



MINUTES

Perry County Park District Board - Regular Meeting

April 10, 2023, 3:30pm

Corning Public Library

113 11th St, Corning, OH 43730

- I. Call to Order
Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 3:41pm.

- II. Roll Call
Present: Scott Moore; Sue Oberhauser; Jack Coll; Tami McAdams.
Absent: Mr. Redfern
Staff: Jessie Bennett - PCPD Naturalist (Arrived 3:49pm);
Guests: Jenny LaRue, PC Health Dept (Arrived 3:55pm; Departed 4:08pm).

- III. Approve April Agenda Items/Request for additional/revised agenda items
Ms. McAdams moved, Mr. Coll seconded, to approve the April 10, 2023, meeting agenda as amended, adding New Business item C: Musking Valley Park District inquiry from Director Russ Edgington and D: Buckeye Trail Association - recent meeting info.
Motion carried by unanimous vote

- IV. Approval of March Minutes
Mr. Coll moved, Ms. McAdams seconded, to approve the March 13, 2023, Regular meeting minutes as amended.
Motion carried by unanimous vote

- V. Financial Status of Park District and Approval of March Revenue and Expense Report
Mr. Coll moved, Ms. McAdams seconded, to approve the March 2023 revenue & expense report.
Motion carried by unanimous vote

- VI. Comments from the public/guests
Ms. LaRue provided an update on the Health Dept's walking program and dates set so far. Ms. Bennett is working with Ms. LaRue to confirm PCPD-led hikes in the program. She invited the Board to attend the Perry Neighborhood Connection meeting on Tues, April 18, 9am, at the Tecumseh Theater in Shawnee. Their meetings are typically held on the third Tuesday of the month at 9am, and the location varies. Ms. LaRue advised that the Strategic Doing Team is promoting a different park in the county each month.

VII. Old Business

A. HB 377 Appalachian Community Grant - update (Moore)

Mr. Moore provided an update on the grant process, advising that last week the Governor's office assigned a designated planner to help communities with planning and studies.

B. US Fish and Wildlife Service - assessment of Glenford Fort properties

Ms. McAdams advised that she sent an email to the board members, Soil & Water, and County Commissioner Ben Carpenter earlier today with dates the USFWS Biologist Ryan Morr is available to visit the Glenford Fort properties for assessment. His available dates are: May 11th, 12th, 16th, 18th, and the 24th. Soil & Water told Ms. McAdams that the morning of the 11th or 12th worked best for them. Board consensus was that May 11 or 12 worked for them also, with May 12 being the best date. Ms. McAdams will contact Commissioner Carpenter to see if he is available on May 11 or 12.

C. Wilson Mound Property -Clean Ohio Funds / Trail Maintenance

Mr. Moore shared a message from Mr. Redfern, to remind us that there are unexpended funds from the original Clean Ohio Trail Fund grant. Mr. Redfern would like us to pursue gathering additional information from the County Commissioners to find out how much is still available and what type of projects are eligible. Ms. Bennett provided a copy of the Clean Ohio Funds grant paperwork she had received from Commissioner Carpenter to give to the Board. Ms. McAdams will scan the document and share it with board members via Google Drive, as the file will be too large to email.

VIII. New Business

A. Glenford Fort Properties-Execution of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Mr. Moore presented the Board with the MOU signed by Perry County Commissioners and Perry Soil and Water Conservation District. The purpose of the MOU is to establish a working relationship between the three parties to manage the following land assets of the County: Glenford Fort Preserve (Wilson Mound & High Cliffs and the Hilltop Enclosure & Nature Center), PC Gun Club, and Ludowici Community Foundation Preserve. The MOU also carries provisions for PCPD to work with PSWCD to utilize the facility known as the "Dutcher House". Discussion followed.

Ms. McAdams moved, Ms. Oberhauser seconded, for Perry County Park District to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Perry County Commissioners and Perry Soil and Water Conservation District to establish and maintain a working relationship between the three parties (PCC, PSWCD, PCPD) to properly manage the following land assets of the County:

- a. Glenford Fort Preserve
 - i. Wilson Mound & High Cliffs

- ii. Hilltop Enclosure & Nature Center
- b. Gun Club
- e. Ludowici Community Foundation Preserve

The MOU carries provisions for the Perry County Park District to work closely with Perry Soil and Water Conservation District to utilize the facility known as the “Dutcher House”.

