



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

Date: 09/18/2020

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 |
| 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 | Not Present |
| iv. Denny Patthoff | Present - Y |
| v. Becky Quisno | Not Present |
| vi. Janet Tarbaud – community member | Present |

3. Minutes for approval:



OCPD Meeting
Minutes September 4

Jack Madison moved to approve the September 4,, 2020 minutes.

Mike Shadoan seconded the motion to approve the September 4, 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. Fiscal Report: Mike Shadoan gave the Fiscal Report

\$245 in Checking Account

\$ 5 in Savings Account

TOTAL \$250

5. Tax Levy Campaign:

Mike Shadoan agreed to place a large levy sign at his business on Route 19. He stated that ~9000 cars per day travel past that location. Mike also indicated that he would use his LED sign at the juncture of SR 163 and SR 105 he will use to support the levy.

Jack Madison indicated he would like 2 large signs.

Agreed and discussed the need to strategically place our large signs across the county.

Linda Amos and Jack Madison will be meeting with Mayor Mike Snider of Port Clinton at 10:00 AM today to discuss the activities of the Park District and inform him of our levy.

The Board agreed that writer D'Arcy Eagan of the Beacon published a very nice article about the Park District activities and our levy in the September 17, 2020 issue. Judy Indorf will ask other newspapers in the area to publish our Press Release.

- 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 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.
 - ii. 625 people viewed the post Beki made of an image of our signs!
 - iii. Beki H has submitted information to boost our posts in Ottawa County. Posts that include any voting/election language in them require special approval from Facebook. She expects that approval any day.
 - iv. The Levy Committee's Solicitation Letter, Insert, Mayors' Support Letter and Levy Press Release have all been finalized.
 1. The letter and insert have been printed and are being assembled for mailing.
 2. The Press Release has been submitted to D'arcy Eagan at the Beacon.
 - 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. Gary, Denny and Judy met with D'Arcy Eagan at the Beacon on September 17 to discuss an article regarding the Park District. We also gave D'arcy the Press Release.
 1. The article D'Arcy wrote was published in this week's Beacon, September 17, 2020 issue.
 - vii. We have ordered yard signs and large signs. The yard signs are expected by Tuesday Sept 22 and the large signs by Friday Sept 25. We have identified several strategic locations for the large signs and Michael Bassett will provide additional locations. Suggested strategic locations are welcome.
 1. Mike – would it be possible to put a large sign at your business?
 - 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.
 - ix. Status of informing the following contacts of the Park District's levy:
 - Linda and Jack will talk to Mike Snyder
 - Judy will talk to Diane Rozak and Jackie Bird
 - talked to Diane; will talk to Jackie soon
 - Gary will talk to the Port Clinton, Catawba and Put-in-Bay Park Committees
 - Gary will talk to D'arcy Eagan at the Beacon and former Outdoor writer for the Plain Dealer
 - Done
 - Jack will talk to John Paul Dress, Danbury Twp. Trustee
 - x. 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.
- c. The Genoa, Elmore and Oak Harbor mayors have agreed to issue a letter of support on behalf of the levy. Mike Shadoan provided a couple examples of this type of letter and Becky Quisno drafted a letter for our and the Mayors' review using Mike's examples. Since Angela is working with Mayor Bergman on the Genoa trails, we asked her to give Mayor Bergman the draft letter for the mayors' consideration.
- 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:

We agreed to support the designation of US Bike Route 30 and State Bike Route 90 and inform the City Commissioners of our support.

Discussed the opportunity for the Ottawa Soil and Water District to transfer property to us for management as a wetlands. We will discuss this further with the Mike Libben when our levy passes.

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.

i. Suggest:

1. Park District Board discuss and confirm our support
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. Discussion with Mike Libben, Ottawa Soil and Water Conservation District. Any update?

5. Current Efforts:

Linda will develop the Letter of Interest together for the ODOT Transportation Alternative Program when it goes live on October 1, 2020. We may be able to use Federal DNR funds for the match budget.

The Board agreed that Jack Madison should send comments on the Park District's behalf to ODOT regarding the roundabout at SR 163 and Englebeck Rd. in Danbury Twp. Indicating we would like the lane adjacent to the road to be 10 ft wide to accommodate and meet bike lane standards.

a. North Coast Inland Trail/Genoa/Millbury:

- i. The Letter of Interest link for the ODOT Transportation Alternative Program will go live October 1, 2020 and 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.
- 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. Gary Kohli will talk to Neil Munger at Wood County Park District.

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 is ongoing and ends September 21, 2020 for the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Rt. 163 and Englebeck Rd. Do we plan to submit comments for inclusion of a bike/walking trail to ODOT or a letter to Theresa Gavarone (Ottawa County's District 2 Senator) and D. J. Swearingen (Ottawa County's representative in the Ohio House of Representatives)?

g. Danbury Twp/Lafarge:

- i. Any update?

6. Adjournment:

Judy Indorf moved we adjourn
Mike Shadoan seconded the motion
Meeting Adjourned

Next regular meeting will be **October 2, 2020**
Next working meeting will be **October 16, 2020**

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

3rd Friday=working meetings
*Denotes Action Item