



## Minutes

Perry County Park District Board - Regular Meeting

June 12, 2023, 3:30 pm

Thornville Public Library

99 E Columbus St, Thornville, OH 43076

- I. Call to Order  
Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 3:36 pm.
  
- II. Roll Call  
Present: Scott Moore; Mr. Redfern; Sue Oberhauser; Jack Coll; Tami McAdams.  
*(Mr. Redfern had to leave the meeting prior to the program report, at 6:14pm, for another obligation)*  
Absent:  
Staff: Jessie Bennett - PCPD Naturalist  
Guests: Judge Luann Cooperrider; Kim Miller - Lily Pad Park;
  
- III. Approve June Agenda Items/Request for additional/revised agenda items  
Ms. McAdams moved, Mr. Coll seconded, to approve the June 12, 2023, meeting agenda as presented /amended: Added New Business item C - Heart Watch initiative for parks in the county
  
- IV. Approval of May Minutes  
Mr. Redfern moved, Ms. Oberhauser seconded, to approve the May 8, 2023, Regular meeting minutes as presented.  
Motion carried by unanimous vote
  
- V. Financial Status of Park District and Approval of May Revenue and Expense Report  
Mr. Redfern moved, Ms. Oberhauser seconded, to approve the May 2023 revenue & expense report.  
Motion carried by unanimous vote
  
- VI. Comments from the public/guests  
Judge Cooperrider introduced Kim Miller to the Board. Ms. Miller leads the non-profit Lily Pad Park organization in the Thornville area. The organization ran the Lily Pad Festival from 1990 through approximately 2001 when the festival was discontinued. The organization owns adjacent land parcels in Thorn Township, which made up Lily Pad Park, with a shelter house and green space. Ms. Miller is interested in possibly donating the park/parcels in the future to the Perry County Park District to own and maintain as a community, family-oriented park.

## VII. Old Business

### A. US Fish and Wildlife Service assessment of Glenford Fort properties (update)

Ms. McAdams advised that Biologist Ryan Morr messaged that he was waiting to hear from his headquarters on whether both properties could be planted at the same time or if one would be done later, due to seed funding availability. Discussion followed. Ms. McAdams will request that Mr. Morr send the summary of needed actions and timeline for prepping the fields.

### B. Wilson Mound Property -Clean Ohio Funds Status

No new info to report at this meeting. Mr. Redfern will research further what funds are still available from the original grant and what the restrictions are for their use.

### C. New office at Glenford Fort - Dutcher House

Several board members toured the new PCPD office at Glenford Fort prior to the meeting. Ms. Bennett has made great progress in setting up her office space and moving in programming supplies to be stored.

### D. Friends of the PCPD Membership Program (update)

The Board further discussed the possibility of starting a “Friends of the PCPD”, a membership-based program designed to act as a fundraiser for the Park District and provide special, unique program opportunities for members only. Ms. McAdams will check with CORSA insurance company to confirm coverage if activities are on private landowner properties.

## VIII. New Business

### A. OPRA / ODOT Metro Park Funds - Resolution 2023-01

Ms. McAdams explained to the Board that a Resolution had been requested to confirm continued participation in the OPRA / ODOT Metro Park Fund program. The Board reviewed the Resolution.

Ms. McAdams moved, Mr. Redfern seconded, to approve Resolution 2023-01, Request of Funds from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Designation of Projects for Ohio Parks Districts Roadwork Fund FY 2024-2025 through the Ohio Parks & Recreation Association (OPRA).  
Motion carried by unanimous vote

All Board members signed the resolution. Judge Cooperrider notarized the Board’s signatures. Ms. McAdams will prepare a letter of projected projects for the next biennium and the future, to accompany the resolution.

B. Muskingum River Water Trail System - Steering Committee

Mr. Moore and Mr. Coll updated the Board regarding the Muskingum River Water Trail System - Steering Committee and their plans for regional connectivity with water trails and bike trails. Mr. Moore will email the board a slide show presentation that will provide information presented at the last steering committee meeting.

C. Heart Watch initiative

Ms. Oberhauser showed the Board a newspaper article about an initiative recently started at Somerset Park called Heart Watch and suggested this type of program could be started at other parks in the county. The program in Somerset included the addition of an AED device at the park (Automated External Defibrillator). Ms. Oberhauser will research to see what is involved for a park to participate.

IX. Programming Report

A. Programs

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

1. Recent

Founder's Day at Ludowici

Educators Week Conference in Adams Co (Bioblitz session)

2. Upcoming

June 24 - Soil & Water Family Fun Day (no PCPD table planned)

Week of June 25 - Library Summer Reading Program

July 1 - New Straitsville Community Picnic

July 8 - Mothing program at Glenford Fort, by Dutcher House/office

B. County Fair Booth - update

Ms. McAdams advised that she had been in contact with Joe Fiore of the Agricultural Society and confirmed our booth and the cost (\$80). The purchase order has been opened and the voucher submitted for payment. The check should be cut on June 16th and will be mailed to the Agricultural Society by the auditor's office.

The booth staffing schedule will be discussed at the July meeting.

C. Wildlife Education Grant application (update)

Ms. Bennett advised that she has the application mostly completed and expects to be submitting it by the end of June.

D. Tent/Canopy purchase request

The Board discussed purchasing a tent canopy for programs, possibly with the PCPD name on it. Ms. Bennett is to get costs for one and possible purchase locations. Also discussed were the needs for an office chair, a storage shelving unit for program supplies at the new office, and bird seed for future feeder observation programs.

E. Other Updates

None

X. Adjournment

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Next Regular Meeting - Monday, July 10, 2023, 3:30 pm

Location: New Lexington, OH (Arethusa Springs Park, east shelter house)

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*)