

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
ANDERSON TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT
JUNE 13, 2009**

Duffy Beischel, President, called the special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Anderson Township Park District to order at 7:11 am at Johnson Hills Park, 2950 Little Dry Run Road. Present were Board Members: Dale Bartholomew, Nadine Gelter, Mark Bissinger and Lisa Klancher. Also present were: Ken Kushner, Executive Director; Emily Armstrong, Assistant Director; and, Bailey Martella, Financial Officer/Board Clerk.

GUESTS: Tom Schott, Ann Buck, Jim Buck, Kim McDowell, Dave McDowell, Heidi Strong, Susie Kerscher, Mike Kerscher and Kathy Myers – Anderson Township residents.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Beischel outlined the agenda for the morning and stressed that it was to be a very informal session. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to allow all of the current Board members to review the property and facilities. He went on to say the final plans for the park have not been made but it was still the Board's intention to keep the park passive meaning no baseball, soccer or lacrosse fields.

The first stop on the tour was the small horse barn that has been closed for almost a year. Mr. Kushner stated this barn had been evaluated by a structural engineer and deemed unsafe. It was the engineer's recommendation to remove the barn and following the tour the Board was in agreement.

The tour progressed to the large barn and on to what is known as the historic Moorman House which has tenants at this time.

Mrs. Armstrong reported:

The group headed down the Blue Trail. Mrs. Martella and some attendees departed at that time. The remaining group stopped along the trail to discuss the history of the trail creation and the contour of the land on that particular part of the property.

The group stopped at the Gun Club so the hikers could reconvene.

The group completed the tour at the gate on the driveway from Little Dry Run, near the outdoor riding ring, where informal discussions took place among the members of the public, the Board and staff. Items discussed included:

- Re-using or incorporating pieces of structures which may be removed from their current location on the property
- Possible locations for shelters, fire-rings, and park amenities
- The estimate to outfit the house with sprinklers in order to bring it up to building code is \$250,000
- The future of the existing structures requires a structural engineer's determination, an analysis of the cost to renovate them for public use, and an exploration of the purpose/uses for the structures
- Grants may be available for various projects
- Options to pay for development
- Volume of public use of parks
- Current infrastructure necessities including a new drive, water lines, electric upgrades and sewers
- Whether or not the public is subsidizing the current private operation

- The visual aesthetics of horses
- The current status of a committee for community input
- The private horse operation status
- Development of the park in stages
- Sidewalks to the park
- Wildlife in the park
- Re-establishment of the pond(s)
- Improvements to traffic flow on SR 32
- Sewers at Riverside Park
- Sewers or other waste sanitation devices at Johnson Hills Park

Mr. Beischel explained the lease extension for Bridle Run Stables was granted in order to help Mr. Waltz as a small business owner. He explained the extension is likely to result in a delay for the initial infrastructure progress for the park. Mr. Beischel stated the ATPD's goal is to fully open the park to the public, and the current horse operation is severely limiting the public's accessibility. Mr. Beischel explained the decisions about the property are made in open meetings and the Board's meeting schedule and approved minutes are on the ATPD's website, www.AndersonParks.com

Mr. Beischel directed staff to update the contact list from the original planning committee with residents who have expressed interest since the committee ceased to function. The purpose is to give notice on the public input process as it progresses.

At various times during the tour, Ken Kushner explained the complicated land acquisition arrangement (purchase and donation). In October of 1998 the acquisition was accomplished by a joint purchase by the Anderson Township Park District (ATPD) and the Hamilton County Park District (HCPD) of 45 acres from Mrs. Johnson for \$1,125,000 (ATPD \$625,000, HCPD \$500,000). This purchase enabled Mrs. Johnson to live out her life on her property. Upon her death, Mrs. Johnson conveyed an additional 80.599 acres to the ATPD; and her house and the surrounding 10.376 acres to the Daughter's of the American Revolution (DAR). Per Mrs. Johnson's bequest, if the DAR did not want or need the house and property for a chapter house it would revert to the ATPD. The DAR had just completed a renovation of an older home and did not want to take on this huge project therefore the property reverted to the ATPD. The ATPD then signed a 50-year long-term conservation management lease with HCPD for the 45 acres.

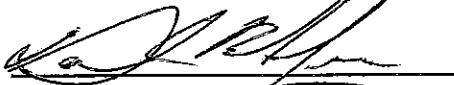
The meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

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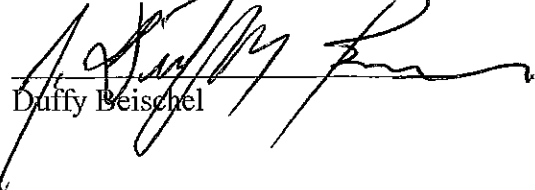


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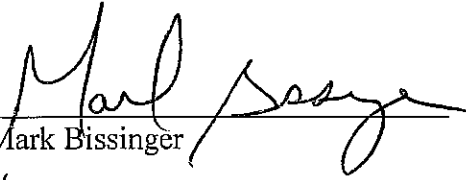
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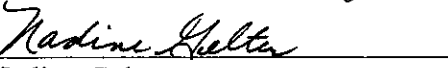


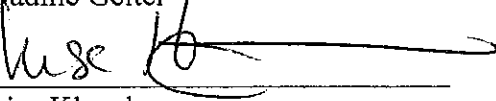
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