

Minutes of the 747th meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District held on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at Inniswood Metro Gardens.

Present

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

Staff: Mr. O'Meara, Ms. Telfer, Mr. Peck, Mr. Ruff, Ms. Hanley, Ms. Sangale, Mr. Studenmund, Ms. Steelman, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Eby, Ms. Schroeder, Mr. Orahoad, Ms. Novak, Ms. Higgins, Ms. Collins, Ms. Bennett

Legal Counsel: Mr. Franzmann

Guests: Ms. Beasley, Ms. Litt, Ms. Emerson, Mr. Wiebel

Ms. Tripp 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 12, 2009 Meeting of the Board

Mr. Lashutka made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2009 meeting. Mr. Jeffrey seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion.

Disbursement Resolution

The Board asked for clarification of a few items. Mr. Jeffrey moved for approval of the Disbursement Resolution authorizing payment of the November 2009 invoices. Mr. Lashutka seconded the motion and the Board approved the resolution. A copy of Resolution No. 5037 is attached to these minutes as part hereof.

Staff Reports

Administration:

Mr. O'Meara stated that the Ohio Wetlands Foundation has received regulatory approval for the Darby Hellbranch Wetland mitigation bank and the adjacent Columbus upground reservoir mitigation site. The upground reservoir mitigation site was removed from the original plans for the mitigation bank and set up as an individual mitigation site. A resolution agreeing to the revision to the agreement and approving related documents is included on the agenda.

Mr. O'Meara mentioned that he attended a meeting with several local governments at MORPC regarding an update the Southeast Area Road Study that guides road development in southeast Franklin County and adjacent areas of Fairfield and Pickaway Counties. This update will affect roads and development in the vicinity of Pickerington Ponds and the former Eastside Nursery property.

Design and Visitor Services:

Mr. Peck introduced Public Gardens Manager Char Steelman who introduced staff in attendance.

Mr. Peck stated the deer management program has been successful this autumn. Public hunts were conducted at Battelle Darby Creek, Clear Creek and Slate Run Metro Parks during deer gun season with no negative incidents reported.

Mr. Peck mentioned that construction at Scioto Audubon Metro Park continues to be successful. The water tower decks and the wetland boardwalk are now complete. Paving and new light poles are will be completed soon.

Finance:

Mr. Ruff stated that Metro Parks' financial condition will end the year favorably. He also mentioned that the past month included two bequests that will be deposited into the general fund with acknowledgements being sent to the donors.

Human Resources:

Ms. Telfer mentioned that she is becoming more familiar with her new position and looking forward to the upcoming year.

Other Business

Mr. O'Meara presented the 2010 Schedule of the Board of Park Commissioners. Mr. Jeffrey moved for approval of the 2010 Schedule of the Board of Park Commissioners. Mr. Lashutka seconded the motion and the Board approved the 2010 Schedule.

Mr. O'Meara asked the Board to approve a correction to Resolution #5028 due to a scrivener's error. The correct contract amount is \$2,881,476.84. Mr. Lashutka moved for approval of the corrected contract amount of \$2,881,476.84 to Resolution #5028. Mr. Jeffrey seconded the motion and the Board approved the correction of the scrivener's error in Resolution #5028.

Resolutions

- #5038 RELATIVE TO APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER TO THE STEWARDS OF METRO PARKS, INC.
The Board appointed Mike Poleway as a Director of the Stewards of Metro Parks.

- #5039 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FROM VENDORS IN AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING \$25,000 FOR 2009
The Board authorized increased expenditure of funds necessary to purchase services from the listed vendors up to the amount listed for each vendor.

- #5040 AUTHORIZING AMENDING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO WETLANDS FOUNDATION AND APPROVING RELATED AGREEMENTS FOR A WETLAND MITIGATION BANK AND AN INDIVIDUAL MITIGATION SITE
The Board approved and authorized the Executive Director to sign various documents with the Ohio Wetlands Foundation for the Big Darby-Hellbranch Wetland Mitigation Bank and the adjacent mitigation wetland for the Columbus Upground Reservoir.

- #5041 AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE WEST SIDE PAVILION AT INNISWOOD METRO GARDENS

The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Rogers Krajnak Architects, Inc. for architectural services in the amount of \$40,225.

- #5042 AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CAMP CHASE TRAIL FROM GALLOWAY TO SULLIVANT AVENUE
The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Michael Baker Jr., Inc. for engineering services in the amount of \$497,701.
- #5043 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE BLACKLICK CREEK GREENWAY TRAIL PHASE 7
The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into a contract with WB Republic, LLC for trail improvements in the amount of \$790,000.
- #5044 AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES WITH KINZELMAN KLINE GOSSMAN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into contract for additional services with Kinzelman Kline Gossman in the amount of \$90,000.
- #5045 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH BRIAN HUNTER FOR TRANSPORTATION OF FILL MATERIAL AND TOPSOIL TO SCIOTO AUDUBON METRO PARK
The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into contract with Brian Hunter for transportation of fill material and topsoil in the amount of \$27,000.
- #5046 AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDERS WITH JESS HOWARD ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO THE CENTRAL ACTIVITY AREA AT SCIOTO AUDUBON METRO PARK
The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into contract for additional changes with Jess Howard in the amount of \$36,978.98.
- #5047 AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDERS WITH KENDEL WELDING & FABRICATING FOR WATER TOWER OBSERVATION DECKS AT SCIOTO AUDUBON METRO PARK
The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into contract for additional changes with Kendel Welding & Fabricating in the amount of \$28,240.
- #5048 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED BY EARLENE AND WILLIAM CORBAN LOCATED AT PICKERINGTON PONDS METRO PARK
The Board authorized the Executive Director to purchase property from Earlene and William Corban at Pickerington Ponds Metro Park at an estimated cost of \$336,400.
- #5049 HONORING ELLEN TRIPP
The Board does hereby recognize the outstanding contributions of Commissioner Ellen L. Tripp, and seeks to honor and pay tribute to her distinguished service to the Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks and to the citizens of Central Ohio.
- #5050 AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF AUDIT FEES TO THE TREASURER OF THE STATE OF OHIO FOR SERVICES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES SECTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR OF STATE

The Board acknowledges the engagement letter and authorizes the expenditure of funds to the Treasurer of the State of Ohio necessary to pay the required fees to the Local Government Services Section of the State Auditor's Office in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

Public Comment

None

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John R. O'Meara, Executive Director

Approved by the Board of Park Commissioners:



Chair