

Minutes of the 758th meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District held on November 9, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. at the Maintenance Center, Prairie Oaks Metro Park.

Present

Commissioners: Ms. Beasley, Mr. Jeffrey, Mr. Lashutka

Staff: Mr. O'Meara, Mr. Peck, Ms. Telfer, Mr. Ruff, Mr. Studenmund, Ms. Sangale, Ms. Hanley, Mr. Yablonski, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Schurman, Mr. Jones, Mr. Skinner, Ms. Turpenning

Legal Counsel: Mr. Franzmann

Guest: Mr. Murry

Mr. Jeffrey asked if all of the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and the rules of this Board regarding open meetings have been complied with for this meeting. The Executive Director responded that yes, all of those requirements and rules have been met.

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Mr. Lashutka made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2010 meeting. Mr. Jeffrey seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion.

Disbursement Resolution

Mr. Lashutka moved for approval of the Disbursement Resolution authorizing payment of the October 2010 invoices. Ms. Beasley seconded the motion and the Board approved the resolution. A copy of Resolution No. 5142 is attached to these minutes as part hereof.

Staff Reports

Administration:

Mr. O'Meara stated that the Grange Insurance Audubon Center (GIAC) was awarded a gold level LEED certification. This recognizes that it achieved a very high level of energy efficiency while minimizing impacts to the environment. The work by Metro Parks in the area surrounding the building was considered in the certification. In particular, the parking lot that Metro Parks built with permeable pavement and strong stormwater controls was an important factor.

Mr. O'Meara mentioned that we closed on two properties in October that were previously approved. Acquisition of the Havens property at Three Creeks and the Roach property at Battelle Darby Creek were completed. We will also close on the Plain Township Trustees' property in early November. We anticipate completing a property trade with the City of Columbus in the near future. This trade involves trading 32 acres from Pickerington Ponds for 246 acres at Walnut Woods.

Mr. O'Meara stated that we are finalizing an agreement with the City of Columbus regarding expanding Scioto Audubon Metro Park. The agreement will add the land in the impound lot as well as incorporating the land along the river under I-70/71 up to the railroad bridge near Miranova as part of the Metro Park. The impound lot moved effective November 1st and the site should be ready for us to begin clean up efforts in a few months.

Design and Visitor Services:

Mr. Peck introduced staff in attendance.

Mr. Peck mentioned that construction continues to be very productive this time of year. The Prairie Oaks restroom renovation is nearing completion. Walnut Woods trails and the Camp Chase Rail Trail are being paved. The Scioto Audubon dog park fencing is completed. The Pleasant Valley Quarry in Harrisburg, part of Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park is now open to the public with several trails and a fishing area.'

Mr. Peck stated that the Battelle Darby Creek nature center project is going well. He presented several conceptual plans for the nature center, which is scheduled to be constructed beginning next year with an anticipated opening in 2012.

Finance:

Mr. Ruff stated that the last month was rather quiet. It was a good month for revenue. We received a \$100,000 for wetland credits from the Ohio Wetlands Foundation and \$150,500 from Grove City for agreements we made in 2008 for soil at Scioto Audubon. We continue to be under budget for expenses, with payroll being the major contributor due to staff vacancies.

Mr. Ruff mentioned that the 2011 proposed budget is in the final stages of completion. It is being updated with October's actual revenue and expenses.

Human Resources:

Ms. Telfer mentioned that the annual breakfast with Santa at Inniswood will be held on December 4th from 9 am to 11 am.

Other Business

None

Resolutions

- #5143 AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CAMP CHASE TRAIL FROM LILLY CHAPEL TO OLMSTEAD ROAD IN MADISON COUNTY
The Board authorized change orders with Creamer Farm Drainage for site improvements in the amount of \$129,013.

- #5144 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE BLACKLICK CREEK GREENWAY TRAIL PHASE 10
The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into contract with Double Z Construction Company for trail improvements in the amount of \$1,365,414.75.

- #5145 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED BY LOIS A. ENGLISH ET AL IN PLAIN TOWNSHIP
The Board authorized the Executive Director to purchase property from Lois A. English et al in Plain Township at an estimated cost of \$2,057,500.

#5146 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH VIAN AND SAVOLDI FOR DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE SOCIAL MEDIA PLAN

The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into contract for consulting services with Vian and Savoldi in the amount of \$48,000.

#5147 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTRAL OHIO MOUNTAIN BIKING ORGANIZATION (COMBO) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAIL AT CHESTNUT RIDGE METRO PARK

The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Central Ohio Mountain Bike Organization to facilitate construction and operation of a mountain bike trail at Chestnut Ridge Metro Park.

Public Comment

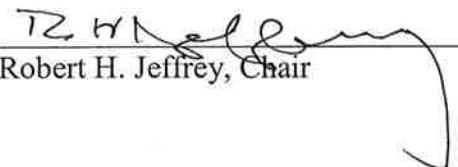
None.

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


John R. O'Meara, Executive Director

Approved by the Board of Park Commissioners:


Robert H. Jeffrey, Chair