



MINUTES

Perry County Park District Board - Regular Meeting

August 14, 2023, 3:30 pm

Hemlock Community Church Shelter House,

8860 Main St SE, Hemlock 43730

- I. Call to Order
Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 3:33pm.
- II. Roll Call
Present: Scott Moore; Mr. Redfern; Jack Coll; Tami McAdams.
Absent: Sue Oberhauser
Staff: Jessie Bennett - PCPD Naturalist
Guests: n/a
- III. Approve August Agenda Items/Request for additional/revised agenda items
Ms. McAdams moved, Mr. Coll seconded, to approve the August 14, 2023, meeting agenda as amended, adding Central State College Partnership discussion to New Business Item B.
- IV. Approval of July Minutes
Mr. Redfern moved, Mr. Coll seconded, to approve the July 10, 2023, Regular meeting minutes as presented.
Motion carried by unanimous vote
- V. Financial Status of Park District and Approval of July Revenue and Expense Report
Ms. McAdams moved, Mr. Redfern seconded, to approve the July 2023 revenue & expense report.
Motion carried by unanimous vote
- VI. Comments from the public/guests
N/A
- VII. Programming Report (Bennett)
 - A. Programs
 1. Recent - Ms. Bennett reported on recent programs, including the following:
 - *Aug 12-Perseids viewing at Ludowici Park shelter - 13 participants
 - *Back to School Bash

She advised there have been 44 programs year-to-date, reaching over 3700 people. She advises she has used 400 of the 500 hours allotted for 2023.

Ms. Bennett also advised there is a new CEO at Ludowici, Mike Hilliard, and he is enthusiastic about PCPD programs at the Ludowici Community Park.

2. Upcoming - Ms. Bennett provided the Board with a handout of upcoming programs, with all at Glenford Fort or Wilson Mound having been cleared with Soil & Water. She requested assistance from Board members for several of the programs.

B. County Fair - Summary/Debrief

Ms. Bennett reported that over 1,000 people were reached at the PCPD fair booth! There was a different nature education theme each day, which brought many people back several times during the week, as well as new visitors each day.

C. Wildlife Education Grant award (update - planned supply orders)

Ms. McAdams advised that the \$500 Wildlife Education Grant check has been received and deposited. It is still to be brought up to our spending line. Ms. McAdams will be working with Jim Stroup of the Commissioner's Office on this.

Ms. Bennett advised that the approved grant items will be purchased from Amazon and Acorn Naturalists.

D. Community Foundation for Perry County (CFPC) / Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO) grant opportunity (opened Aug 1 - closes Sept 12)

Having only recently learned of this grant opportunity, Ms. Bennett will try to get an application submitted for this grant by the deadline.

E. Tent/Canopy purchase

The board discussed purchasing a tent canopy and storage shelving for the new office. Ms. McAdams provided some comparison pricing for 10x10 canopy tents from Menards and Lowes. Also, she shared information on the logo canopy and other items seen at the Perry County Transit display at the fair. PC Transit got their logoed items from LookOurWay.com.

Ms. McAdams moved, Mr. Coll seconded, to approve the purchase of a shade canopy tent, at a cost of up to \$175 and up to \$100 additional for weights for the legs, for a total of \$275 approved to spend.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Ms. Bennett and the Board also discussed the need for storage shelving at the Glenford Fort office for programming supplies.

Mr. Redfern moved, Mr. Coll seconded, to approve the purchase of two shelving units at a total cost of up to \$400 approved to spend.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Ms. McAdams will make the purchases on her credit card and get reimbursed. The vendor(s) will provide a tax exemption certificate.

Mr. Redfern advised that the Elks Club makes yearly donations to community organizations. Discussion followed regarding contacting Elks with a request.

F. Other Updates

Ms. Bennett advises that she will be hosting a Naturalist Gathering on Oct 5 at the Glenford Fort Nature Center. This will be an opportunity for park naturalists from around Ohio to network and share ideas, resources and contacts, etc.

VIII. Old Business

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

Soil and Water advised at a recent joint meeting that contracts have been arranged between USFWS and PSWCD, and the PCC office. Mowing is occurring now on both properties in preparation for pollinator plants/prairie planting by USFWS.

B. Heart Watch program (McAdams for Oberhauser)

Ms. Oberhauser got to talk with Ms. Watson who works with Fairfield Medical Center on the Heart Safe Park Initiative last week. Ms. Watson explained that she writes grant applications for AED equipment in parks, schools, and businesses in a three-county area which includes Perry County. If she can get a grant, the cost to the community is pretty minimal. Ms. Watson said basically that the community is asked to put up some signs, pay for an electrical connection, and allow an AED training session at the park. Ms. Watson said that Jim Mickey at the Perry County Health Department is their point man in Perry County and that she would have him contact Ms. Oberhauser. Ms. Oberhauser hasn't heard from him yet but hopes he can come to the Park District September board meeting. Ms. Oberhauser says she feels it sounds like a win-win for the Park District as it would cost PCPD nothing and possibly bring life-saving equipment to parks in our county. Especially after all the news coverage of Bronny James' heart stoppage, the need for immediate access to these AED units is clear, especially at youth recreation facilities.

C. PCPD/PSWCD Joint Meeting Summary - Glenford Fort/Wilson Mound Planning

The PCPD/PSWCD joint meeting on August 10th at Somerset Park saw several PCPD board members and Ms. Bennett in attendance, along with Soil and Water's Dave Snider and Penny Cox, County Commissioner Ben Carpenter, and Steve Glade (Friends of the Fort). The discussions included programming at the two Glenford Fort properties (Fort on 757 and at Wilson Mound on Cooperriders Rd), upgrades to the Nature Center (Dutcher House/office) including ceiling lighting in the offices, and a planned garage cleanout. The USFWS pollinator project was discussed and it was learned the agreements are in place and mowing of the fields at both locations is currently underway in preparation for planting. The possibility of assistance from the Health Dept in a clean-up of the old trash dump at Wilson Mound was discussed.

IX. New Business

A. 2024 Budget- Initial discussion

The Board discussed the preparation of the upcoming budget to submit to the County Commissioners. Ms. McAdams will email last year's budget info to the Board. The Board will request the 2024 Budget meeting with the County Commissioners to hopefully occur on a date between Oct 17 and 20 (to occur after the Oct 16 board meeting). The Board discussed the possibility of needing a special meeting in late September to work on the budget request.

B. Hocking College

Mr. Moore will be reaching out to Hocking College to explore possible ideas for collaboration between them and the Park District. Ms. McAdams will reach out to Denise Brooks at Central State University for the same.

C. HAPCAP Workers

Mr. Redfern provided the Board with information about the HAPCAP (Hocking-Athens-Perry Community Action) program which provides employment opportunities and training to individuals through placement with local agencies and businesses. He will reach out to his contact, Nick Cruise, for more information on the program and possible future summer workers with the Park District.

D. Collaborative SE Ohio GIS - Ohio University

Mr. Moore advises he is working with Ohio University on a collaborative GIS project, which will combine the efforts of other organizations' GIS personnel. He is waiting to hear more information back from Misty Crosby of the Voinovich Center at Ohio University.

X. Adjournment

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Meeting adjourned at 5:51pm.

Next Regular Meeting - Monday, September 11, 2023, 3:30 pm

Location: Roseville, OH

Specific location TBD

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/Roseville*)
- D. Oct - Dec 2023 (*New Straitsville/Glenford/Shawnee*)