

<i>Minutes</i>	October 13, 2021
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Wisheart called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM in the Commission Room of the Maple Grove Center, Osborn MetroPark, Huron, Ohio.

ROLL CALL

Park Commissioners Present: James “Don” Miers, Chairperson (Excused/late)
 Troy Wisheart, Vice Chairperson
 Margaret Murray, Vice Chairperson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(1) Commissioner Murray moved to waive the reading and approve the draft minutes of the September 15, 2021, meeting.

Second: Commissioner Wisheart
Action: Motion carried unanimously with two affirmative votes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

Members of the Park Commission had received copies of these reports.

(2) Resolution 2021-17: October Schedule of Payables

Ms. Price distributed copies of the Schedule of Payables via email. She asked the Board if they had any questions regarding the financials. Comm. Murray commented that she noticed an increase in rental income. Ms. Bowman-Moore added that we have been having issues with gender reveal parties making messes at the rentals. Ms. Price added that most of the large ticket items are attributed to the recently completed Thornapple Trail at Edison Woods MetroPark.

Commissioner Murray moved to approve Resolution 2021-17 Schedule of Payables as presented.

Second: Commissioner Wisheart
Action: Motion carried unanimously with two affirmative votes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was delayed until after the rest of the regular board agenda items to allow time for Comm. Miers to arrive.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Ms. Bowman-Moore referenced her report sent via email. She reported that:

- Program Staff have been doing a great job ramping back up to in person programming, 31 programs for 632 people.
- 2,400 newsletter subscriptions.
- Thornapple Trail has been completed at Edison Woods MetroPark.

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

Second: Commissioner Wisehart
 Action: Motion passed unanimously with two affirmative votes.

OLD BUSINESS

Milan Contract for Jenkins Warehouse

Ms. Bowman-Moore updated the Board. The attorneys are working on it. Mr. Peters, Legal Counsel, stated that they are now dealing with the insurance and indemnity clause portions of the contract, and hope to be completed by end of October for signatures. Ms. Bowman-Moore asked if he could have ready for the next Milan Village Council meeting. He said he would.

NEW BUSINESS

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Travel & Training Summary (acknowledge and file)

For Mike Hensley to attend the virtual CIG Train the Trainers Course to certify the other naturalists as Certified Interpretive Guides.

(4) Commissioner Murray moved to acknowledge and file the Travel & Training Summary provided.

Second: Commissioner Wisehart
 Action: Motion passed unanimously with two affirmative votes.

Special Permit Summary (acknowledge and file)

There was one new special permit to acknowledge and file this month.

(5) Commissioner Murray moved to acknowledge and file the Special Permit Summary provided.

Second: Commissioner Wisehart
 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 Wisehart
 Action: Motion passed unanimously with two affirmative votes.

Disposal of Surplus Personal Property & Remove from Inventory (acknowledge and file) NONE

Other (Misc. items from Board or Administration) NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Eirons and several other members of the Firelands Area Pickleball Association were present and wished to address the Board with a proposal for four additional pickleball courts.

Mr. Eirons spoke on behalf of the organization and presented three-ring binders to the Board and Executive Director. Mr. Eirons went through the binder citing the history of the organization, the growth and number of players, the difficulty managing the number of players on the existing courts, letters of support from players and Will Spence of Bay Area Soccer League, in-kind and monetary donations to the park district, overview of the proposed courts and the participation of the members driving the need for expansion. Two other members spoke briefly on their behalf.

Comm. Wisheart stated that he doesn't think any of the Board disagrees with the positive impact of pickleball, but they must be good stewards of the taxpayer funds. Mr. Eirons added that 75% of the time they do tape the tennis courts so that they can have ten courts to play on, with forty players and typically have 8-10 people waiting to play, sometimes up to one-half hour. They have added evening hours, he stated that if they had the additional four courts, they could have 86-90 people playing. Currently they have about 50-60 people playing during the 8a-12p time slot.

Comm. Mears asked what their primary objective was. Mr. Eirons responded that it was physical and social activity for all and to decrease the wait times. Comm. Mears said that perhaps FAPA could work on the "de-crowding issue". Comm. Wisheart asked the cost of four new courts. Ms. Bowman-Moore stated EMP has already supported the FAPA group with over \$200,000 of Capital Improvement funds from the Park District, and added that the cost for four new courts would be another approximate \$200,000.

Comm. Mears stated that there will be no decision today. The Board and staff will study the proposal, secure cost estimates, etc. The Board asked what the yearly revenue for pickleball was. Ms. Price stated that for 2021 it was \$4,073 and half of that was reimbursement from FAPA for the windscreens.

Comm. Wisheart thanked everyone for coming and they should look at addressing the issues.

Comm. Mears agreed and appreciated the presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Purchase or sale of property.

Commissioner Wisheart moved to enter Executive Session to consider the following matters:

Purchase or sale of property.

- (7) Second: Commissioner Murray
- Roll Call: Commissioner Mears: aye
- Commissioner Murray: aye
- Commissioner Wisheart: aye

Action: Motion passed unanimously with three affirmative votes.

The Park Commissioners entered Executive Session at 1:48 PM and returned to Regular Session at 1:54 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

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

(8) Commissioner Wisehart moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 PM.

Second: Commissioner Murray

Roll Call: Commissioner Miears: aye

Commissioner Murray: aye

Commissioner Wisehart aye

Action: Motion passed unanimously with three affirmative votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The foregoing is a true and accurate account of the October 13, 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