



Minutes

Perry County Park District Board - Regular Meeting

October 16, 2023, 3:30 pm

Village Park Shelter House (or Village office if bad weather)

SR 93, New Straitsville, OH

- I. Call to Order
Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 3:39 pm.

- II. Roll Call
Present: Scott Moore; Mr. Redfern; Jack Coll; Sue Oberhauser; Tami McAdams.
Absent:
Staff: Jessie Bennett - PCPD Naturalist
Guests: Sue Miller - Village of New Straitsville
(5pm - Moore and Redfern left for another meeting)

- III. Approve October Agenda Items/Request for additional/revised agenda items
Mr. Coll moved, Ms. Oberhauser seconded, to approve the October 16, 2023, meeting agenda as amended to rearrange the agenda and move the following items to earlier in the meeting, after item V, because Mr. Moore and Mr. Redfern have to leave at 5pm.
 - A. Budget summary & commissioners meeting Oct 18 (becomes VI)
 - B. Last quarter's programs & hours (Becomes VII)
 - C. Joint meeting summary (Becomes VIII)
 - D. Village of Hemlock - tree request (Becomes IX)

- IV. Approval of September Minutes
 - A. Regular Meeting Sept 11, 2023
Ms. McAdams moved, Mr. Redfern seconded, to approve the September 11, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented.
Motion carried by unanimous vote

 - B. Special Meeting Sept 19, 2023
Mr. Redfern moved, Ms. Oberhauser seconded, to approve the September 19, 2023, special meeting minutes as presented.
Motion carried by unanimous vote

- V. Financial Status of Park District and Approval of September Revenue and Expense Report
Mr. Redfern moved, Mr. Coll seconded, to approve the September 2023 revenue & expense report.
Motion carried by unanimous vote
McAdams advised she had spoken with Jim Stroup at the Commissioners office and the new hours funding appropriation would be appropriated to our salary line soon.

VI. Budget summary & commissioners meeting- Oct 18

The Board discussed the upcoming budget meeting with the County Commissioners. Mr. Moore and Ms. McAdams will be presenting and the other board members were encouraged to attend, if available. Ms. Bennett will provide a 2023 program participation summary to Ms. McAdams to include in packet for Commissioners.

VII. Last Quarter's program schedule & hours projection

The Board and Ms. Bennett discussed the remaining programs and work hours for the remainder of the year, following the County Commissioners approval of funding for an additional 50 hours. It was agreed that to reduce the work hours needed to complete this year. that Ms. Bennett would not add additional programs and would fulfill published programs and scheduled school programs, and focus on increasing our presence on social media to keep the Park District engaged with the community and Facebook followers. Nature based and other informative, educational posts will be increased.

VIII. September's Joint Meeting with Soil & Water update - (Oberhauser/Moore/Bennett)

Mr. Moore, Ms. Oberhauser and Ms. Bennett provided a summary of the recent joint meeting with Soil & Water. Improvements, programming, general property rules, pollinator plots, and utilities were among the subjects discussed. Ms. Bennett will send a meeting summary to Board members.

IX. Village of Hemlock - tree request (Moore)

Mr. Moore advised that the Village of Hemlock had approached him to ask if PCPD could provide a live evergreen tree for their Village Park. Ms. Oberhauser and Mr. Redfern will contact local nurseries to check costs for a 6' evergreen and inquire about a possible donation.

X. Comments from the public/guests

Sue Miller - Village of New Straitsville welcomed the Board to New Straitsville village office and expressed interest in doing another "Adventures at the Cave" joint program in 2024.

XI. Programming Report (Bennett)

A. Programs

1. Recent

Ms. Bennett updated the Board on recent programs including:

- Hikes, Storytime and open house
- New Lex Library Annular Solar Eclipse Family Night

She also mentioned she had recently visited the Buckeye Trail Association office to discuss trail work consulting and volunteer training.

2. Upcoming

Ms. Bennett described several upcoming programs and events, including:

- 2024 trip planning to view the solar eclipse - April 8
- Fall hikes and school programs
- Storytime and open house
- Monthly WHIZ radio/TV interviews to start in December
- Jr Naturalist program to start next fall
- Partnering with Somerset Builders Club - Bat box program

B. Other Updates

Ms. Bennett discussed the ODNR “job shadowing day” program.

C. Marketing

Ms. McAdams reminded the group that we can send program and event announcements to the Chamber of Commerce for inclusion in their weekly newsletter email. Ms. McAdams and Ms. Bennett are to focus on using this tool for future programs, especially going into the 2024 programming year. The Board stressed the need for increased Facebook posts, with earlier and more repeats of upcoming programs. There is good ROI for these notices with little time required.

XII. Old Business

A. Heart Watch program (update - Oberhauser)

Ms. Oberhauser advised that she has invited Jim Mickey of the Health Department to attend our November meeting to discuss the Heart Watch/AED program.

B. Funding request to Elks - update

Ms. McAdams advised the request was awarded and the Elks check has been received, and would be deposited this week. Work will begin soon on getting a design proof and estimate from LookOurWay for tent canopy, table cover and table runner.

XIII. New Business

A. Community Engagement Event update (Oberhauser)

Ms. Oberhauser provided a summary of the meeting she and Mr. Redfern attended, and advised several subjects discussed:

- Development coming to Perry County
- Perry County Commissioners have joined ORCA (Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia)
- Mountain bike trails with trailhead in Chancy (Athens Co)

B. Central States - potential for program collaborations (McAdams)

Ms. McAdams advised she had spoken with Denise Brooks, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator of Central States University Extension. She is interested in partnering with the PCPD to provide natural resource education programs in 2024. She provided handouts of several programs she has done in Perry County as of program subjects we could expand and partner on. In 2024, the Board will ask Ms. Bennett to work with Ms. Brooks to plan and schedule some joint programs.

XIV. Adjournment

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.

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

Location: Glenford, OH (Hoover Theater)

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*)