

Meeting Minutes for Regular Meeting of the Park District of Ottawa County

Date: 08/07/2020 Time: 9:00 AM

- 1. Call to Order by Gary Kohli
- 2. Roll Call

a.	Gary Kohli – Chairman	Present - Y
b.	Angela LeForce – Secretary	Present - Y
c.	Mike Shadoan – Treasurer	Present - Y
d.	Judy Indorf	Present - Y
e.	Jack Madison	Present - Y

f. Others:

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i.	Linda Amos	Present - Y
ii.	Michael Bassett	Not Presen
iii.	Beki Hineline	Present - Y
iv.	Denny Patthoff	Present - Y
٧.	Becky Quisno	Not Present

3. Minutes for approval:

July 17, 2020



Lary Kohli noted a correction to July 17, 2020 meeting minutes to incorporate the time the board came out of Executive Session. The minutes were revised, and the corrected version is attached above.

Angela LeForce moved to approve the July 17, 2020 minutes with the above revision. Jack Madison seconded the motion to approve the July 17, 2020 minutes. A vote was held to approve the minutes with the following outcome:

Gary Kohli – Yes Angela LeForce – Yes Jack Madison – Yes Mike Shadoan - Yes Judy Indorf – Yes

The motion carries

July 31, 2020 Special Meeting



Angela LeForce moved to approve the July 31, 2020 Special Meeting minutes. Jack Madison seconded the motion to approve the July 31, 2020 Special Meeting minutes. A vote was held to approve the minutes with the following outcome:

Gary Kohli – Yes Angela LeForce – Yes Jack Madison – Yes Mike Shadoan - Yes Judy Indorf – Yes

The motion carries

Mike Shadoan noted that the agenda no longer includes an item to review the Fiscal Report. Judy Indorf will add a Fiscal Report review to future agendas.

Fiscal Report at this meeting: No change with \$245 in our bank account.

5. Tax Levy Campaign:

We are waiting to hear from the Ottawa County Board of Elections that the State of Ohio Board of Elections has endorsed our levy documents for inclusion on the November 3, 2020 election ballot.

Becky Quisno, Beki Hineline and Judy Indorf will meet on August 10, 2020 to finalize the vignette to introduce the levy on digital media, the Levy Committee's Solicitation Letter and Fact Sheet. Angela LeForce offered that she has access to a professional audio microphone if needed.

The Board discussed what board members are permitted to do in support of the levy. It was confirmed that a board member can campaign and solicit as an individual, but not as a board member. Board members can provide levy information as a board member but cannot campaign or solicit as a board member.

Jack Madison will be attending a Kennedy and Friends event at the CIC on Monday August 10, 2020. Denny gave Jack some Friends of Ottawa County Parks brochures and he would like a flyer from the Citizens for Ottawa County Park District with information regarding donations. Beki Hineline offered to create a flyer.

- a. The Ottawa County Board of Elections has endorsed the Resolution of Necessity, the Resolution to Proceed, the County Auditor's Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue and the Ballot Form. They will now forward these documents to the State of Ohio Board of Election for endorsement and inclusion in Ottawa Count November 3, 2020 ballot. We are awaiting a response from the Ottawa County Board of Elections that they have received the endorsement from the State of Ohio Board of Elections.
- b. The Levy Committee continues to plan our campaign. We will be ramping up activity as November 3rd approaches.
 - i. We continue to see quite a bit of activity on our Facebook page and posts. This is an ongoing effort, so your input and ideas are welcome.
 - ii. Becky Quisno, Beki Hineline and Judy Indorf will meet on August 10, 2020 to finalize the Levy Committee's Solicitation Letter, Fact Sheet and vignettes. We will be asking the board members to participate in a vignette in the near future. We have a schedule for rolling out vignettes between now and November 3, 2020.
 - iii. Becky Quisno has written a letter we can use to solicit various types of support such as use of their name in a supporter list, willingness to display a yard sign and financial support for use in a targeted mailing. We will probably include a version of Beki Hineline's Fact Sheet (below).
 - iv. Beki Hineline has created a Fact Sheet describing our accomplishments to date and our next steps so that we can all speak a common message to:
 - 1. Communicate our vision
 - 2. Generate enthusiasm
 - 3. Respond to negative input
 - v. Judy Indorf has drafted vignettes that we will post on FB either with the person speaking or a voiceover with pictures of parks, etc.

