

Minutes

April 14, 2021

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Miers called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM in the Commission Room of the Maple Grove Center, Osborn MetroPark, Huron, Ohio. (via Zoom)

ROLL CALL

Park Commissioners Present: James “Don” Miers, Chairperson
 Troy Wisheart, Vice Chairperson EXCUSED
 Margaret Murray, Vice Chairperson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- (1) Commissioner Wisheart was absent from today’s meeting, and Comm. Miers was absent from the March meeting, so he could not vote to approve the March minutes and they will be tabled to be approved at the May meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

March Fund Activity Summary, Citizens Bank Checking Account Reconciliation, Citizens Bank MMIA Reconciliation:

Members of the Park Commission had received copies of these reports. Ms. Price stated that we had a cash balance of \$5,374,534.00 at the end of March. We have received the first half of our property tax settlement, minus the tax collection and election fees for \$1,228,620.00.

(2) Resolution 2021-08: April Schedule of Payables

Ms. Price distributed copies of the Schedule of Payables via email. She stated that the payables are getting larger due to projects, etc. She noted that the Board would see some employee names. They are for the reimbursement of the allotted amount for uniform items. She also noted a payment to Star Digital Technologies for an aerial deer survey at Edison Woods MetroPark for the justification of overpopulation, to ask ODNR for permission to hold a controlled deer hunt. She noted a purchase of a new drinking fountain at Shelter #3. Page 5, she noted the purchase of Geoweb textile from Meredith Brothers to be used at Edison Woods MetroPark for the repairing of wet trails.

Commissioner Murray moved to approve Resolution 2021-08 Schedule of Payables as presented.

Second: Commissioner Miers

Action: Motion carried unanimously with two affirmative votes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Oglebee of the West Huron Youth (WHY) Club reported that things are going good for the club, they are starting to meet again, outside, and socially distanced. They have applied for their permits for this year and will get Ms. Bowman-Moore their meeting schedule. They will meet the first Sunday of the month, at 1pm. He added that the fall deer and duck youth hunts went well; the kids were successful.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Ms. Bowman-Moore referenced her report which was included in the Board packet. She stated the following:

-The facilities will probably not reopen until the COVID cases in Ohio are down to 50 cases per 100,000 people for two weeks. She added that currently the cases are increasing, not decreasing.

-Staff are getting vaccinated, and they are going to be starting to offer some distant outdoor programming in June.

-Pickleball fencing replacement should be starting April 15th.

-She will be applying for the H2O grant from the State of Ohio, for water quality. EMP is looking to purchase a marsh master for phragmites control. She met with the ODNR representatives for ideas and designs. It is a total grant with no matching funds from Erie MetroParks. She asked the board for their approval to apply. Comm. Murray and Miers approved.

-Comm. Miers inquired about the pickleball discussion with Mr. Eirons in the minutes from the last Board meeting. Ms. Bowman-Moore stated that he had asked for additional courts to be built, and it was decided that they would play out the season and discuss in the fall how it went and the need for more courts. She explained the alternatives suggested to Mr. Eirons in lieu of new courts, including extending playing time, using temporary tape in the tennis courts for more area to play, etc.

-The state audit will begin in May. Due to Covid, it will be an AUP audit which will result in a cost savings for the park district.

-Staff met with the engineer and representatives from the Village of Milan about the costing and end use for the Bickley barn. They have a deadline to have a presentation for the May Board meeting.

-There were 26,669 views on our Facebook and Instagram posts and 1,268 hits on our podcasts over the last month.

(3) Commissioner Murray moved to approve the Executive Director’s Report as presented.

Second: Commissioner Miers

Action: Motion carried unanimously with two affirmative votes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-09 PEP (Liability) Insurance Renewal

Ms. Bowman-Moore stated that the renewal came in at a 6.4% increase over last year. Comm. Miers did not think that was bad. A discussion ensued about why it may have increased, and Ms.

Bowman-Moore stated that next year she will explore more options to see if a better rate may be available.

(4) Commissioner Murray moved to approve the renewal of the PEP (Liability) Insurance as presented.

Second: Commissioner Mears

Action: Motion carried unanimously with two affirmative votes.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Travel & Training Summary (acknowledge and file) NONE

Special Permit Summary (acknowledge and file)

There were two new special permits to acknowledge and file this month.

(5) Commissioner Murray moved to acknowledge and file the Credit Card Summary provided.

Second: Commissioner Mears

Action: Motion passed unanimously with two affirmative votes.

Credit Card Summary (acknowledge and file)

Ms. Bowman-Moore asked the board to acknowledge and file the Credit Card Summary.

(6) Commissioner Murray moved to acknowledge and file the Credit Card Summary provided.

Second: Commissioner Mears

Action: Motion passed unanimously with two affirmative votes.

Disposal of Surplus Personal Property & Remove from Inventory (acknowledge and file)

(7) Commissioner Murray moved to acknowledge and file the list of surplus items to be disposed and removed from the inventory, as provided.

Second: Commissioner Mears

Action: Motion passed unanimously with two affirmative votes.

Other (Misc. items from Board or Administration)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Land Acquisition

Commissioner Murray moved to enter Executive Session to consider the following matters: Land Acquisition.

(8) Second: Commissioner Mears

Roll Call: Commissioner Mears: aye

Commissioner Murray: aye

Commissioner Wisehart: excused

Action: Motion passed unanimously with two affirmative votes.

The Park Commissioners entered Executive Session at 1:27 PM and returned to Regular Session at 1:35 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business brought before the Park Commission,

- (9) Commissioner Murray moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:36 PM.
 - Second: Commissioner Miears
 - Roll Call: Commissioner Miears: aye
Commissioner Murray: aye
Commissioner Wisehart: excused
 - Action: Motion passed unanimously with two affirmative votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The foregoing is a true and accurate account of the April 14, 2021 meeting of the Park Commission and has been formally adopted by the Commissioners as such and shall be placed in and become part of the official Proceedings of the Board of Park Commissioners.

APPROVED:

James L. "Don" Miears, Chairperson

Date

ATTEST:

Amy Bowman-Moore, Executive Director

Date