



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

Date: 10/2/2020

Time: 9:00 AM

1. Call to Order by Gary Kohli

2. Roll Call

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| a. Gary Kohli – Chairman | Present - Y |
| b. Angela LeForce – Secretary | Present - Y |
| c. Mike Shadoan – Treasurer | Present – Y arrived 9:05 AM |
| d. Judy Indorf | Present - Y |
| e. Jack Madison | Present - Y |
| f. Others: | |
| i. Linda Amos | Present - Y |
| ii. Michael Bassett | Not Present |
| iii. Beki Hineline | Not Present |
| iv. Denny Patthoff | Present - Y |
| v. Becky Quisno | Not Present |

3. Minutes for approval:



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Angela LeForce moved to approve the September 18, 2020 minutes.

Jack Madison seconded the motion to approve the September 18, 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 – Not Present for vote
- Judy Indorf – Yes

The motion carries

4. Fiscal Report: Treasurer not present at this time; no update

5. Tax Levy Campaign:

Agreed that Gary Kohli and Jack Madison would reach out to Peter Houston from the Put-in-Bay Gazette regarding a publication for the levy.

Reviewed the meetings that the Levy Committee will be participating in to discuss the levy:

- Harris-Elmore and Genoa Library Voter Forum – October 13, 2020 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM via Zoom – Gary Kohli and Judy Indorf
- Marblehead Village Council – Wednesday October 14, 2020 6:00 PM – Judy Indorf
- Elmore Kiwanis – Wednesday October 14, 2020 – Gary Kohli and Linda Amos
- Oak Harbor Rotary Club – October 27, 2020 7:30 AM at Oak Harbor Golf Course – Gary Kohli, Linda Amos and Judy Indorf
- Port Clinton City Council – Tuesday October 27, 2020 7:30 PM –
- Port Clinton Rotary Club – November 2020 – Gary Kohli

Agreed that Judy Indorf would contact Diane Rozak regarding a Danbury Trustee meeting and Tom Bergman regarding a Genoa Council meeting.

Jack Madison requested additional signs, which Judy Indorf will provide.

Gary Kohli noted that Hoffzinger-Zimmerman will line their park on County Road 17 with our yard signs.

It was noted that the Citizens for Ottawa County Park District Facebook page does not have a connection to the levy sign and does not tell the viewer how to donate. It was also noted that the Friends of Ottawa County Parks Facebook page does not have anything on it regarding the levy.

Noted that we should add the link to the Park District's website onto the Ottawa County website.

Noted that Mike Snider, Mayor of Port Clinton provided several addresses which signs could be placed. Linda and Judy will place these.

- a. We have received the certification of our levy ballot issue from the State of Ohio Board of Elections. The Ohio State Board of Elections has revised the ballot language. After discussions with the Trust for Public Land and the Ottawa County BOE, we agreed to leave the language as revised by the State.
- b. The Levy Committee continues to progress our campaign.
 - i. We have begun receiving responses from our Solicitation Letter. To date we have received \$2450 in donations and have had \$2115.36 in expenses with a net balance of \$384.64. The postcard mailing to absentee voters will be ~\$2000 so to make this mailing viable we will need donations to continue.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. 625 people viewed the post Beki made of an image of our signs!
 - iv. It appears that boosting or running a Facebook ad for our levy will not be possible. Beki Hineline talked to Erie Metroparks to understand their experience in doing this and they indicated while they tried they were never successful. We will stop trying to boost our posts or post an ad and focus on frequent posts aimed to solicit support for the levy on the PAC Facebook page and informative posts on the Park District's Facebook page.
 - v. Becky Quisno and Judy recorded the Levy Introduction vignette with Gary and the vignette has been posted. We will be asking the board members to participate in a vignette in the near future.
 - vi. Thank you to those who have written a Letter of Support for the Levy Committee to use. Becky Quisno is developing a plan to send these to local papers.
 - vii. Lots of activity placing large and yard signs in the area. We are strategically placing the large signs across Ottawa County. Below is a summary of the locations
 1. Corner of 163, and 51 in Genoa – in place
 2. Rt. 19 at Radiant Windows' Warehouse in Oak Harbor – in place
 3. 163 east of 53 in Danbury Twp. – in place
 4. Sand Rd on Catawba – in place
 5. NE Catawba Rd on Catawba, south and on the east side of the road just south of Twin Oast – in place
 6. 570 and Genoa Clay Center Rd – believe in place (Tom Bergman)
 7. Rt 2 near Lake Erie Business Park (potential – Tom Bergman)Following still need placed
 8. Perry St in Port Clinton – need a location
 9. Marblehead area – need a location
 10. Elmore – need a location; will ask Angela LeForce if she knows of possible location
 - viii. Beki Hineline is creating a postcard for mailing. We will obtain the list of voters who requested an absentee ballot prior to October 6, which is the first day absentee ballots will be sent out. We will request the daily list of absentee ballot requests from the Ottawa County Board of Elections and send a postcard mailing out daily from October 6 until the election. As noted above, the viability of conducting this mailing will be determined by our level of donations.
 - ix. Status of informing the following contacts of the Park District's levy:
 - Linda and Jack have talked to Mayor Mike Snyder of Port Clinton and he is very supportive
 - Judy has talked to Diane Rozak, Danbury Trustee and while she is not against the levy her priority is the Danbury Fire Levy