- vi. Doug Rogers, Denny's neighbor, has finished the first pass of our website. The link was shared with everyone and comments and suggestions are welcome! Intention is to incorporate comments over the next week and make the website public.
- c. Gary would like the board to meet in the next several weeks to put together our plan that builds on the Active Transportation Plan and learnings from the poll results. Our plan should indicate our priorities for projects now and in the future. Does the PowerPoint presentation summarize it adequately?
- d. Larry Indorf is willing to take on the PAC Treasurer role. Gary Kohli, Michael Bassett, Judy Indorf and Larry Indorf met Tuesday June 23, 2020 to discuss the PAC formation. Following Michael's discussion with the Ohio Secretary of State Office, we confirmed we should form a PAC. The PAC has an EIN and a checking account has been opened at Genoa Bank. Larry Indorf will work with Michael Bassett to file the paperwork for formation of the PAC with the State of Ohio. Michael is contacting Sam Dewalt, retired from the ODNR to determine his interest in the Treasurer role.
- e. The Levy Tool spreadsheet that Linda worked with Michael to create has been updated (Aug 5, 2020).



f. Levy Committee has changed their meeting time to Wednesdays at 11:30 to better accommodate conflicts.

4. Current Efforts:

Denny Patthoff talked to Lynda Frost from the Trust for Public Land. TPL continues to move forward with a possible purchase of the land at Rte. 269 and Rte. 163. Lynda indicated that the Park District would need to leave all but 10% as wetlands. Denny gave Lynda Gary Kohli's name and Judy Indorf's name as Park District contacts.

Genoa/Millbury Trail: The Letter of Interest link for the ODOT Transportation Alternative Program will go live October 1, 2020 and will be due October 31, 2020. Letters of Interest will be reviewed during November to confirm eligibility. The TAP application link will go live December 1, 2020 and applications will be due January 31, 2021. Angela will work with Tom Bergman and Linda to understand the current status of the Genoa to Millbury project and to determine what we need to have in place to submit a Letter of Interest to ODOT TAP.

a. <u>Magsig Farm</u>: next step to contact ODOT; Judy sent L.J. Overmeyer an email on June 1, 2020 and hasn't received a response.

It was noted that L.J. is very busy with his business. We will wait until he has time to work with us on the development of the Magsig Farm. No update

- b. Friends of The Ottawa Co. Park District (FoOCPD):
 - i. The event at Gideon Owen on July 9, 2020 at 6:30 PM went well. The sign-in sheet has been put in an Excel spreadsheet.
 - ii. Any update regarding discussions with Lynda Frost from the Trust for Public Land regarding the acquisition of the property north of the Rt. 269 and Rt. 163 intersection west of Fort Firelands? The vision is that TPL would purchase the land and the Park District would manage the land. Denny requested we think about a name for the land.
 - iii. ODOT/Danbury Township are holding a virtual public meeting regarding a proposed roundabout at the intersection of Rt. 163 and Englebeck Rd. on August 20, 2020 from 4:00 to 5:00 PM with a presentation at 4:00 PM. Jack Madison will represent the Park District at the public meeting and chair the Park District's work providing our input into the roundabout work. Judy Indorf will send the links to the meeting information to Jack Madison.
 - iv. Any update regarding Jack, Gary and Denny meeting with Patrick McColley, the ODOT District 2 Deputy Director in Bowling Green?
- c. North Coast Inland Trail/Genoa/Millbury:
 - i. Any update on discussions with Genoa Mayor Tom Bergman regarding the bike trails? Next steps?
- d. <u>Danbury Twp/Lafarge:</u>

i. Discuss current status and determine if we are at an appropriate hold point until the levy is passed and we can progress.

Next working meeting will be **August 21, 2020**Next regular meeting will be **September 2, 2020**

1st Friday= regular meetings Room 109 Telephone 734-6762. 3rd Friday=working meetings *Denotes Action Item

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