

**WOOD COUNTY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONER'S MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
03/08/2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sandy Wiechman at 3:00 p.m. at W.W. Knight Nature Preserve, 29530 White Road, Perrysburg, OH. 43551.

2. ROLL CALL

Sandy Wiechman, present
Kim Rose, present
Denny Parish, present
Tom Myers, present
Bill Cameron, present

Staff present: Eric Scott, Rob Brian, Steve Thomson, Corinne Gordon, Troy Bateson, Jamie Sands, Diana Ziems, Chris Smalley, Jim Witter

Members of the Press: Clint Corpe (WBGU 88.1FM, The Morning Show), Jan Larson McLaughlin (BG Independent News), Deb Rogers (Sentinel Tribune), Jane Maiolo (Perrysburg Messenger)

Guests: Jane and Jud Strader, Candace Weis

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Wiechman stated the minutes of the February 15th, 2022 regular meeting were distributed to the board in advance of the meeting and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Myers moved approval of the minutes as presented. Ms. Rose seconded. No discussion. A roll call vote was conducted with all in favor, motion carried.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Wiechman had nothing to discuss this month.

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smalley thanked everyone for attending the board meeting. Mr. Smalley presented the Northwest Ohio Regional Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement to the board with the intention of gaining approval to renew the Park District's membership, after the Park District's last renewal in 2012. Mr. Smalley stated the agreement is being coordinated by the Associate Vice President of Public Safety at University of Toledo, Jeff Newton. Mr. Smalley stated he's had the agreement reviewed by legal counsel and Park Police Chief Thomson. Ms. Wiechman stated Resolution 22-006 by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Wood County Park District authorizes Chris Smalley to renew the Wood County Park District's participation in the Northwest Ohio Mutual Aid Agreement. Mr. Cameron moved approval of Resolution 22-006. Mr. Parish seconded. No discussion. A roll call vote was conducted with all in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Smalley stated the board has received an updated meeting schedule for the remainder of the year, noting the 3:00 pm start time. Mr. Smalley stated the latest copy of the Oak Leaf has been given to the board members, as well as the Wood County Historic Museum's schedule of

events. Mr. Smalley also distributed a draft copy of the new Wood County Park District annual report, and invited the board members to review and reach out with any questions. Mr. Smalley stated the goal is to have the final copy ready for distribution and posted to the Wood County Park District website this month.

6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Ms. Wiechman stated departmental reports were distributed to the board in advance of the meeting. Mr. Myers commented towards the Park Police report thanking them, on behalf of the board members and the constituents of Wood County, for making it through a challenging January and February this year. Ms. Wiechman also introduced new Park Police Chief Steve Thomson and stated the board members are available if he needs any assistance.

7. APPROVAL OF PAYABLES

Ms. Wiechman asked the board for a motion to approve the payables. Mr. Myers moved to approve the payables. Mr. Cameron seconded. Mr. Parish inquired on the payout for wiring repair on a Park Police truck. Mr. Smalley stated while the Park Police truck was being stored during down time, rodents infested parts of the vehicle causing wiring damage. No further discussion. A roll call vote was conducted with all in favor, motion carried.

8. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was raised.

9. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was raised.

10. FRIENDS OF THE PARKS

Candace Weis announced Friends of the Parks started their membership drive through the Neon System. Ms. Weis stated membership renewals were distributed through mail and an email campaign. Ms. Weis stated all memberships are now automatically renewed at the time the renewal is paid.

11. HEARING OF VISITORS

Mary Ann Strader spoke regarding the current status of Buttonwood Park. Ms. Strader stated she is concerned with the way the park is being maintained. Ms. Strader stated Buttonwood Park has always been the only family-friendly park with access to the river, and would like to see it in good condition once again. Ms. Strader stated with fisherman returning, it would be prudent to bring out trash cans and possibly make the trash cans raccoon-proof. Ms. Strader also mentioned some weeding that needs to be done by the Buttonwood Park parking lot, but to be careful due to some of these weeds causing bad reactions when contacting skin. Ms. Strader suggested using the gravel pile found along the road near Buttonwood Park property to help resurface the parking area. Ms. Strader also suggested bringing camping back to Buttonwood Park and mentioned fisherman have used this feature in the past and many would continue if it were available. Jud Strader inquired on any clauses in the transfer of the property to Wood County Park District regarding upkeep of Buttonwood Park, specifically if the property would be transferred back to the previous owner if not maintained to a certain standard. Mr. Smalley stated he is not aware of any such clause. Mr. Parish stated he didn't recall such a clause put into this transfer due to the property being in a flood plain. Mr. Strader suggested allowing service organizations to operate and maintain the property. Mr. Parish stated he's not

certain on the liability aspect from a legal standpoint of this approach. Mr. Parish stated the board was collectively waiting for the dike issue to be resolved, possibly in late June, before moving further with Buttonwood Park.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session held.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Rose moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Parish seconded.
Meeting ended at 3:16 pm.



Sandra Wiechman, Chair



Chris Smalley, Director

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