



Minutes

Perry County Park District Board - Regular Meeting

March 11, 2024, 2:30 pm

Somerset Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Somerset OH 43783

- I. Call to Order
Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 2:42pm

- II. Roll Call
Present: Scott Moore; Mr. Redfern; Jack Coll; Sue Oberhauser; Tami McAdams.
Absent:
Staff: Jessie Bennett - PCPD Naturalist
Guests: Judge Luann Cooperrider

- III. Approve March Agenda Items/Request for additional/revised agenda items
Ms. McAdams moved, Mr. Redfern seconded, to approve the March 11, 2024, meeting agenda as presented.
Motion carried by unanimous vote

- IV. Approval of Minutes
Mr. Redfern moved, Mr. Coll seconded, to approve the February 12, 2024, regular meeting minutes as amended with minor spelling typo corrected.
Motion carried by unanimous vote

- V. Financial Status of Park District and Approval of February Revenue and Expense Reports
Ms. McAdams reviewed the February 2024 financial reports with the Board. She gave the Board an update on the Auditor's office new financial system advising that the Auditor's Office still expects the new system to go live sometime in April.
Mr. Redfern moved, Mr. Coll seconded, to approve the February 2024 financial reports.
Motion carried by unanimous vote

- VI. Comments from the public/guests
Judge Cooperrider gave the Board a brief update on the Lily Pad Park property, the Thorn Township ODOT TAP grant for the bike trail, and the new township trustees. Mr. Redfern stated that the Safe Streets and Roads for All program was hoping to see the TAP project tie the Township Rd 358 trail to Lily Pad park.

- VII. Old Business
 - A. Somerset property opportunity update
Mr. Moore discussed a potential funding possibility and Ms. Bennett advised that she has arranged tentative monthly environmental inventory dates for March- June.

- B. Potential shared job position - PCPD, SWCD, Health Dept -Update
Mr. Redfern advised that this proposed position is no longer an option.
- C. Bylaws Revision Project -reschedule special meeting
The Board decided it would set this project aside until the summer. The goal is to finish the project by mid-fall.
- D. Heart Watch/AED program- park contact update
No report this month. The project research will continue.
- E. Board Bonding Update
Ms. McAdams advised that Board members will be contacted by Karen L. Weekly of Angeletti State Farm Office of Newark to complete and sign their bond applications.

VIII. New Business

- A. April Board Meeting Date
The Board discussed changing the date of the regular meeting scheduled for April 8, due to several Board members and Ms. Bennett advising they would be unable to attend on the 8th.

Ms. McAdams moved, Ms. Oberhauser seconded, to approve moving the April meeting to April 15.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

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

- A. Mr. Coll 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: Mr. Moore-yes; Mr. Redfern-yes; Mr. Coll-yes; Ms Oberhauser-yes; Ms. McAdams-yes;

Entered executive session at 4:07PM.

Returned to regular session at 5:20 PM.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session

X. Programming Report

A. Programs

1. Recent

Ms. Bennett summarized recent programs, including

Feb 6 Sheridan Career Fair

Feb 21 How I Met Your Mother at Ludowici

Feb 28 Three sessions of science class for Mill Creek 6th graders

Ms. Bennett attended Project Learning Tree training hosted by ODNR Div of Forestry. She is now certified as an instructor for the program. Ms. Bennett plans to visit all four Perry County school districts to offer the Project Learning Tree training to teachers.

Feb Storytime was canceled due to Ms. Bennett being sick.

2. Upcoming

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

Monthly WHIZ News segment February 14 on turtles and frogs

March 18 - Storytime at the Fort

March 19 - Coffee with Some Commissioners

March 19 - Ms. Bennett speaking at Chamber meeting

March 20 - Hike at Fincks Preserve

March 23 - Bat boxes at Somerset Builder's Club

April 1 - Eclipse program at the Fort

April 24 - Soil & Water Envirothon

3. Taste of Life update

Ms. Bennett advised she is still working with FOA on the structure of the program.

B. Grants, Marketing, Other Updates

Ms. Bennett stated that she has sent the spring newsletter and program flyers to the Chamber for inclusion in their upcoming email blasts. She also advised that she had discussed a small fee to schools for science and nature classes. The schools had been very receptive to the proposal, advising they had funding available for such classes.

XI. Adjournment

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.

Next Regular Meeting - Monday, April 15, 2024, 2:30 pm

Location: Corning Public Library, 113 11th St, Corning, OH 43730

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> |