

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

Date: 06/19/2020 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 Part-Time – left meeting ~9:50 AM after TPL Presentation

d. Judy Indorf Present - Y
e. Jack Madison Present - Y

f. Others:

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

vi. Will Abberger, Vice President, Director Conservation Finance – The Trust for Public Land Present - Y

vii. Andrew DuMoulin, Director, Center for Conservation Finance Research – The Trust for Public Land
Present - Y

3. Minutes for approval:

June 5, 2020



OCPD Meeting
Minutes June 5, 2020.

Judy Indorf moved to approve the June 5, 2020 minutes
Jack Madison seconded the motion to approve the May 15, 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 Trust for Public Land has completed their Feasibility Study of our Fall 2020 levy. The report is attached below.



Will Abberger, Vice President, Director Conservation Finance – the Trust for Public Land and Andrew DuMoulin, Director, Center for Conservation Finance Research and Andrew DuMoulin, Director Conservation Finance Research – the Trust

for Public Land presented a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the report with us. The following comments will be included in the report:

Add our mission statement:

The mission of the Park District of Ottawa County is to connect, enhance and protect the natural, scenic, environmental and cultural resources of Ottawa County for the enjoyment of residents and visitors.

Or

Connecting People, Places and Parks

Add the second 0.5 mill levy for Erie Metroparks to the table of park levies

The TPL plans to conduct a privately funded public opinion survey regarding their interest in parks, trails, conservancy, etc.

This portion of the meeting was ended. Becky Quisno started a second Zoom meeting for the OCPD Board and volunteers. Attendees of the second meeting were:

a.	Gary Kohli – Chairman	Present - Y
b.	Angela LeForce – Secretary	Present - Y
c.	Mike Shadoan – Treasurer	Not Present for this portion of the meeting
d.	Judy Indorf	Present - Y
e.	Jack Madison	Present - Y
f.	Others:	

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

Agenda topic sequence was adjusted due to 40 minute time limit.

## 5. <u>Tax Levy Campaign</u>:

- a. The TPL Feasibility Study was reviewed as summarized above.
- b. Gary would like the board to meet in the next several weeks to put together our plan that builds on the Active Transportation Plan, indicating our priorities for projects now and in the future. Should this meeting be scheduled after we receive the polling results?

Yes, agreed to wait until after the poll results were received.

- c. Our search for a PAC Treasurer continues. Larry Indorf is willing to take on this role if no one else is identified. He will work in the role in at least the interim. Gary Kohli, Michael Bassett, Judy Indorf and Larry Indorf will meet next Tuesday to discuss the PAC formation. Gary has the list names on the Hoffzinger-Zimmerman Park Board and 501-C. Gary spoke with Jack Zimmerman and his wife. Jack is anxious to work with us. Gary will ask Mr. Zimmerman if any of their board members, 501-C members may be interested in the Treasurer role. Other names were raised and interest will be explored.
- d. The wording of the Resolution of Necessity for the OCPD levy needed to be revised slightly. This has been done and the first reading of the revised Resolution of Necessity took place at our May 15, 2020 meeting. The second reading took place at our June 5, 2020 meeting.

The third reading of the revised Resolution of Necessity for our Fall 2020 ballot measure took place.

Jack Madison motioned that the Resolution of Necessity for the OCPD levy be approved

## Judy Indorf seconded the motion

A vote was held to approve the Resolution of Necessity with the following outcome:

Gary Kohli – Yes Angela LeForce - Yes Jack Madison – Yes Mike Shadoan – Not Present; did not vote Judy Indorf – Yes

The motion carries

e. Linda worked with Michael and updated the Levy Tools spreadsheet. Any updates?

No updates



- f. Levy Committee has changed their meeting time to Thursdays at 11:30 to better accommodate conflicts.
- g. Beki H created a Facebook page and Becky Q is taking the lead in monitoring the page and developing responses, when appropriate. There has already been quite a bit of activity. This is an ongoing effort, so we continue to need help in making the Facebook page active and using it to spread our vision, the positive impact we can have, the benefit to individual residents, the county and its tourism attraction
- h. 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.
- i. We will be 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

## 5. Current Efforts:

a. Magsig Farm: next step to contact ODOT; Judy sent L.J. an email this past Monday 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

1. Friends of The Ottawa Co. Park District (FoOCPD):

Denny emailed a revised flyer to us for our use.

Gary has talked to Ron Lytie about the Rt. 53 widening. It is unlikely we will be able change the scope of this project as it has been in the works for  $\sim 10$  years.

No update on the Rt. 269/Rt. 163 work with TPL.

- i. Any update regarding Jack, Gary and Denny meeting with Patrick McColley, the ODOT District 2 Deputy Director in Bowling Green?
- ii. Any update regarding discussions with Lynda Frost from the Trust for Public Lands regarding the acquisition of the property north of the Rt. 269 and Rt. 163 intersection, west of Fort Firelands?

## b. North Coast Scenic Inland Trail/Genoa/Millbury:

Gary has talked to a number of people in the county government and will continue to work with the county officials and Genoa Mayor Bergman regarding the right of way, deed and ownership of land to be used for the Genoa to Millbury trail extension.

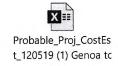
- i. Any update on Gary's meeting with the Ottawa County Commissioners regarding Genoa's requests regarding land annexation and the bike trail?
- ii. Mayor Bergman communicated that the Genoa Council stated a willingness to provide funds for the appraisal portion of the purchase of the Norfolk and Southern property to facilitate the Genoa to Millbury trail if a suitable annexation agreement is put before them and approved. They are interested in annexing the property up to Fostoria Rd. with the Park District of Ottawa County still holding ownership.
  - 1. Next step to create a draft annexation agreement? Whose action?

We need confirmation from the Ottawa County Commissioners that Genoa can annex the property that the trail will be on. Gary will confirm.

Linda has requested a cost estimate from WE Realty for an appraisal on the railroad corridor from Genoa to Millbury.

iii. Attached below are older cost estimates for the Survey and Right of Way work for the Genoa to Millbury trail extension, along with the overall cost estimate for the trail extension project.





6. Adjournment:

Judy Indorf moved we adjourn Jack Madison seconded the motion Meeting Adjourned

Next regular meeting will be **July 3, 2020** Next working meeting will be **July 17, 2020** 

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