



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

Date: 06/05/2020

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:
 - i. Linda Amos Present – Y
 - ii. Michael Bassett Not Present
 - iii. Beki Hinline Present - Y
 - iv. Denny Patthoff Present - Y
 - v. Becky Quisno Not Present
 - vi. Mayor Tom Bergman, Genoa Not Present
3. Minutes for approval:

May 15, 2020



OCPD Meeting
Minutes May 15, 2020

Mike Shadoan moved to approve the May 15, 2020 minutes
Judy Indorf seconded the motion to approve the May 15, 2020 minutes



OCPD Special
Meeting Minutes May

Judy Indorf moved to approve the May 27, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes
Mike Shadoan seconded the motion to approve the May 27, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes

4. Suggest we amend our bylaws to allow meeting notices to be posted at the Ottawa County Courthouse and on our website, but not be required to be published in the Beacon.

It was agreed that we would wait until after the fall election with our levy on the ballot to change our meeting notification process.

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.

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

The Friends of The Ottawa County Parks continue to pay for our meeting notices in the Beacon.

Denny talked to Lynda Frost, Senior Project Manager for the Trust for Public Land regarding acquiring the property on the north side of the Route 269 and Route 163 intersection. There is ~ 60 acres. Lynda sees this as a three legged stool with the OCPD being one of the legs. The OCPD is willing to discuss this opportunity, recognizing that we need to pass the levy to make taking this opportunity viable. The seller is allegedly willing to sell the property for \$1.7 m, having purchased it for \$1.3 m. There are several possible sources of funding, e.g. Clean Ohio Funds. The process would likely take 2 – 3 years, once initiated. The TPL would want a letter from the OCPD confirming we are willing to manage the land and our plans for the land.

Gary and Patrick McColley are playing telephone tag. Indications are that there isn't enough room or funds to facilitate a bike lane in the Route 53 project. We would still like to talk to him to make sure we are aware of projects ODOT is planning in the future, so we can be part of the project discussion and scope development early in the projects' feasibility stages. Jack, Gary and Denny will meet with Patrick.

- i. Denny spoke with Patrick McColley, the ODOT District 2 Deputy Director in Bowling Green. ODOT has initiated a "Feasibility" study to add a middle lane to Rt 53 between Rt. 2 and Rt. 163. There will be a community comment period followed by identifying funding sources and design. Mr McColley stated it is not impossible to add a bike/walking trail but it will need a great effort on our part to identify additional funds to get it included now. Denny and Patrick acknowledged the project may go forward without a trail but every effort would be made to not preclude a future trail with hindrances from the proposed widening. Funds would need to be identified for the addition of a bike lane.

Request the board decide if Rt 53 is a priority and where it will fall on receiving money from the tax levy.

Request the board consider contacting Mr. McColley, to determine how we can become aware of ODOT projects in Ottawa County at very early stages of the project so that bike lanes could become part of the project scope development when inclusion would be most efficient.

- ii. Denny spoke with Lynda Frost from the Trust for Public Lands property acquisition team. Denny will discuss the possibility of the TPL purchasing the property north of the Rt. 269 and Rt. 163 intersection, west of Fort Firelands.

c. North Coast Scenic Inland Trail/Genoa/Millbury:

Gary spoke with Genoa Mayor Bergman a week ago. Gary has a meeting scheduled for Tuesday with the Ottawa County Commissioners to discuss Genoa's requests regarding land annexation and the bike trail.

- i. 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.

- ii. 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.



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Millbury Probable_Prc



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d. Tax Levy Campaign:

Gary sent the letter attached below to the Trust for Public Lands requesting their technical assistance with our levy measure. They are conducting a Feasibility Study for the levy and will conduct a poll to help us better understand the county residents' interest in the levy, parks, trails, conservancy, etc.

Gary commended the Levy Committee for all of their efforts to date, namely the progress with our social media sites, Facebook and a website.

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.

Gary noted the Levy Committee is putting together a list of all of the parks in the county.

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

Mike Shadoan motioned that the Resolution of Necessity for the OCPD levy be approved
Jack Madison 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 – Yes
Judy Indorf – Yes

The motion carries

1. 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 will take place at this June 5, 2020 meeting.
2. Linda worked with Michael and updated the Levy Tools spreadsheet. Linda will discuss.



Levy Tools June 3,
2020.xlsx

3. Levy Committee continues to meet on Thursdays at 1:00.
4. Determined we need to create a PAC. Michael Bassett is willing to help with the creation. Gary is working to identify a Treasurer.

Jack will work with Michael Bassett to form the PAC.

5. Gary is sending the below letter to the Trust for Public Lands requesting technical assistance with understanding our levy and the community interest.



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6. Andrew DuMoulin from the Trust for Public Lands has begun work in developing a brief report on the tax levy funding and impact on the community. Following this, the TPL will conduct a representative poll of the community to determine where the community's interest lies in regard to the levy, use of the funds, etc. The poll is planned to take place June 8 to 15, 2020 with preliminary results expected to be available June 19, 2020.
7. Beki H created a Facebook page and Becky Q will take the lead in monitoring the page and developing responses, when appropriate. We will 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
8. Judy is working with Doug Rogers, Denny's neighbor, to develop a website. The website is created but not yet public. The link will be shared amongst this group in the next few days for comments and suggestions. We've incorporated comments from our May 15 discussion and also added some Virtual Puzzles of local parks, places, wildlife, etc. to help attract people to the website.
9. 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:
 - a. Communicate our vision
 - b. Generate enthusiasm
 - c. Respond to negative input
6. Linda sent our update letter to the Steering Committee and community leaders, updating them on our achievements and actions since February and thanking them for their support. A copy of the letter is below.



Steering Committee
Newsletter 060220 (1)

7. Adjournment:
Judy Indorf moved we adjourn
Angela LeForce seconded the motion
Meeting Adjourned

Next working meeting will be **June 19, 2020**
Next regular meeting will be **July 3, 2020**

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

3rd Friday=working meetings
*Denotes Action Item