS and see if the PCPD could provide programming.

Ms. Bennett provided a summary of her attendance at the NAI conference. The sessions she attended were interesting and useful and several contacts were made that will be beneficial to PCPD.

2. Grant applications - status

Ms. Bennett gave a summary of grant statuses:

*NAI grant - has been awarded (\$750)

*Foundation of Appalachian Ohio Community Foundation Grant for Perry County - NOT awarded.

*Upcoming to submit: ODNR Division of Wildlife

Wildlife Education Grant - \$498 to be requested (grants are up to \$500)

3. NAI grant money expenditures - Amazon (McAdams/Bennett)

Ms. Bennett and Ms. McAdams are finalizing the list of items to purchase with the NAI Grant. The total will be a little over the \$750 grant amount, so we use the full grant award. Ms. McAdams advised there will be \$200-300 left in the 2022 budget that could be spent on other supply items if the Board were to choose to. She and Ms. Bennett will put together an additional list of needed items and submit it to Mr. Moore for review.

McAdams is meeting with Ben Taylor at the County Commissioner's Office this coming Thursday morning to place the Amazon order. After the total order amount is confirmed, she will set up a PO and Mr. Taylor will invoice us.

4. USFWS Permit Application Status

Ms. Bennett advised that the application status is pending.

5. 2023 program planning & virtual tours/park intros

Ms. Bennett advised she was preparing a database of the various parks and communities in Perry County and would be sending it to Board members to assist with gathering information on area features and individuals for video interviews about each area. Once individuals and historians are named, she will begin reaching out to enlist their help in creating short, informative videos about each location. These videos will be available on YouTube via our website and featured in posts on Facebook.

Ms. McAdams reminded Board members that the January meeting will be the organizational meeting - to set meeting dates & locations for 2023 and the election of 2023 officers. Ms. McAdams advised the Board that Ann Furst of the Buckeye Trails Association - Little Cities of the Forest had reached out to discuss possible program collaborations. She will try to attend the January meeting to meet the Board.

Ms. McAdams handed out sample local heritage tourism project cards from Licking County Planning Commission/LCATS in partnership with Explore Licking County (visitors bureau). These “pathfinder” route cards are for driving tours in Licking County on several subjects of interest (historical places, cultural sites, and parks, highlighted communities, scenic areas, etc). The Board and guests were interested in the program and how something similar might be set up in Perry County. Additional information on the program can be found at:
<https://explorelc.org/pathfinder>

IX. Adjournment

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm

Next Regular Meeting - Monday, January 9, 2022, 3:30pm

Location: Somerset Courthouse

Reminder:

2023 Park Board Meeting Locations

- A. Jan - Mar 2023 (*Somerset Courthouse*)
- B. April - June 2023 (*TBD/ TBD /TBD*) (*2022 Corning/Junction City/Thornville*)
- C. July - Sept 2023 (*TBD/ TBD /TBD*) (*2022 New Lexington/Hemlock/Crooksville*)
- D. Oct - Dec 2023 (*TBD/ TBD /TBD*) (*2022 New Straitsville/Glenford/Shawnee*)