



## MINUTES

Perry County Park District Board - Regular Meeting

May 8, 2023, 3:30 pm

Junction City Public Library

108 W Main St, Junction City, OH 43748

- I. Call to Order  
Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm.
  
- II. Roll Call  
Present: Scott Moore; Mr. Redfern; Sue Oberhauser; Jack Coll; Tami McAdams.  
Absent:  
Staff: Jessie Bennett - PCPD Naturalist  
Guests: Jenny LaRue, PC Health Dept; Terry Fischer, Bike Buckeye Lake.
  
- III. Approve May Agenda Items/Request for additional/revised agenda items  
Ms. McAdams moved, Ms. Oberhauser seconded, to approve the May 8, 2023, meeting agenda as amended: 1) Adding two New Business items: Item B: Friends of Perry County Park District, and Item C: Muskingum River Bikeway information. 2) Public Comments item was moved to become Item V to follow BBL presentation. 3) The Programming Report was moved to earlier in the meeting to become Item VI.  
Motion carried by unanimous vote
  
- IV. Presentation by Terry Fischer of Bike Buckeye Lake  
Mr. Fischer gave a talk and Powerpoint presentation summarizing the multi-use trails around Buckeye Lake, including existing and planned. The current project is to put signage along the designated Buckeye Lake Trail route that will take one around the lake. BBL is seeking a letter of support for this project from the PCPD. Mr. Fischer also advised that there is a project in planning to create the Buckeye Lake Emerald Necklace group to connect the management of several parks around the lake. Mr. Fischer offered to assist PCPD by providing GIS maps made with his software.
  
- V. Comments from the public/guests  
Ms. LaRue provided an update on the Health Department's walking program and a flyer of upcoming dates.
  
- VI. Programming Report (Bennett)
  - A. Program Report  
Ms. Bennett provided an overview of current programs, events, and activities. She said there is one more school program coming up this school year on May 19. These programs have been very successful and well-received. She participated in the Earth Day field trip program for Junction City/New Lexington school children, held at New Lexington Elementary, and had 350

children come to her station. The ODNR Wildlife Officer assigned to Perry County borrowed some of PCPD's skins for display at another station.

Recent programs:

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Upcoming public programs:

May 13 - Wildlife and Nature Photographer Brad Imhoff at the Hoover Theater in Glenford.

May 23 - Hike at Fincks Nature Preserve

B. County Fair Booth (update)

Ms. Bennett confirmed that she has reserved a booth at the county fair. The PCPD booth will be in the Newlon Building, Booth #21. The Board discussed manning the booth as much as possible throughout the fair. Ms. Bennett will work on creating a schedule closer to the event. The fair runs July 17 - July 22, 2023.

1. Invoice (\$80)

Ms. Bennett is waiting on the application/invoice from the PC Agricultural Society and will get it to Ms. McAdams when received. Ms. McAdams will open a purchase order and submit the application.

C. Wildlife Education Grant application (update)

Ms. Bennett advised that the application for the Wildlife Education Grant has not yet been submitted, but will be in the coming months. Applications for this grant are accepted from July 1 to June 30 each state fiscal year.

D. Internet Connectivity Grant (update)

1. "Internet connectivity to improve quality of life in Perry County."

Ms. Bennett looked into this grant program through the FAO- Foundation for Appalachian Ohio and isn't sure it would be an applicable grant for PCPD.

E. Other Updates

Ms. Bennett updated the Board that the grant application to the Southern Perry County Academic Endowment Fund for portable planetarium funding was declined because our application was for programs in the whole county, not specifically for Southern Perry County. She is talking with the foundation about other ideas for which PCPD could apply.

VII. Approval of April Minutes

Mr. Coll moved, Ms. Oberhauser seconded, to approve the April 13, 2023, Regular meeting minutes.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

VIII. Financial Status of Park District and Approval of April Revenue and Expense Report

Mr. Redfern moved, Ms. Oberhauser seconded, to approve the April 2023 revenue & expense report.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

IX. Old Business

A. US Fish and Wildlife Service- assessment of Glenford Fort properties (McAdams)

1. Reminder - Friday, May 12, 10 am - Silica/Wilson Mound property, then to Glenford Fort property

Ms. McAdams reminded the Board of the upcoming visit from US Fish and Wildlife Service's biologist Ryan Morr to assess the Silica/Wilson Mound and Glenford Fort properties as potential pollinator/prairie projects. Ms. Bennett will bring her UTV side-by-side to assist with carrying people around the properties during the assessment.

B. Wilson Mound Property -Clean Ohio Funds / Trail Maintenance (Moore)

Mr. Moore went over maps of the Silica/Wilson Mound property with the Board and discussed various easements assigned to adjoining land owners. Mr. Redfern will inquire at the County Commissioners office regarding the remaining Clean Ohio Funds balance and what the funds could be used for.

C. Glenford Fort Properties-MOU update (Moore)

Mr. Moore advised that the utilities (internet/phone line) were being set up. Mowing would be occurring when the weather cooperated. The date PCPD could obtain keys and begin setting up our office would be determined soon.

X. New Business

A. Letter of Support for Bike Buckeye Lake

Mr. Redfern moved, Mr. Coll seconded, to approve providing a letter of support to Bike Buckeye Lake for their signage grant submission.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Ms. McAdams will create the support letter, send it to Mr. Moore for signature, and then send it on to Mr. Fischer at Bike Buckeye Lake.

B. Friends of the Perry County Park District

The Board discussed the idea of offering a membership-based program, Friends of the Perry County Park District. The program would serve as a fundraising effort for the

Park District. Members would receive benefits such as discounts from local participating businesses and be invited to participate in members-only special program events. The Board expects to explore this idea further.

C. Muskingum River Bikeway

Mr. Moore advised that he had received information and an invitation from the Muskingum Valley Park District regarding the formation of a steering committee intended to work on a bikeway project. Mr. Moore will keep the Board informed of progress and developments with this project.

XI. Adjournment

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Next Regular Meeting - Monday, June 12, 2023, 3:30 pm

Location: Thornville Library, 99 E Columbus St, Thornville, OH 43076

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*)