

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

ANDERSON TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

October 14, 2010

Dale Bartholomew, 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, Cincinnati, OH 45244. Present were Board Members: Dale Bartholomew, Nadine Gelter, J. Duffy Beischel, Josh Gerth, and Angie Stocker.

Also present were: Ken Kushner, Executive Director; Emily Armstrong, Assistant Director/Board Clerk; Brian Jordan, Financial Officer; Mike Smith, Operations Manager; and Scott Lahman, Recreation Manger.

GUESTS: Mr. Mark Schmidt, resident business owner; Lisa Wakeland, Forest Hills Journal.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA: Mrs. Gelter moved the Board approve the Agenda. Mrs. Stocker seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Gerth, Mrs. Stocker (5); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Mr. Mark Schmidt stated he continues to be dissatisfied with the Board's decision not to give the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) an easement for the sewer project along Roundbottom Road at Riverside Park. He stated since the last meeting he has addressed the subject with MSD, and believes there is disagreement between the two entities regarding the reasons for the sewer status. Mr. Schmidt stated MSD told him the cost to relocate the sewer across Roundbottom Road would cost an additional \$305,000. Mr. Schmidt stated he did not believe it was appropriate for the ATPD to cause MSD to spend more money to relocate the sewer to the other side of the road.

A lengthy discussion ensued between Mr. Schmidt and the Board which recapitulated many of the issues discussed at the September meeting.

Mr. Beischel stated MSD has not sufficiently addressed the ATPD's concerns about the sewer project, regardless of what MSD is telling Mr. Schmidt. Mr. Beischel stated since the ATPD discussed the ATPD's concerns with MSD in a September 2009 meeting, the ATPD had not heard from MSD until MSD contacted Anderson Township Government, indicating MSD was looking to relocate the sewer to the other side of the road. He stated the sewer project is progressing, and regardless of the ATPD's position, it will take many years for MSD to construct sewers to Mr. Schmidt's business property.

Mr. Schmidt thanked the Board for their time.

The Board thanked Mr. Schmidt for taking his time to speak before the Board and encouraged him to call Mr. Kushner with future questions.

Mr. Schmidt left the meeting at 7 pm.

W. M. Johnson Hills Park ~ Update: Mr. Kushner reported Mr. Jeff Stine developed the engineering plans for the park entrance from Bridle Road. He presented the engineer's drawing for the entrance road alignment, and stated the site distance for ingress and egress to the park is a priority. He further stated Ms. Jeannine Kreinbrink, Senior Archaeologist with Natural and Ethical Environmental Solutions started the site analysis of the park property, per Ohio Historical Preservation Office requirements for Clean Ohio Trails Fund and Recreational Trails Fund grant funding. Mr. Kushner stated the pond construction is planned to take place first, and will take approximately five months. He identified the entrance road and parking lot project to commence in 2012, following the pond construction.

Riverside Park ~ All Weather Fields: Mr. Kushner reported the All Weather Fields have been in use since September 27th. He stated he has received significant positive feedback from users and that the first day of home youth football games are scheduled for October 16th. He further reported the concession set-up is ready for operation, while work on the surrounding facility support features continues, including the permeable paver parking lot, the remaining concrete and asphalt work, the trail extension, and bleacher and press box installation. Mr. Kushner presented pictures from the All Weather Fields Open House the ATPD hosted on October 2nd, and he thanked the Board for attending the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Riverside Park ~ Dry Run Sewer Extension, Phase II: Mr. Kushner reported he attended an Open Meeting on September 13th at the Anderson Center, hosted by MSD. He further reported the only new information presented on the Dry Run Sewer Extension, Phase II, was that the project is anticipated to commence in 2013.

Laverty Park ~ Parking Lot Resurfacing: Mr. Kushner reported he and Mr. Smith met with the Vice President of the paving company on September 29th to discuss that status of the parking lot resurfacing. Mr. Kushner stated the Vice President told him and Mr. Smith the company will complete the lot to the ATPD's satisfaction and will extend the warranty on the lot to three years.

Beech Acres Park ~ Cell Tower: Mr. Kushner reported he has had no further communication with T-Mobile since submitting the signed Consent to Sublease paperwork, allowing T-Mobile to sublease Beech Acres Park cell tower space to Clear Wireless.

Records Commission: Mr. Kushner reported the annual meeting of the ATPD Records Commission took place September 29th at Juilfs Park. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to review current policies with the newly appointed members of the commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

General Park Update: Mr. Kushner reported the parking lots and trails have been crack-filled at the following parks: Juilfs, Beech Acres, Veterans, Riverside, and Clear Creek Park. He further reported any lots requiring re-stripping will be completed, as well.

2008-2009 Audit: Mr. Jordan presented the audit report approved by the Auditor of State for years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009. He further reported the audits were conducted by Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPA's, and that the audits were certified by the Auditor of State on September 30, 2010.

Depository Agreement: Mr. Jordan reported the ATPD Depositor Agreement with Fifth Third Bank expires at the end of 2010. Mr. Jordan recommended to the Board the ATPD continue to use Fifth Third Bank, Mt. Washington Savings and Loan, and U.S. Bank as depositories. Mr. Jordan stated a Resolution will be included in the November meeting requesting approval for this measure.

FUNDRAISING AND GRANT ACTIVITY:

Fundraising Events: Mr. Kushner reported a record number of 701 participants at the 7th annual Run to Remember 5K on September 11th at Beech Acres Park.

