

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS ANDERSON TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

August 12, 2009

Duffy Beischel, President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Anderson Township Park District to order at 6:40 pm at the Anderson Township Park District, Juilfs Park Office, 8249 Clough Pike. Present were Board Members: Nadine Gelter and Mark Bissinger. Also present were: Ken Kushner, Executive Director; Emily Armstrong, Assistant Director; Bailey Martella, Financial Officer/Board Clerk; and Mike Smith, Operations Manager.

GUESTS: Human Nature Staff: James Fearing, David Whittaker and Gary Wolnitzek;
Community Press Staff: Lisa Wakeland.

AGENDA: Mrs. Gelter moved the Board approve the Agenda. Mr. Bissinger seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Bissinger, Mr. Beischel and Mrs. Gelter. (3), No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Johnson Park: Gary Wolnitzek from Human Nature gave the Board an overview of their conceptual plans for Johnson Park. Some of the highlights he discussed were: the landscaped tree lined entry that would also serve as a buffer for the neighbors; a large shelter, possibly designed to appear as the existing large barn; 3.2 miles of trails; the resurrection and enlargement of the existing greenhouse; a small amphitheater; ponds; and the restoration of the Moorman House. He stated that several parking areas would support all of the amenities. The Board had specific questions concerning the use of the existing house. Mr. Wolnitzek indicated that the 1st floor could be adapted fairly easily for public use but stated he didn't believe the 2nd floor or basement could be used for the public.

James Fearing then addressed the Board concerning some of the conceptual designs of features and the Moorman House. He stated that one of the ideas for this area of the property would be to restore the house, build a small barn for a few horses and actually have a small plot for "farming" or gardening.

Mr. Bissinger asked that a site analysis be performed to test the soil around the pond site to be sure that this site is a viable location for longevity of a pond.

After a lengthy discussion the Board asked the Human Nature Staff to incorporate the discussed ideas and return to the September meeting with revised conceptual plans. Mr. Kushner indicated that once the Board had approved the concepts there would be 3 or 4 public viewings of the plans for residents' input.

Clear Creek Trail: Mr. Kushner advised the Board that the 2,250 foot section of the Ohio River to Lake Erie Trail was completed on June 30th. The trail was then inspected by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) representative, D'juan Hammonds, on July 1st who seemed very please with the results.

Anderson Days: Mr. Beischel congratulated the staff on a great job hosting the 2009 Anderson Days at Beech Acres Park. Mr. Kushner advised the Board that Anderson Days was voted one of the top 3 events on the Eastside of Cincinnati by the Community Press readers. He also stated that by the end of August the winner should be announced.

Riverside Park – Dry Run Sewer Extension: Mr. Kushner reported that Tony Dick from the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) had recently contacted him with another offer of \$58,250 for the easement. He also stated that MSD is no longer willing to relocate and drill a new well as previously offered indicating that the boring will not impact the well. Mr. Kushner outlined his continued concerns about placing the sewer on the park side of Roundbottom Road to Mr. Dick, and again asked that MSD consider running the line on the opposite side of the road where there is an open field and only a few borings needed. Mr. Dick again indicated that MSD thinks this alternate option is too expensive to consider. It was the general consensus of the Board that Mr. Kushner contact Mr. Dick and let him know they are not interested in accepting MSD's offer. They further directed Mr. Kushner to ask Mr. Dick to put the reasons as to why MSD thinks the alternate side of the road would be too costly, citing specific details and not a general statement. They also asked that since MSD is sure that the work will have no impact on our well they should be willing to state that in the written contract.

Mr. Kushner indicated he would keep the Board apprised of any new developments.

Beech Acres Parenting Center Storage Building: Mr. Kushner reported Rick Sorg, Beech Acres Parenting Center, has redrafted the agreement for the storage building so it does not include snow removal, as the Board had previously requested. Mr. Bissinger moved the Board approve the contract with Beech Acres Parenting Center for use of the storage building and authorized Mr. Kushner to sign all related paperwork. Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Bissinger, Mr. Beischel and Mrs. Gelter. (3), No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Beech Acres Playground: Mr. Kushner stated the Beech Acres Park playground is finished except for the repair of the train feature.

RecPlex Feasibility Study: Mr. Kushner advised that staff continues to meet with Brandstetter Carroll to discuss facility use and design elements. Mr. Beischel asked that because of the length of the meeting this issue be tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

Hamilton County Sheriff's Contract: Mr. Kushner reported that our contract with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department is up for renewal in October. The Board asked Mr. Kushner to proceed with some preliminary negotiations for a new contract. They directed Mr. Kushner to ask for a termination clause if Anderson Township Government should not renew. This issue was thought to be very important because the district received additional coverage from the other officers working throughout the township.

