



Minutes

Perry County Park District Board - Regular Meeting

February 13, 2023, 3:30pm

Somerset Courthouse

100 Public Square, Somerset, OH

- I. Call to Order
Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 3:37 pm.

- II. Roll Call
Present: Scott Moore; Fred Redfern; Sue Oberhauser; Jack Coll; Tami McAdams.
Absent:
Staff: Jessie Bennett - PCPD Naturalist;
Guests: Ben Carpenter, Perry County Commissioner

- III. Approve February Agenda Items/Request for additional/revised agenda items
Ms. McAdams moved, Mr. Redfern seconded, to approve the February 13, 2023, meeting agenda.
Motion carried by unanimous vote

- IV. Approval of January Minutes
Mr. Redfern moved, Ms. Oberhauser seconded, to approve January 9, 2023, Regular meeting minutes as amended.
Motion carried by unanimous vote

- V. Financial Status of Park District and Approval of Revenue and Expense Reports
 - A. December Financial Report
Ms. McAdams moved, Mr. Coll seconded, to approve the December 2022 revenue & expenses report.
Motion carried by unanimous vote

 - B. January Financial Report
Mr. Coll moved, Mr. Redfern seconded, to approve the January 2023 revenue & expenses report.
Motion carried by unanimous vote

- VI. Comments from the public/guests
County Commissioner Ben Carpenter talked with the Park Board about the development and usage of the Glenford Fort properties (Hilltop Enclosure/Nature Center and the Wilson Mound/High Cliffs parcels). He encouraged the Park Board to submit their input and thoughts for the drafting of an MOU between the Perry County Commissioners, Perry Soil & Water Conservation District, and the Perry County Park District.

VII. Old Business

- A. HB 377 Appalachian Community Grant - collaboration update
Mr. Redfern advised that the Governor's office will be holding several meetings at the end of February on trails, and outdoor recreation and facilities.
There will be further discussions the first week of March.

- B. Wilson Mound/Silica Property Trail Marking Project
Mr. Moore will send out dates to the Board to arrange a day to go on-site to inventory and review the trails in preparation to begin planning for additional clearing, routing and marking.

- C. Glenford Fort/Dutcher House MOU Update
Based on earlier discussion in this meeting with County Commissioner Ben Carpenter, the Park Board will prepare a document to provide the County Commissioners with the Park Board's thoughts and input for an MOU. Several board members will try to attend the Soil and Water board meeting with Mr. Moore on March 21 to begin discussions there.

- D. January 2023 Shawnee Trailtown Meeting Report (Redfern)
Mr. Coll and Mr. Redfern attended the 1st quarter meeting of the Shawnee Trailtown group. Grants were discussed and the park board was asked if they could provide a letter of support. Mr. Redfern confirmed with Mr. Moore that the letter had been sent out to Shawnee Trailtown.

- E. Chamber of Commerce 2023 Membership (\$120- Board approved in Aug 2022)
Ms. McAdams advised the Board that the PO has been opened and an invoice received from the Chamber of Commerce. The invoice will be paid later this week (after the 15th, the date on the invoice).
Ms. McAdams will request guidance from Kim Barnhardt on what format they want event info to be submitted for their email blasts.

VIII. New Business

- A. Liability Insurance (McAdams)
Ms. McAdams advised the Board a response was received from Thompson Insurance regarding the Park District being covered by the County's Liability Insurance policy under CORSA. Thompson says we are a covered board under the county policy and they will be providing a Certificate of Insurance Coverage for our records. Ms. McAdams will seek further details about events and property coverage.

- B. Clay Center Board Meeting
Mr. Redfern attended a recent Clay Center Board meeting. Their Director Dale Hague and board would like to work with the PCPD on developing trails, programs and shared use of parts of the property. Mr. Redfern will invite Mr. Hague to our next meeting to further discuss their thoughts on projects and other ways to partner.

- C. Buckeye Hills “Project Profile” funding opportunities
Mr. Moore advised that the Buckeye Hills Regional Council is seeking project ideas from area agencies. Their office will help look for available grants and funding opportunities for eligible projects.

- D. Lily Pad Park/Thornport discussion
To help the Board understand the location, Mr. Moore showed the Board the property parcel maps for the Thornville “Lily Pad” properties previously discussed by Judge Cooperrider at the January meeting.

- E. Promotional Items
Ms. McAdams advised that a family member’s company sell promotional items and provided a price list for many inexpensive items if PCPD was ever interested in having promo items for give-aways and marketing.

- F. Chamber Magazine Ad
The Board discussed the 2023 Chamber of Commerce “Discover Perry County” magazine and decided against placing an ad this year due to limited budget. The ad would cost \$175.

- G. OH-PARC grant (Ohio Partners in Amphibian & Reptile Conservation)
Ms. McAdams advised the Board of an education/research grant available from Ohio Partners in Amphibian & Reptile Conservation. Ms. Bennett will review the application and program specifics. If it seems like something appropriate and sustainable for PCPD, she will submit an application.

- H. State 1545’s and how those Counties fund their Park Districts
Mr. Moore summarized the informal survey recently conducted of other counties and Ohio Park Districts. The goal was to learn more about how other park districts are funded - levies, county commissioners, etc. Board members who participated shared some of the info they learned while conducting the survey. There were many different and interesting funding and operations models.

I. Programming Report

1. Recent programs - overview

Ms. Bennett provided Board members with information regarding her ODNR wildlife collection permit and Federal migratory bird salvage permit. Each board member is listed as being able to collect items under the permits for Ms. Bennett.

She provided an “identification notice” for Board members to put in their cars whenever they are out on properties such as the Wilson Mound, etc.

Ms. Bennett summarized recent programs since the last board meeting, including being guest speaker at Perry County Health Networks meeting, school programs at Holy Trinity Catholic School and Millcreek 5th grade.

2. Upcoming programs

Ms. Bennett advised she has several programs coming up in the next month including “How I met Your Mother” February 14 at the Hoover Theater in Glenford, speaking at the Farm Bureau in New Lexington, assisting with the Soil and Water Maple Syrup day on March 4, a Scat program at Somerset Library, and several Woodcock Watches in March at Glenford Fort and Ludowici. There is a “Leaf Litter” and wildflower hike scheduled in April at Fincks Preserve in Somerset. She will be a part of the library Summer Reading Program at 6 locations in June.

Ms. Bennett is continuing to work on building a list of speakers for storytelling programs around the county.

Ms. Bennett is considering setting up a possible road trip in 2024 to the western part of Ohio to see the total eclipse on April 8, 2024. Richland County Park District invited PCPD to use their facilities.

(Mr. Redfern left the meeting at 6:30pm)

3. Wildlife Diversity Conference

Ms. Bennett asked for permission to attend the 2023 Wildlife Diversity Conference in Columbus on March 1. The cost will be \$30.

Ms. McAdams moved, Mr. Coll seconded, to approve Ms. Bennett to attend the Wildlife Diversity Conference in Columbus on March 1, 2023.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Ms. McAdams will pay the fee and request reimbursement through the Auditor’s Office from PCPD funds.

4.Update: Walking Program Collaboration with PCHD

Ms. Bennett advised that she talked with Jenny LaRue of the Perry County Health Department and is on their schedule to lead a hike at Ludowici in October.

IX. Adjournment

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Next Regular Meeting - Monday, March 13, 2023, 3:30pm

Location: Somerset Courthouse

Reminder:

2023 Park Board Meeting Locations

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