

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

ANDERSON TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

January 13, 2010

Duffy Beischel, President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Anderson Township Park District to order at 6:30 pm at the Anderson Township Park District, Juilfs Park Office, 8249 Clough Pike. Present were Board Members: Dale Bartholomew, Nadine Gelter and Josh Gerth. Also present were: Ken Kushner, Executive Director; Emily Armstrong, Assistant Director; Bailey Martella, Financial Officer/Board Clerk; Mike Smith, Operations Manager; and Scott Lahman, Recreation Manager.

GUESTS: Community Press Staff: Lisa Wakeland; several Johnson Park neighbors (list attached).

AGENDA: Mr. Bartholomew moved the Board approve the Agenda. Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bartholomew and Mr. Gerth (4); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

YEAR IN REVIEW: The annual "Year in Review" video created by Allison Cottrill, the district's Marketing Specialist, was shown highlighting the district's accomplishments for 2009.

OLD BUSINESS:

Johnson Hills Park: Mr. Beischel addressed the Johnson Park residents outlining the district's preliminary master plan for the park before he opened up the floor for comments and questions. Most of the residents were in attendance to ask the Board to reconsider the plan to have an entrance off of Crooked Stick (now used by the Corcorans who live in the Moorman House), the anticipated use of the Historic Moorman House and the Mini Farm. It was the consensus of the group that the additional traffic through their neighborhood would put their children who regularly play in the street at a higher risk since most of the drivers on the street are aware of this practice and drive accordingly.

Mr. Beischel noted that he thought that the Crooked Stick entrance would be very lightly used. For the immediate future Mr. Beischel commented that the Crooked Stick entrance is needed to meet the Federal ADA requirements for people wanting to get access to the back of the park until such time that a planned access road can be constructed from the front of the park to the planned Moorman Mini Farm area. As a concession to the neighbors, Mr. Beischel suggested when the construction funds are available for the access road and it is completed, the park district could then close down the Crooked Stick entrance from normal everyday access and just have it open on a limited basis for special situations and to allow access for park district maintenance vehicles and personnel. The neighbors seemed to find that as an acceptable compromise. Mr. Beischel stated the "formal" Crooked Stick entrance would still be maintained after it is no longer needed for construction access and access to the rear of park when the main access road is completed.

Some of the other concerns were property values, ADA Accessibility, the road on the apron of the pond, security and camping. The two neighbors in the closest proximity to the planned access voiced their concern about the placement of the trail and asked for a buffer to protect their privacy. Mr. Beischel agreed with them and in response offered to construct a natural buffer consisting of a slight mound with trees and shrubs and have the trail relocated further from the closest home on Crooked Stick. Mr. Beischel noted once the park is open there would be visible

security by the Sheriff's Department but also encouraged the residents to contact the park district or Sheriff's Department anytime they perceived a problem. Concerning the camping, he went on to assure the group that it is not the intention of the district to have "open unrestricted camping" but to allow camping by permit only with a limited number of consecutive days. A discussion took place concerning the historic Moorman House and its use such as programming for schools, other interested organizations, as well as the general public. He stressed the district would seek grants to finance these renovations.

Mr. Kushner indicated the initial construction would begin with two areas: the front or the "Core Area" and creation of the lake. He stated the total cost would be approximately \$9.5 million and would be completed over many years as funds become available.

He also noted the park district always tries to be good neighbors and will continue to keep the lines of communication open. Mr. Beischel instructed the staff to draft changes to the Johnson Park plans based on the directives of the board taking into account the input from the neighbors.

Bridle Run Stables Lease Extension: Mr. Kushner advised he had spoken to Larry Waltz regarding the final lease extension. Mr. Waltz assured Mr. Kushner his equine operation would vacate the premises by the February 15th deadline and he also expressed appreciation for the park district's willingness to work with him on the transition over the past year and a half.

RESOLUTION 2010-03: Mr. Bartholomew moved the Board approve **Resolution 2010-03** authorizing the issuance of \$1,650,000 Bonds at a rate not to exceed 4.17%, for the purpose of constructing and installing synthetic fields, fencing, bleachers and other amenities in Riverside Park; and authorize Mr. Kushner and Mrs. Martella to sign all related paperwork. Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bartholomew and Mr. Gerth (4); No: None. (0). The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff's Contract: Mr. Kushner reported that the contract with the Sheriff's Department was close; however, before it is finalized he is going to schedule a meeting with Lt. Mike Hartzler to discuss several questions.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Lahman gave the Board a brief overview of the upcoming 2010 events and programs.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL 2009 BUDGET

