

Minutes of the 723rd meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the Slate Run Metro Park, Maintenance Center.

Present

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

Staff: Mr. O'Meara, Mr. Peck, Mr. Ruff, Ms. Burchfield, Ms. Hanley, Mr. Studenmund, Mr. Henry

Legal Counsel: Mr. Franzmann

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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Ms. Tripp made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2008 meeting. Mr. Danter 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 March 2008 invoices. Mr. Danter seconded the motion and the Board approved the resolution. A copy of Resolution No. 4837 is attached to these minutes as part hereof.

Staff Reports

Administration:

Mr. O'Meara stated that Stewards of Metro Parks, Inc. has approved their bylaws and is applying for non-profit status. Their bylaws state that the Park Board will appoint their Board, and they hope to have recommendations for Park Board consideration at the May meeting.

Mr. O'Meara mentioned that the groundbreaking ceremony for the Grange Insurance Audubon Center (GIAC) is scheduled on April 22 at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. O'Meara stated Metro Parks has submitted three projects to various state legislators for the State of Ohio, Capital Appropriation funding. The three projects include: 1) the Ohio to Erie Trail (Camp Chase), 2) Pickerington Ponds improvements, and 3) Scioto Audubon Metro Park improvements.

Mr. O'Meara stated that he had recently learned of Marcia Rose's mother had passed away. The board expressed their condolences.

Design and Visitor Services:

Mr. Peck introduced Jim Henry, Manager of Slate Run Metro Park.

Mr. Peck mentioned that the Blacklick Greenway Trail project from Blacklick Woods Metro Park to Turnberry Golf Course was bid, but he bids exceeded estimates by more than 10%. The project will be rebid after it is reviewed and value engineered.

Mr. Peck mentioned that the City of Columbus has been helpful in dedicating a new road known as Maier Place for Scioto Audubon Metro Park. This will allow a portion of Whittier Street to be removed in the coming weeks.

Human Resources:

Ms. Burchfield stated that staff had completed annual Ohio ethics training. She also mentioned that all improvements to the compensation and evaluation study have been implemented.

Finance:

Mr. Ruff mentioned that the highlight for the month was receiving \$2,000,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Capital Appropriation funding for the Camp Chase Trail project.

Mr. Ruff stated that he attended a meeting with the Columbus Foundation concerning the Hutchins Fund. The Columbus Foundation will manage the fund and provide Metro Parks with a yearly payment of 5% of the average balance. The fund is currently estimated at \$1,400,000.

Resolutions

The Board considered the following resolutions:

- #4838 AUTHORIZING RELOCATION OF COLUMBIA GAS LINES AT SCIOTO AUDUBON METRO PARK
The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Columbia Gas to relocate gas lines for \$29,040.
- #4839 AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF A ROADWAY RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT TO THE CITY OF COLUMBUS AT SCIOTO AUDUBON METRO PARK
The Board authorized the Executive Director to execute necessary agreements to allow an interim access road to be dedicated as a public roadway and a City of Columbus street and authorized donation of a roadway right-of-way easement of 0.410 acres.
- #4840 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CHANGE ORDER WITH WATSON-SHONEBARGER GENERAL CONTRACTORS AT SCIOTO AUDUBON METRO PARK
The Board authorized the Executive Director to execute a change order with Watson-Shonebarger General Contractors in the amount of \$48,000.
- #4841 AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES WITH BURGESS & NIPLE, INC. FOR CONSULTING SERVICES AT SCIOTO AUDUBON METRO PARK
The Board authorized the Executive Director to spend an additional \$160,000 with Burgess & Niple, Inc. for work at Scioto Audubon Metro Park.
- #4842 AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF STRUCTURES AND DEBRIS FROM PARK PROPERTY AT BATTELLE DARBY CREEK METRO PARK
The Board declared the structures and debris at Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park surplus and further authorized the structures and debris to be removed.
- #4843 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FROM THE NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE FOR HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECTS AT BATTELLE DARBY CREEK METRO PARK
The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into an agreement accepting funds from the National Resource Conservation Service for habitat improvements at Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park.

- #4844 AUTHORIZING A WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATERLINE AND TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS AT GLACIER RIDGE METRO PARK
The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into water service agreements with the City of Columbus and the City of Dublin and further authorized the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Columbus Asphalt Paving Inc. in the amount of \$181,174.55 to install the waterline and a trail.
- #4845 AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE BLACKLICK CREEK GREENWAY TRAIL FROM TURNBERRY GOLF COURSE TO PORTMAN PARK
The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into contract with Floyd Browne Group in the amount of \$92,700 to design a portion of the Blacklick Creek Greenway Trail.
- #4846 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR BULK FUEL TO FARM PLAN
The Board authorized payment of \$125,000 to Farm Plan in 2008 for fuel.
- #4847 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS AT SCIOTO AUDUBON METRO PARK
The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into contract with Paul Peterson Company in the amount of \$25,693.

Public Comment

None.

Other Business

None.

A site visit to Slate Run Farm was conducted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. O'Meara, Executive Director

Approved by the Board of Park Commissioners:

Robert H. Jeffrey, Chair