

Minutes of the 733rd meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District held on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at Inniswood Metro Gardens.

Present

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

Staff: Mr. O'Meara, Mr. Peck, Mr. Ruff, Ms. Burchfield, Ms. Hanley, Mr. Studenmund, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Steelman, Mr. Knowles, Mr. Rockenbaugh, Ms. Thomas, Mr. Orahood, Ms. Eby, Ms. McKinnon, Mr. Paul, Ms. Schroeder, Ms. Novak, Ms. Higgins, Mr. Ioen

Legal Counsel: Mr. Franzmann

Guests: Mr. Ferenchik

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.

Minutes of the November 13, 2008 Meeting of the Board

Ms. Tripp made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2008 meeting. Mr. Lashutka seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion.

Minutes of the November 24, 2008 Meeting of the Board

Ms. Tripp made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2008 meeting. Mr. Lashutka seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion.

Disbursement Resolution

The Board asked for clarification of a few items. Ms. Tripp moved for approval of the Disbursement Resolution authorizing payment of the November 2008 invoices. Mr. Lashutka seconded the motion and the Board approved the resolution. A copy of Resolution No. 4905 is attached to these minutes as part hereof.

Staff Reports

Administration:

Mr. O'Meara mentioned that the communities participating in the Darby Accord held a public open house to announce the proposed financing agreement for the 'Accord purposes'. The Accord purposes include: the conservation components land acquisition and habitat restoration and infrastructure such as the proposed highway interchange, sewer and water lines, and stormwater controls. Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts will be created to provide the majority of the funding.

Mr. O'Meara stated that the Stewards of Metro Parks are making progress setting up their organization. The non-profit group is working to develop a list of potential projects that they might undertake, including a project at Scioto Audubon and the reintroduction of bison in our prairies.

Mr. O'Meara mentioned that the Metro Parks has been awarded a Clean Ohio Fund grant for the Davis and Sons property along Big Darby Creek in Prairie Township, Franklin County.

Mr. O'Meara stated that the Camp Chase rail with trail project is making progress. The preferred alignment has been developed and will be shared with the owner of the railroad to help secure the easement. The Franklin County Engineer's office is assisting with the design of roadway crossings and the use of existing roadway bridges.

Design and Visitor Services:

Mr. Peck introduced park staff in attendance.

Mr. Peck stated the deer management program has been successfully completed. Public hunts were conducted at Battelle Darby Creek, Clear Creek and Slate Run Metro Parks during deer gun season with no incidents reported. Over 7,500 pounds of deer meat was donated to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank through Metro Parks culling program.

Mr. Peck mentioned that Metro Parks has received over one million dollars from the City of Columbus towards their financial commitment for site work we have performed at Scioto Audubon Metro Park.

Human Resources:

Ms. Burchfield stated that over 150 people attend Breakfast with Santa at Inniswood. She would like to thank the Inniswood staff for another successful event.

Ms. Burchfield mentioned that three Park Rangers were recently sworn in.

Finance:

Mr. Ruff stated that the 2009 budget has been updated and can be found on our web site.

Mr. Ruff stated that the golf course would likely end the year with a deficit of approximately \$30,000.

Levy Discussion

Mr. O'Meara asked that a special board meeting be scheduled to discuss the levy. The Board agreed to hold a meeting on January 7, 2009.

Resolutions

- #4902 ESTABLISHING JOB CLASSIFICATIONS AND THE GENERAL PAY PLAN
The Board adopted resolution #4902 effective the first pay period of March 2009.
- #4903 ESTABLISHING SALARY OF DIRECTORS
The Board set the annualized salary effective the first full pay period of March 2009 for the Directors.
- #4904 ESTABLISHING SALARY OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board set the annualized salary effective the first full pay period of March 2009 for the Executive Director.

#4906 AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER WITH COLUMBUS ASPHALT PAVING, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION AT GLACIER RIDGE METRO PARK

The Board authorized the Executive Director to approve a change order with Columbus Asphalt Paving Inc. for \$34,000.

#4907 AUTHORIZING INCREASE IN GOLF COURSE FEES FOR 2009

The Board authorized fee increases at the Blacklick Woods Golf Courses for 2009.

#4908 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH DANIEL STOWERS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ON THE BLACKLICK GREENWAY TRAIL PROJECT

The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Daniel Stowers for engineering services not to exceed \$10,000.

Public Comment

None.

Executive Session

Ms. Tripp moved to enter into executive session at 4:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing land acquisition. Mr. Lashutka seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Jeffrey	Yes
Ms. Tripp	Yes
Mr. Lashutka	Yes

The Board returned from executive session at 5:04 p.m.

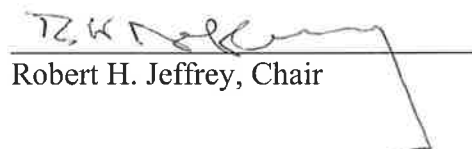
The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John R. O'Meara, Executive Director

Approved by the Board of Park Commissioners:



Robert H. Jeffrey, Chair