



MINUTES

Perry County Park District Board - Regular Meeting

February 12, 2024, 3:30 pm

Somerset Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Somerset OH 43783

- I. Call to Order
Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 3:40pm
- II. Roll Call
Present: Scott Moore; Mr. Redfern; Jack Coll; Sue Oberhauser; Tami McAdams.
Absent:
Staff: Jessie Bennett - PCPD Naturalist
Guests: Jenny LaRue, Perry County Health Department
- III. Approve February Agenda Items/Request for additional/revised agenda items
Mr. Coll moved, Ms. McAdams seconded, to approve the February 12, 2024, meeting agenda as presented.
Motion carried by unanimous vote
- IV. Approval of January Minutes
Mr. Redfern moved, Mr. Coll seconded, to approve the January 8, 2024, regular meeting minutes as presented.
Motion carried by unanimous vote
- V. Financial Status of Park District and Approval of January Revenue and Expense Reports
Ms. McAdams reviewed the January 2024 financial reports with the Board. She also advised that she and Mr. Coll met and took him through training on the County Auditor's financial purchase order request and voucher payment system. The Auditor's office advised they expect the new system to go live in April. Ms. McAdams and Mr. Coll will both be trained on the new system.

Mr. Coll moved, Mr. Redfern seconded, to approve the January 2024 financial reports.
Motion carried by unanimous vote
- VI. Comments from the public/guests
Ms. LaRue briefly spoke as the meeting was starting regarding a contractual agreement with the Park District for the Health Department to compensate the Park District for providing four health/nature walks for the Health Department in 2024, March - June. The Board discussed a couple of "first-scan" questions on content and agreed to review the document fully when questions are answered and vote on it at the March meeting. Ms. LaRue will get back to the Board on the content questions.

VII. Old Business

A. Wilson Mound - USFWS prep work update

Ms. McAdams advised that USFWS Ryan Morr says he is prepared to move forward on both Wilson Mound and Glenford Fort locations with a spring herbicide application, and possibly a second, summer application to be ready for planting in fall. He is waiting on final approvals from the County Commissioners and Soil and Water to move forward.

B. Somerset property opportunity updates

Ms. Bennett, Mr. Coll, Mr. Moore, Ms. McAdams updated the Board on the Somerset property visit. Mr. Moore gave an update on Clean Ohio Grant consultation and grant writing. Ms. Bennett advised she had made some contacts with several environmental professionals, seeking their assistance with doing environmental “bioblitz” type property inventories.

C. Bylaws Revision Project -reschedule special meeting

At the March board meeting, the Board will discuss when to reschedule the special meeting to work on the bylaws revision project.

D. Heart Watch/AED program- park contact update

Ms. Oberhauser advised that she made several calls to park systems in the county and got a few callbacks. Crooksville already has an AED unit at its pool. Thornville and Junction City sounded interested in getting one. She passed their contact information on to Jim Mickey at the Health Department for follow-up. She will continue contacting other parks and report back in March.

E. Board Bonding

Ms. McAdams advised the Board that the rep who handles the bonds for Angeletti State Farm is on vacation and will return next week. The rep will use the basic info sent to her to get the applications put together and then will contact each board member on the phone to obtain SSN and any additional info needed. An invoice will be sent after this step.

VIII. New Business

A. Meeting time - revise?

The board discussed changing the meeting time of regular meetings to 2:30pm, from 3:30pm, to help allow their attendance at early evening commitments and avoid members getting home so late in the day.

Ms. McAdams moved, Mr. Redfern seconded to change the board meeting time to 2:30pm, with the day remaining on the second Monday of each month.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- B. Potential shared job position - Parks, SWCD, Health Department
Mr. Redfern advised the Board there was a potential donor interested in funding a possible shared agency natural resource related position, to be employed by Soil and Water, and/or Health Department and/or the Park District. Discussion followed.
Mr. Redfern will seek additional information and report back to the Board in March.

IX. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Employment of Public Employee

- A. Ms. McAdams moved, Mr. Redfern seconded, to enter into executive session pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) for the purpose of discussing Employment of Public Employee.

Roll call vote: Scott Moore-yes; Fred Redfern-yes; Tami McAdams-yes; Sue Oberhauser-yes; Jack Coll-yes;

The Board entered executive session at 5:00pm.

- B. At 5:01pm, the Board invited Jessie Bennett into the Executive Session

- C. The Board returned from Executive Session at 5:42pm.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session. The discussion will continue in executive session at the March meeting.

X. Programming Report (Bennett)

A. Programs

1. Recent

Ms. Bennett summarized recent programs, including monthly WHIZ News segment, Nature Trivia night, Storytime at the Fort, Foundation of Appalachia awards recognition event at Ludowici and Open House at the Fort.

2. Upcoming

Ms. Bennett gave an update of upcoming programs and events, including:

Project Learning Tree training

Feb 14 WHIZ News segment

Feb 15 Storytime at the Fort

Feb 16 S&W Night Hike at the Fort

Feb 17 S&W Maple Syrup event

Feb 21 -How I Met Your Mother

Feb 24 - Multi-Agency Jr Naturalist planning meeting

Mar 5 Woodcock walk - Ludowici shelter

Mar 6 Sheridan Career Fair

June - Kayak instructor training through ODNR

Ms. Bennett advised that for now she was suspending Open House events due to low turnout over the winter. These events may return in warmer weather and possibly paired with other concurrent activities.

B. Grants, Marketing & Other Updates

Ms. Bennett and Ms. McAdams discussed that submissions to the Chamber of Commerce were to begin to include our newsletter and individual event flyers in the Chamber's email blasts. Ms. Bennett advises that a new newsletter/program guide will be published soon. She expects to publish them quarterly at the minimum, possibly more often when there are more activities going on.

C. Other Updates

Ms. Bennett mentioned that the eclipse is on the same date as the April Board meeting (April 8).

XI. Adjournment

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm.

Next Regular Meeting - Monday, March 11, 2024, 2:30pm

Location: Somerset Courthouse

Reminder:

2024 Park Board Meeting Locations

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| A. Jan - March 2024 | <i>Somerset</i> |
| B. April - June 2024 | <i>Corning/Junction City/Thornville</i> |
| C. July - Sept 2024 | <i>Glenford/Shawnee/Roseville</i> |
| D. Oct - Dec 2024 | <i>New Straitsville/New Lexington/Somerset</i> |