

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

Date: 07/17/2020 Time: 9:00 AM

1. Call to Order by Gary Kohli

2. Roll Call

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

Present - Y
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f. Others:

i. Linda Amos
 ii. Michael Bassett
 iii. Beki Hineline
 iv. Denny Patthoff
 v. Becky Quisno

Present - Y
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3. Minutes for approval:

July 3, 2020



Mike Shadoan moved to approve the July 3, 2020 minutes

Angela LeForce seconded the motion to approve the June 19, 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

- 4. The TPL completed the privately funded public opinion survey regarding the public's interest in parks, trails, conservancy, etc. The summary report has been emailed to the board separately.
- 5. Tax Levy Campaign:

The TPL recommended language was compared to Erie County's ballot language and both are very similar. The Resolution of Necessity and the Resolution to Proceed were sent to the Ottawa County Auditor. The Resolution to Proceed was approved by the County Auditor. Gary will submit the appropriate certified paperwork to the Ottawa County Board of Elections for submission to the State of Ohio Board of Elections.

The Levy Committee continues to make good progress planning the levy campaign.

a. The Levy Committee received input from the TPL with recommended ballot language.

- b. Confirm all steps of the approval of the Resolution of Necessity and Resolution to Proceed for the OCPD levy have been completed.
- c. The Levy Committee continues to plan our campaign. We will be ramping up activity as November 3<sup>rd</sup> approaches.
  - i. We continue to see quite a bit of activity on our Facebook page and posts. This is an ongoing effort, s your input and ideas are welcome.
  - ii. Becky Quisno is writing 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).
  - iii. Beki Hineline is creating 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
  - iv. Judy Indorf is drafting vignettes that we will post on FB either with the person speaking or a voiceover with pictures of parks, etc.
  - v. Doug Rogers, Denny's neighbor, has finished the first pass of our website. The website is created but not yet public. 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.
- d. 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?
- e. 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. Michael is contacting Sam Dewalt, retired from the ODNR to determine his interest in the Treasurer role.
- f. Linda worked with Michael and updated the Levy Tools spreadsheet. Any updates?

No updates



- g. Levy Committee has changed their meeting time to Wednesdays at 11:30 to better accommodate conflicts.
- 5. The Board moved into Executive Session at 9:19 AM to discuss potential real estate discussions.

Following the discussion, Jack Madison moved we leave the Executive Session.

Judy Indorf seconded the motion to leave Executive Session

All approved leaving Executive Session.

The motion carried.

- 6. Current Efforts:
  - Jack Madison sees L. J. Overmeyer periodically at his work. The next time he sees L. J. he will ask about the Magsig Farm effort and timing to progress.
  - Jack Madison talked to Senator Gavarone about the State Route 53 widening between State Route 2 and State Route 163 and the option to add a bike lane. He will write a letter to Senator Gavarone to document our request.
  - The grant application for funds to develop a boat launch at the Fairgrounds was denied.
  - 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. Discussion?
  - 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 public meeting regarding a proposed roundabout at the intersection of Rt. 163 and Englebeck Rd. 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.
  - 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. Any update on work in Danbury Twp.?

Next regular meeting will be **August 7, 2020** Next working meeting will be **August 21, 2020** 

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday=working meetings \*Denotes Action Item