- Judy will talk to Mayor Jackie Bird of Marblehead
 - Gary will talk to the Port Clinton, Catawba and Put-in-Bay Park Committees
 - Jack will talk to John Paul Dress, Danbury Twp. Trustee
- c. Website - Doug Rogers has finished making our requested changes to our website.
1. Confirm we want to upload our minutes to the site.
 2. We also have two forms on the website – one to contact us to volunteer and one to request Zoom information to participate in our meetings. Currently, this form would go to Judy's email. Should we create an email account for the Park District? It will need to be monitored if created.
- d. The Levy Tool spreadsheet that Linda worked with Michael to create has been updated (Aug 5, 2020).



Levy Tools Aug 5,
2020.xlsx

4. New Business: No updates

- a. We received a request from ODOT to pass a resolution to support the designation of US Bike Route 30 and State Bike Route 90. Status?
- i. Suggest:
 1. Park District Board discuss and confirm our support – confirmed we support at our last meeting
 2. If supportive, communicate our support to the Ottawa County Commissioners and
 3. Work with the Commissioners to pass the resolution that Ottawa County supports the designation.
 - b. Agreed at our September 18, 2020 meeting that we would be interested in discussing with Mike Libben, the transfer of property from the Ottawa Soil and Water Conservation District to the Park District for our management as a wetlands area when we pass our levy.

5. Current Efforts: No updates

- a. North Coast Inland Trail/Genoa/Millbury:
- i. Linda will develop the Letter of Interest for the ODOT Transportation Alternative Program when it goes live on October 1, 2020. The Letter of Interest 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. We may be able to use Federal DNR funds for the match budget.
 - ii. Angela is working with Tom Bergman and Linda to prepare for submitting the Letter of Interest.
 - iii. West Erie Realty is willing to provide an appraisal for the Genoa to Millbury trail land.
 - iv. We have received a letter from Wood County Park District indicating their intention to work with us to develop and construct the trail as well as fund the portion of the development .
 - v. Any update?
- b. Magsig Farm: 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. We will also ask if he can provide the names of Boy Scout parents to inform them of the levy. Any update?
- c. 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. TPL continues to move forward with a possible purchase of the land north of the Rt. 269 and Rt. 163 intersection west of Fort Firelands, with the intention to have the Park District manage it. We would need to leave all but 10% of it as wetlands. Denny requested we think about a name for the land.
- e. Portage River Water Trail
- i. Expected designation as a water trail in 2021
 - ii. The grant request for construction of a boat access at the County Fairgrounds was declined.
- f. Rt. 163 and Englebeck Rd. Roundabout

- i. The Public Comment Period ended September 21, 2020 for the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Rt. 163 and Englebeck Rd. Is there any further action we need to take at this time?

g. Danbury Twp/Lafarge:

- i. Any update?

6. Adjournment:

Judy Indorf moved we adjourn

Mike Shadoan seconded the motion

Meeting Adjourned

Next working meeting will be **October 16, 2020**

Next regular meeting will be **November 6, 2020**

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

3rd Friday=working meetings
*Denotes Action Item