



Minutes for Working Meeting of the Park District of Ottawa County

Date: 04/17/2020

Time: 9:00 AM

1. Call to Order by Gary Kohli
2. Roll Call
 - a. Gary Kohli – Chairman Present Y
 - b. Angela LeForce – Secretary Not Present N
 - c. Mike Shadoan – Treasurer Not Present N
 - d. Judy Indorf Present Y
 - e. Jack Madison Present Y
 - f. Others Present: Linda Amos, Denny Patthoff

3. Minutes for approval:

April 3, 2020



OCPD Minutes April
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Minutes approved

March 6, 202



OC Parks Agenda
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Minutes approved

4. Fiscal Report: None
5. Approval or Disapproval of Expenditures: No expenditures
6. Meetings being held via teleconference and notices placed on the Friends of Ottawa County Facebook page. Attempts to publish meeting notices in the Beacon have been unsuccessful to date, but attempts continue. Gary will talk to the County IT team to determine if the Park District can create a website for our use.
7. Departmental Reports:
 - a. Friends of The Ottawa Co. Park District (FoOCPD):
 - i. Monday is the Friends of Ottawa County Parks next board meeting. Denny noted that the Trust for Public Lands typically gets involved in project >\$1 million. He has begun discussions with TPL regarding the land north of Routes 269/163 intersection that is for sale and on West Harbor.
 - ii. Denny redid the Friends of Ottawa County Park flyer and solicited comments.
 - iii. Denny asked attendees to identify people who may be interested in participating in the Friends of Ottawa County Parks.
 - b. Trail Project: Steering Committee Meeting TBA
 - c. Magsig Farm: next step to contact ODOT; Has LJ Overmeyer responded to Mike's request for any sketches or drawings of the barn, existing entrance, parking and new building ideas? Mike not present, so unknown if LJ has responded.
 - d. OPRA: None
 - e. Portage River Water Trail: None
 - f. Portage Plan for Catawba/Portage Trail: Nonew
 - g. North Coast Scenic Inland Trail/Genoa/Millbury:
 - i. Gary, Denny, Judy and Tom Bergman walked the trail route options in Genoa on April 7. Mayor Bergman will talk to the Genoa Council regarding funding at their next meeting. Gary received a sketch of the proposed route through Genoa from Mayor Bergman and he will forward to the attendees.
 - ii. Update on title search questions for section from Genoa to Millbury? Gary has an appointment with Rebecca from WE on Monday to discuss.

- iii. Update on appraisal and review for section from Genoa to Millbury? None
- h. Danbury/Lafarge: None
- i. Tax Levy Campaign-

- i. Have had two telecons with Will Abberger from the Trust for Public Land. TPL has been ~82% successful in helping communities pass a levy for parks and trails. No advancement of working with TPL will be made until after we talk to Amy Bowman-Moore.

- 1. TPL has a 5 step methodology described in the attachment below
 - a. Feasibility research
 - b. Public opinion survey
 - c. Measure design
 - d. Ballot language
 - e. Campaign



TPL Conservation
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- 2. May have access to Doris Dupe Foundation funds for polling
 - 3. To move forward, TPL needs a letter from OCPD requesting technical assistance from the Trust for Public Lands and The Nature Conservancy; example attached



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- ii. Made contact with Amy Moore, Executive Director for Erie Metroparks. Judy to schedule a meeting with Amy Moore, Gary, Linda and Judy to discuss the Erie Metroparks levy experience.
 - 1. Amy is willing to provide support to us and will be sending contact information for the below contacts the next time she is in her office
 - 2. Suggests we connect with Lori Totman from Knox County as they just passed a first time levy for their parks
 - 3. Suggested Becky Hinline who now lives in Oak Harbor would be a great resource. She was the Marketing Manager for Erie Metroparks.

8. Unfinished Business:

9. New Business:

- a. It was noted that ODOT is doing work to widen Rt. 53 between State Rd and Rt 163 and we should make contact with ODOT regarding addition of a bike lane. Gary will contact Ron Lajti, Ottawa County Engineer to initiate this discussion.

- Are any OPRA telecons scheduled?

10. Adjournment:

Next regular meeting will be **May 1, 2020**

Next working meeting will be **May 15, 2020**

1st Friday= regular meetings
Room 109 Telephone 734-6762.

3rd Friday=working meetings
*Denotes Action Item