



MINUTES

Perry County Park District Board - Regular Meeting

June 10, 2024, 2:30 pm

Thornville Library, 99 E. Columbus St, Thornville OH 43076

- I. Call to Order
Mr. Redfern called the meeting to order at 2:34 pm.

- II. Roll Call
Present: Mr. Redfern; Mr. Coll; Ms. Oberhauser; Ms. McAdams.
Absent: Mr. Moore;
Staff: Ms. Bennett - PCPD Naturalist; Dahlia Cayton, HAPCAP Youth Worker
Guests: Dan Bush, Ludowici Community Foundation; Melissa Brofford, Thornville Village Administrator; Jenny LaRue, PC Health Department;

- III. Introduction to HAPCAP/JFS Youth Worker Dahlia Cayton

- IV. Approve June Agenda Items/Request for additional/revised agenda items
Mr. Coll moved, Ms. McAdams seconded, to approve the June 10, 2024, meeting agenda as presented.
Motion carried by unanimous vote

- V. Approval of May Minutes
Mr. Coll moved, Ms. McAdams seconded to approve the May 13, 2024 minutes as presented.
Motion carried by unanimous vote

- VI. Financial Status of Park District and Approval of April and May Revenue and Expense Reports
Ms. McAdams reviewed the April and May 2024 financial reports with the Board.

Mr. Coll moved, Ms. McAdams seconded, to approve the April 2024 financial reports.
Motion carried by unanimous vote

Ms. McAdams moved, Mr. Coll seconded, to approve the May 2024 financial reports.
Motion carried by unanimous vote

- VII. Comments from the public/guests
Thornville Village Administrator Milissa Brofford introduced herself to the Board. She advised she had been in the role since May 31 and was taking the opportunity to meet the Park District Board. The Board welcomed her and thanked her for attending.

Ms. LaRue of Perry County Health Department discussed the collaboration with the Park District on LWMT (Less Talking More Walking) hikes and advised the next hike is June 20.

VIII. New Business

A. Partnering with Ludowici - Dan Bush

Mr. Bush, of the Ludowici Foundation, gave the Board an overview of the Ludowici Foundation Park (ballfields and trail system). He described that the Foundation has a lease to the property and the Perry County Commissioners are the owners/deed holders. Mr. Bush advised that the company's retired CEO is Tab Colbert (in Arizona) and the new CEO is Rob Wher (Atlanta, Georgia). Mr. Bush expressed that he wanted to discuss ways the Park District could partner with Ludowici to assist with the management of Foundation Park. The Board gave Mr. Bush a summary of the District's mission and discussed passive recreation vs. active recreation. Mr. Bush described future plans they hoped to fulfill at Foundation Park. Plans include a designating dog trail which would include in-ground composting waste boxes. Ms. LaRue advised that the Health Department would provide the waste boxes. Other plans are to install additional signage on trails, make park and trails more ADA accessible, and add a storybook trail via a grant from the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. The Board suggested the natural areas might interest USFWS as a pollinator/prairie planting project and advised the Board could put them in touch with the USFWS contact. Mr. Bush discussed annual costs for maintaining trails and natural areas, ballparks, and the splash pad. The Board asked to receive a copy of the current lease with the County Commissioners. The Board agreed to discuss the subject again with Mr. Bush at a later date after the lease could be reviewed and partnership possibilities were discussed by the Board.

IX. Programming Report

A. Programs

1. Recent

- Ms. Bennett and Mr. Moore attended JFS/HAPCAP orientation to prepare for the start date of HAPCAP Youth Worker Dahlia Crayton.
- Glenford Fort kids' hike, with Zanesville Soil & Water Conservation District
- Somerset End of School Year Family Night - display table
- Environmental inventory on potential property
- Meeting with PC Fair Board- received a waiver of booth fee in exchange for providing two nature programs during fair week.
- LTMW (Less Talking More Walking) hike for the Health Department on Ludowici Foundation Park trails.
- WHIZ interview for June

2. Upcoming

- June 11 & 12 Kayak instructor training through ODNR
- June 30 First PCPD kayak program- Clouse Lake paddle 4 pm
- June 14 Hound Hike - Ludowici Foundation Park trails
- June 18 Tecumseh Theater Summer Camp
- June 20 Storytime at the Fort
- June 20 LTMW hike for Health Department on Ludowici trails
- July 4 Thornville celebration- display table -setup @10:30-ish
- July 8 WHIZ interview for July

- July 15-20 Perry County Fair
- July 15 Next environmental inventory visit

B. Other Updates

1. Fair - Dates, hours, & booth coverage

July 15-20 Perry County Fair Jessie is unavailable on the 20th. The booth will need coverage & tear down.

2. HAPCAP Summer Youth Employment Activity

The HAPCAP Summer Youth Worker Dahlia Cayton will work an average of 2 days per week, 5.5 hrs per day. This is an 8-9 week initial program, with Dahlia being eligible to stay with the Park District for up to one year. Dahlia assists Ms. Bennett with preparing for programs, presenting programs, administrative tasks, project/program research and creative tasks.

3. Summer Program Newsletter

Ms. Bennett advised the Summer Newsletter will be sent out soon.

X. Old Business

A. Heart Watch/AED program- park contact update (Oberhauser)

No report. Additional contacts to be made.

B. By-Laws revision project

As determined in April, the by-laws revision project is to be worked on over the summer, and completion is expected in the fall. Ms. McAdams reminded Board members that there was a shared document on Google Drive Workspace that all members have access to put their comments and suggestions for revisions.

C. Strategic Plan project

As determined in April, the Board will work on a Strategic Plan, with intentions to complete it in the fall of 2024. Board members were encouraged to visit the online workspace document to begin adding their ideas, thoughts, and project suggestions for the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Moore had asked last month that all documents in progress be moved to a single folder to make access easier. Ms. McAdams advised she had made the change following the previous meeting and had shared a link to the new folder with all Board members.

XI. Executive Session for the purpose of considering the purchase of property

A. Mr. Redfern moved, Ms. Oberhauser seconded, to enter into executive session pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(2) for the purpose of of considering the Purchase of Property.

Roll call vote: Mr. Coll-yes; Mr. Redfern-yes; Ms Oberhauser-yes; Ms. McAdams-yes;

Entered executive session at 3:55PM.

Returned to regular session at 4:23PM.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session

- XII. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Employment of Public Employee
- A. Mr Redfern moved, Ms. Oberhauser 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. Coll-yes; Mr. Redfern-yes; Ms Oberhauser-yes; Ms. McAdams-yes;
- Entered executive session at 4:26PM.
Returned to regular session at 5:01PM.
- No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session

- XIII. Adjournment
- Ms. McAdams moved, Ms. Oberhauser seconded, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried by unanimous vote
Meeting adjourned at 5:01 pm.

Next Regular Meeting - Monday, July 8, 2024, 2:30 pm
Location: Glenford - Hoover Theater

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> |