Grant Project Update: Mr. Kushner presented a memo sent to the neighbors of Lavery Park and Anderson Township residents at large regarding the Lavery Park playground renovation. He stated the ATPD hosted an Open House at Lavery Park on Wednesday to discuss various playground amenity alternatives. Mr. Kushner presented the three alternatives, and reported the feedback gathered at the meeting indicated plan 3A appeared to be the unofficial favorite. He further reported the playground construction will take place during the fall/winter seasons, weather permitting. Mr. Kushner stated the NatureWorks grant is managed by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources; he reported the total project is \$53,542.00 for which the ATPD was awarded \$34,802.00, resulting in the ATPD's matching share of \$18,740.00.

Ms. Wakeland requested the playground alternative designs be emailed to her.

REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL:

Resolution No. 2010-13: Mr. Beischel moved the Board approve **Resolution No. 2010-13, Letter of Engagement from the Auditor of State**, authorizing the ATPD to continue to use the Auditor of State in the OCBOA accounting conversion.

Mrs. Stocker seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Gerth, Mrs. Stocker. (5); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2010-14: Mr. Beischel moved the Board approve **Resolution No. 2010-14, Hamilton County Auditor's Amounts and Rates 2011**, accepting the Hamilton County Auditor's Amounts and Rates for 2011.

Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Gerth, Mrs. Stocker. (5); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Purchase Orders Approval: Mrs. Gelter moved the Board approve the following between-meeting Purchase Orders:

Rack Seven Paving Co.	Riverside Parking Lot/Trail	\$ 142,000.00
Natural & Ethical Environmental	Johnson Hills Archaeology Study	\$ 14,000.00
David Williams & Associates	Soccer Goals Riverside All Weather Fields	\$ 9,760.00
Decorative Paving	Riverside Park Permeable Parking Lot	\$ 221,140.00
Superior Company	Johnson House Repair	\$ 17,775.00
Black Dawg Sealcoat	Pavement Crack Repair & Re-Striping at Clear Creek, Juilfs Riverside, Beech Acres, & Vets	\$ 16,896.60

Industrial Electronic Service Inc	Scoreboards (2) for Riverside Park All Weather Fields	\$ 12,442.00
David York Sports Inc	Bleacher & Press Box for Riverside Park All Weather Fields	\$ 104,650.00
Akins & Stang	Change Order Electric for Riverside Park All Weather Fields	\$ 10,825.00

Mr. Gerth seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Gerth, Mrs. Stocker. (5); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURES:

Mr. Beischel moved the Board approve the **September 2010 Financial Reports and Authorized the Expenditures** as presented by Mr. Jordan. Mrs. Stocker seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Gerth, Mrs. Stocker. (5); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Bartholomew asked the minutes of the **September 9, 2010 Regular Meeting** be tabled until the November meeting to allow for further review and editing.

At 7:41 pm Mrs. Stocker moved the Board adjourn into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition. Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Gerth, Mrs. Stocker. (5); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

At 7:52 pm 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. Beischel, Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Gerth, Mrs. Stocker. (5); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kushner reported the Little Miami Scenic Trail has been a work in progress for almost three decades and that much has been accomplished on this regional recreational amenity by the Hamilton County Park District (HCPD) and Anderson Township Government. He further stated the ATPD has been in support of this feature as the ATPD completed the portion of the trail which extends through Clear Creek Park in 2007. Mr. Kushner reported the Little Miami Scenic Trail follows the Batavia Pike (State Route 32) corridor for which the HCPD has completed engineering plans and secured funding for construction.

Mr. Kushner stated he has been working with the Board's approval to relocate one of Turpin Farms' access driveways to a new access on a 25' easement along the west border of Clear Creek Park. Mr. Kushner stated the HCPD has proposed the ATPD transfer the approximately 2 acre portion for the new farm access road at Clear Creek Park to the HCPD, in exchange for approximately 45 acres of land at W. M. Johnson Hills Park, owned by the HCPD. He further reported this arrangement would be extremely beneficial to the ATPD as not only will HCPD be able to continue to move forward with the Trail, the ATPD will gain ownership of all of W. M. Johnson Hills Park, and Webb Lane will be abandoned.

Mr. Kushner reported in the interim, the ATPD will sign an easement with Turpin Farms, which will be in effect until the land transfers become official. He stated the process should take a few months and that the HCPD will commence construction on the farm access in the spring of 2011.

Mr. Kushner presented the Resolution passed by the HCPD.

Mr. Kushner also reported pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, Section 511.25, the ATPD is obligated to seek the approval of such a land exchange with the Anderson Township Trustees. Mr. Kushner presented the formal request submitted to the Township, which will be presented at their meeting on Thursday, October 21, 2010.

Resolution No. 2010-12: Mr. Gerth moved the Board approve **Resolution No. 2010-12, Exchange of Real Estate with the Hamilton County Park District**, authorizing the exchange of approximately 45 acres of real estate at W. M. Johnson Hills Park owned by the Hamilton County Park District, for approximately 2 acres of real estate at Clear Creek Park owned by the Anderson Township Park District.

Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Gerth, Mrs. Stocker. (5); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

At 8:08 pm there being no further business to be brought before this Board, Mrs. Gelter moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Stocker seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Gerth, Mrs. Stocker. (5); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

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Assistant Director/Board Clerk

Dale Bartholomew

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