Mr. Bartholomew moved for the Board to approve the Revised **2010 Budget** as presented by Mrs. Martella. Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bartholomew, Mrs. Gelter and Mr. Gerth. (4), No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Purchase Orders Approval: Annual Purchase Orders: Mrs. Gelter moved to approve the following 2010 Annual Purchase Orders and one from the end of December 2009:

Fifth Third Bank, Equipment Lease	\$ 37,727.00
Fifth Third Bank, Major Equipment Lease (2009)	\$ 42,753.00
Fifth Third Bank, Major Equipment Lease (End of 2009)	\$ 48,179.00
Cincinnati Water Works	\$ 25,000.00
Duke Energy, District Wide Gas & Electric Excluding RecPlex	\$ 73,600.00
Hylant Maclean, Liability Insurance	\$ 40,000.00
Fifth Third Bank, 1997 Bonds	\$ 32,700.00
U.S. Bank, 1998 Bonds	\$ 94,175.00

Beech Acres RecPlex	\$ 58,039.00
Hamilton County Sheriff's Department	\$ 89,567.00
Forest Hills School District ~ User Fees	\$ 13,000.00
Marathon ~ Fuel Usage	\$ 35,000.00
Fifth Third Bank 2009 New Lease ~ End of December	\$ 48,178.71

Mr. Gerth seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Beischel, Mr. Gerth and Mrs. Gelter. (4); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2010-01: Mr. Bartholomew moved for the Board to approve **Resolution 2010-01 – the Annual Appropriation Resolution.** Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bartholomew, Mrs. Gelter and Mr. Gerth. (4), No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2010-02: Mr. Bartholomew moved for the Board to approve **Resolution 2010-02 – Certificate of All Resources Available for Expenditures and Balances.** Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bartholomew, Mrs. Gelter and Mr. Gerth. (4), No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Grant Resolutions: Mr. Bartholomew moved for the Board to approve the following Grant Resolutions:

Resolution 2010 - 04 NatureWorks: Laverty Park Playground Renovation

Resolution 2010 - 05 Land and Water Conservation Fund: Kellogg Park Shelter

Resolution 2010 - 06 Clean Ohio Trails Fund: W. M. Johnson Hills Park Paved Trail

Resolution 2010 - 07 Recreational Trails Program: W. M. Johnson Hills Park Paved Trail

Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bartholomew, Mrs. Gelter and Mr. Gerth. (4), No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kushner reported US Soccer Foundation Grant Notification will be made at the end of January for the synthetic turf fields at Riverside Park. The park district requested \$400,000 for the construction of two fields.

Staff Changes: Mr. Bartholomew moved for the Board to accept the resignation of Chris Skidmore, Recreation Supervisor. Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bartholomew and Mr. Gerth. (4); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURES

Mr. Bartholomew moved for the Board to approve the **December 2010 Financial Reports and Authorized the Expenditures** as presented by Mrs. Martella. Mr. Gerth seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bartholomew and Mr. Gerth. (4); No: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Gelter moved to approve the minutes of the **November 12, 2009 Regular Meeting.** Mr. Bartholomew seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bartholomew and Mrs. Gelter (3) No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Gelter moved to approve the minutes of the **December 3, 2009 Regular Meeting**. Mr. Gerth seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Beischel, Mr. Gerth and Mrs. Gelter (3) No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bartholomew moved to approve the minutes of the **December 15, 2009 Special Meeting**. Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bartholomew and Mrs. Gelter (3) No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

At 9:00 pm Mrs. Gelter moved the Board adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters: Mr. Gerth seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Beischel and Mr. Gerth (4) No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

At 9:28 p.m. Mrs. Gelter moved the Board adjourn the Executive Session and re-open the regular meeting. Mr. Gerth seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Beischel and Mr. Gerth. (4) No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

At 9:30 p.m. there being no further business to be brought before this Board, Mr. Gerth moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Beischel and Mr. Gerth. (4)No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

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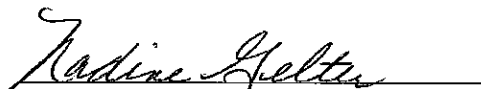


Bailey H. Martella
Financial Officer/Board Clerk

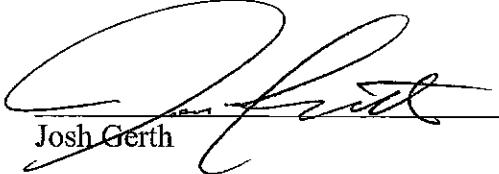


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