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Park District of Ottawa County offices relocating to the Shores & Islands Ohio Welcome Center West

Port Clinton, OH, May 7, 2025 – The Park District of Ottawa County (PDOC) is excited to announce that its offices will be moving to the Shores & Islands Ohio Welcome Center West, located at 770 S.E. Catawba Rd (SR 53) in Port Clinton.

Effective Monday, June 2, 2025, the Park District will begin operating from its new location at Shores & Islands. Office visits will be available by appointment. The final day of operations at the current E. Knoll Crest Drive location will be Friday, May 30. All phone numbers will remain the same.

“Expanding our operational capacity to better serve our local communities is one of the Park District’s long-term goals,” said Park District of Ottawa County Executive Director Jannah Wilson. “Relocating to the Shores & Islands Welcome Center West enables us to meet current needs while allowing for future growth and development. We’re also excited about the opportunity to collaborate more closely with Shores & Islands Ohio. At the same time, we’re sincerely thankful for the home we’ve had in Knoll Crest Plaza. As our first office, it holds a special place in our history, and we will always look back fondly on those early years.”

In 2024, Shores & Islands Ohio President Larry Fletcher learned that the Park District of Ottawa County was exploring options for moving its offices. Following approval from the Ottawa County Visitors Bureau Board, he approached Wilson about the potential to lease a 940 sq. ft. space in the public area of the Welcome Center building. Wilson brought the idea before the Board of Park Commissioners, who approved a basic lease agreement in January 2025, and a

formal lease agreement in February 2025. As the building is located on the grounds of the Erie-Ottawa International Airport, the Airport Board considered and subsequently approved the agreement. The term of the lease agreement is through June 30, 2033. The Board of Park Commissioners approved an office construction proposal by Tellamon Construction in January 2025.

Shores & Islands Ohio President Larry Fletcher commented, “Considering the significant value that our Park District contributes to our region’s quality of life and outdoor recreation opportunities, this is a natural partnership. I look forward to working with Jannah and her team more closely moving forward!”