Riverside Park Athletic Fields: Mr. Kushner advised the Board that staff is still gathering information on the use and pricing structure for synthetic fields. He stated that while the fields are expensive to build there is a market for this type of facility and further stated that this field would generate revenue and remove a great deal of usage stress off of our turf fields. Mr. Kushner advised he would keep the Board up to date with further findings.

NEW BUSINESS

Replacement Playground and Asphalt Schedules: Mr. Kushner presented the Board with the Replacement Playground and Asphalt schedules. He indicated that the plan is to have the asphalt parking lots completed this fall at Kellogg and Veteran's Parks.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

Purchase Orders Approval: Mrs. Gelter moved for the Board to approve the following authorized between meetings Purchase Orders:

Arnold Printing	Newsletter Printing and Mailing Prep	\$7,474.00
Alvis Landscaping Materials	Ball Diamond Dirt	\$6,752.00
Westside Paving	Trail – Change Order	\$2,294.00

Mr. Bissinger seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Bissinger, Mr. Beischel, Mrs. Gelter. (3); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Phone Contract and Agreement: Mr. Bissinger moved to rescind their earlier motion to approve a 3 – 5 year phone contract with Time Warner because of the excessive installation costs and move the Board approve a 3-year contract for land line local phone service with Cincinnati Bell; and authorize Mr. Kushner or Mrs. Martella to sign all related paperwork. Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Beischel, Mrs. Gelter and Mr. Bissinger. (3), No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Gelter moved the Board authorize Mr. Kushner or Mrs. Martella to sign all related paperwork for Cincinnati Bell Wireless Service. Mr. Bissinger seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Beischel, Mrs. Gelter and Mr. Bissinger. (3), No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Staff Changes: Mr. Bissinger moved to approve staff's recommendation of the following resignations, new hires and promotions:

Resignation: Theresa Brown, part-time Administrative Assistant at the Beech Acres Park RecPlex, effective July 31st. New Hire: Lorin Smith, Full Time Administrative Assistant at the Beech Acres Park RecPlex. Promotions: Steve Sublett and Scott Adamson from Operations Specialist I to Operations Specialist II.

Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Bissinger, Mr. Beischel and Mrs. Gelter. (3); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2009 - 07 ~ Disposition of Excess Property: Mrs. Gelter moved the Board approve Resolution 2009 – 07 Authorizing Disposition of Excess Property, by way of Auction September 9, 2009; and approve the list of items for disposal. Mr. Bissinger seconded the motion. Yes: Mr. Beischel, Mrs. Gelter and Mr. Bissinger. (3), No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

FUNDRAISING & GRANT ACTIVITY

Mr. Kushner stated there has been no change in the grant activity over the last month. Mr. Bissinger suggested that once Johnson Park development is underway there may be some opportunity for grants to rehab the Moorman House.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURES

Mrs. Gelter moved for the Board to approve the **June and July 2009 Financial Reports and Authorized the Expenditures** as presented by Mrs. Martella. Mr. Bissinger seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bissinger and Mrs. Gelter. (3); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Bissinger requested that the minutes of the June 13th and the June 17th meeting be tabled since he had left the 13th meeting early due to a previous engagement and could not attend the meeting on the 17th. The meeting minutes approval requires a vote of the majority of the Board who had attended said meeting. As there was not a majority of the Board who had attended these meetings present, approval was tabled to the September regular Board meeting.

At 9:40 pm Mrs. Martella left the meeting.

Mr. Kushner reported that at 9:41 p.m. Mrs. Gelter moved the Board adjourn into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation and land acquisition. Mr. Bissinger seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bissinger and Mrs. Gelter (3) No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

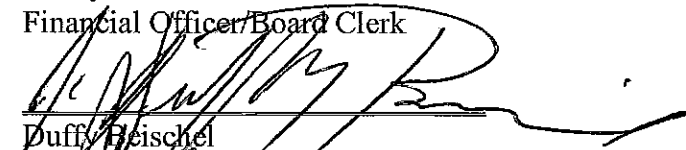
At 9:50 p.m. Mr. Bissinger moved the Board adjourn the Executive Session and re-open the regular meeting. Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Beischel, Mrs. Gelter and Mr. Bissinger. (3) No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

At 9:51 p.m. there being no further business to be brought before this Board, Mrs. Gelter moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bissinger seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Bissinger and Mr. Beischel. (3) No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

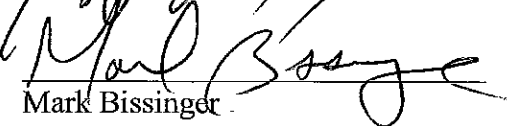
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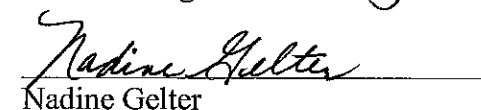
Bailey H. Martella
Financial Officer/Board Clerk



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