



MINUTES

Perry County Park District Board - Regular Meeting

November 18, 2024, 2:30 pm

Perry County District Library - New Lexington

117 S. Jackson St, New Lexington OH 43764

- I. Call to Order
Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 2:37 pm.
- II. Roll Call
Present: Scott Moore; Mr. Redfern; Sue Oberhauser; Tami McAdams.
Absent: Jack Coll;
Staff: Jessie Bennett - PCPD Naturalist
Guests: none
- III. Approve November Agenda Items/Request for additional/revised agenda items
Ms. Oberhauser moved, Mr. Redfern seconded, to approve the November 18, 2024 meeting agenda as amended, to add old business Item E - Storybook Trail.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - A. October 21, 2024, Regular Meeting
Mr. Redfern moved, Ms. Oberhauser seconded to approve the October 21, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented.
Motion carried.
- V. Financial Status of Park District and Approval of October Revenue and Expense Reports
Ms. McAdams reviewed the October 2024 financial reports with the Board.
Mr. Redfern moved, Ms. Oberhauser seconded, to approve the October 2024 financial reports.
Motion carried
- VI. Comments from the public/guests and board members

Mr. Redfern and Ms. Bennett advised they had recently learned that the Park District was chosen to receive an endowment from Tom Johnson, the late Mayor of Somerset, that the Foundation for Appalachia will manage.

Mr. Moore said that he was advised by County Commissioner Carpenter that work was scheduled at Wilson Mound for trail development over the next few weeks.
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Ludowici Foundation exhibit documentation

Ms. Bennett said she has yet to receive any additional information and will reach out again to the Foundation.

B. PSWCD / PCPD periodic meeting - scheduled?

Ms. Bennett said there has not been a meeting scheduled yet and that she has emailed the other parties requesting to get it on the calendar.

C. PCC Budget Meeting Summary

Mr. Moore summarized the budget meeting with the County Commissioners with the Board, relating that it went well and there were a few questions and good conversation about the Park District's 2024 activities and accomplishments, and plans for 2025.

D. Strategic Plan

Mr. Moore encouraged the other Board members to review the sample strategic plans provided online and make notes and suggestions on the PCPD draft plan. He said he himself particularly focused on the style of Wood Co, Miami Co, and Delaware Park District plans.

E. Storybook Trail

Ms. McAdams provided an update to the Board on information learned about Dawes Arboretum's storybook trail, including funding, book copyright info, and signage.

VIII. New Business

N/A

IX. Programming Report

A. Programs

1. RECENT programs and engagements

- Retired Teachers meeting -presentation (Oct 22)
- Spider program at Sheridan's Environmental Science class (Oct 24)
- Millcreek Elementary (Oct 25)
- Fall Photo Gathering - The Havenstone (Oct 26)
- Last Fall Hike at Ludowici (Oct 30)
- Presented a program at the Green Teachers' Conference (Oct 31)
- Bennett Family Celebrity Storytime (Nov 11)
- WHIZ TV/radio spots (Nov 11)
- Wilson Mound Night Hike (Nov 15)

2. UPCOMING

- Thornville Elementary this week, and every other month during the school year (4x)
- Junction City Elementary (Nov 25)

B. Other Updates

- Ms. Bennett will be attending a meeting in Athens Co on Nov 19, hosted by their County Commissioners, for discussion on them setting up a park district there.
- Ms. Bennett has had further discussion with the Ohio Arts Council regarding grants. Grant application rounds start in the spring.
- The Board and Ms. Bennett discussed potential new program ideas.
- The Board suggested asking Judge Cooperrider to do a speaking engagement about her recent biking adventure trip.
- Ms. Bennett attended the OPRA Leadership Conference (Nov 12 & 13)
- Ms. Bennett may try to attend the Dec 3 OPRA park district section meeting
- The Board and Ms. Bennett discussed her remaining hours available for the rest of this year.

- X. Executive Session for the purpose of considering the purchase of property
Mr. Redfern moved, Ms. Oberhauser seconded, to enter into executive session pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(2) for the purpose of considering the Purchase of Property.

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

-Entered executive session at 4:34 PM.

Ms. Bennett was invited into the session.

-Returned to regular session at 4:54 PM.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session

XI. Adjournment

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Next Regular Meeting - Monday, December 9, 2024, 2:30 pm

Location: Perry County District Library - Somerset

117 W. Main St, Somerset, OH 43783

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> |