Roll Call: Sue Oberhauser-yes; Jack Coll-yes; Tami McAdams-yes; Scott Moore-yes.
Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote

The MOU was signed on this date by all Park District Commissioners present.
Mr. Moore will scan the signed document for PCPD records and return the original signed document to the County Commissioners. Discussion followed.

B. Programming Report

1. Programs Report

Ms. Bennett provided an overview of current programs, events, and activities.

Recent programs:

March 19 and 27 - Woodcock Watches- Ludowici Park.

March 25 - Pickaway County Park District, Circleville - “Spiders”

March 31, Sheridan High School with the Biology class to present “How I Met Your Mother”.

April 5 - PC Library -New Lex - Homeschool

Some of her upcoming programs are:

April 13 - Thornville Elementary School

April 17 - Junction City Elementary 2nd Grade

April 20 - Junction City Girl Scouts

April 22 - Finck’s Preserve - Leaf Litter Critters & Wildflowers Hike

April 24 - Earth Day at New Lexington Elementary - 1000 children to attend

April 28 - Millcreek Elementary School in Corning (amphibians)

April 29 - Storytellers at Robinson’s Cave in New Straitsville

May 4 - Somerset Elementary Family Night

May 5 & 6 - Perry Co Home and Garden Show

May 13 - Brad Imhoff Presentation-Hoover Theater

May 19 - Junction City Elementary - multiple grades

2. 2023 Home and Garden Show

Mr. Moore advised that he contacted Brenda Carney with the Perry Tribune after the last meeting, regarding fees for having a booth at the 2023 Perry Co Home and Garden Show again this year (May 5 & 6). Ms. Carney advised him there would be no fee for PCPD. Ms. McAdams completed the registration form and returned it to Ms. Carney last week.

The Board discussed staffing for the booth and several members committed to at least one of the two days of the event.

3. 2023 Fair Booth

Ms. Bennett confirmed the Fair booth rate and location as \$80 in the Commerce Building. It will be a 10ft x 10ft space. The Board discussed scheduling staffing to man the booth so there is an in-person PCPD presence at the booth at least a part of each day. The 2023 Fair dates are July 17-22.

Ms. McAdams moved, Mr. Coll seconded, to approve registering for a booth in the Commerce Building at the 2023 Perry County Fair at the cost of \$80. Motion carried by unanimous vote

Ms. McAdams will open a purchase order for the fee once the contract and payment information has been received by Ms. Bennett.

4. Ohio Partners in Amphibian & Reptile Conservation grant

Ms. Bennett advised she applied for this grant, but recently received an email advising that PCPD was not selected for an award.

5. Wildlife Education Grant application

Ms. Bennett had hoped to apply for this grant to purchase solar glasses in preparation for the 2024 total eclipse, thus ordering before supplies get scarce. She recently learned through further research into the grant parameters that solar glasses were not an item the grant would cover. So instead, she will be applying during the current cycle (ends June 30) for acceptable nature education supplies. The next grant cycle begins July 1. Ms. Bennett will plan to apply in the next cycle for other programming needs.

6. Other Updates

- a) Ms. Bennett is researching other grant possibilities for astronomy programs. She would like to someday have a portable planetarium to use in astronomy education programs.
- b) Ms. Bennett is also looking into another grant she learned of to enhance educational opportunities in southern Perry County.

C. Muskingum Valley Park District Inquiry

Mr. Moore stated that Muskingum Valley Park District Director Russ Edgington contacted him to inquire whether PCPD had any information regarding the Mt. Perry railroad line that lies in both Perry and Muskingum counties. Mr. Moore will talk with Mr. Edgington and recommend that he contact the Perry County Commissioners for information regarding the Mt. Perry railroad line.

D. Buckeye Trail Association- trail work day info

Mr. Coll stated that he recently attended and volunteered for a Buckeye Trail workday on a section that runs near Shawnee and New Straitsville. The main trail from Lake Tecumseh was rerouted to include the Burning Mine area between Shawnee and New Straitsville. An approx 1.5-mile section of the trail in Wayne National Forest that intersects with Salem Hollow Rd (from markers 21 to 22) is being dropped from the Buckeye Trail system due to the reroute. It was suggested that perhaps the PCPD might want to adopt or maintain this section to help keep it accessible.

IX. Adjournment

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Next Regular Meeting - Monday, May 8, 2023, 3:30pm

Location: Junction City Library, 108 W Main St, Junction City, OH 43748

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*)