



MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Fairfield County Board of Park Commissioners

Date: Monday, May 9, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Fairfield County Records Center, 138 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster, OH 43130

Attendees:

Commissioners:

Jeffrey Feyko, Chair
Ami Williams, Vice Chair
Jeffrey Johnson
David Smith

Legal Counsel:

Amy Brown-Thompson
Josh Horacek
Thomas Lininger

Director:

Marcey Shafer

Park Staff:

Ginger Caito, Finance & Administration (virtual)
Kimber Caito, Media Coordinator
Chad Reed, Operations Coordinator

Visitors:

OPENING OF REGULAR SESSION

Call to Order at 2:00 p.m. by Jeffrey Feyko

Roll Call Vote by Finance & Administration

Vote	Present	Absent
Jeffrey Feyko	√	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ami Williams	√	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeffrey Johnson	√	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Smith	√	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sherry Orlando	<input type="checkbox"/>	√

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Marcey asked how committee members would like to be notified of requests and to schedule committee meetings. All Board members said email is preferred.

Marcey said Nathaniel Stitzlein offered to look at the barn at Wagner Preserve to offer suggestions regarding possible restoration. Ami asked for a suggested schedule of necessary upkeep costs once a barn is restored. There was a brief suggestion about use of a barn on that property.

STAFF REPORTS

Marcey Shafer, Director

Marcey stated most items in her report will be covered in this meeting.

She reported that the controlled burn at Wagner Preserve cannot happen this Spring; the deadline for burns was missed because of the rain, highwater, and winds. There was a very brief discussion about weed control. Marcey will contact all township trustees and school officials.

A group from Bike Buckeye Lake presented information about the bike trail. They are hoping to get a grant to extend the trail and asked if FCPD would be willing to help.

Miranda Cain, Education Specialist

Marcey stated Miranda is doing very well; she is well-organized and motivated. Carol has done a lot of invasive plant control at Mambourg. There was a very brief discussion about invasive plant control. She also organized a volunteer recognition dinner in April. Jack may be off work for a while; since Rock Mill is closed, that will not be an issue.

Chad Reed, Operations Coordinator

Chad reported trees were planted at Two Glaciers Park on the Hannaway bridge side of the park. The trees were donated by Roger Grossenbacher. This summer, he will focus on control of invasive plants. A large debris pile deposited by recent floodwater was removed from the Johnson bridge area of the park.

Chad also gave a brief update about the progress of work on the new Pickerington office. He stated the new, larger brush hog will speed up the mowing of fields.

Kimber Caito, Media Coordinator

Kimber stated there has been no negative feedback about Rock Mill being closed for repairs. She also told Board members that we had a booth at Seeds of Change and spoke to almost 200 people in four hours.

Ami asked if the map book of parcels could be emailed to Board members. Kimber agreed to email that as soon as possible.

Wahkeena Nature Preserve (Tom Shisler & Nora Steele)

Marcey reported there have been many school groups visiting Wahkeena.

She explained Kimber and Nora are working on program for Deaf students.

She also relayed information about the barred owl living at Wahkeena. It has been taken to the vet a few times. It may need to be put down if its quality of life continues to deteriorate.

CREDIT CARD EXPENSES

Review of Credit Card Statement

Ginger explained the charge for benches are for commemorative benches that were placed at Wahkeena. Marcey said the charge to OfficeMax was for new desks for the Pickerington office. There was a discussion about gasoline prices and taxes and if gasoline was available from a different source. Jeffrey Feyko asked about marker posts. Marcey explained those are carsonite posts to mark the boundary at Mambourg Park.

OLD BUSINESS

C&O Railway Caboose, Joint Venture with Hocking Valley Enterprises, Update

Marcey said she has not yet contacted the new mayor of Sugar Grove. After a brief discussion, it was decided that, since FCPD doesn't own the caboose, it be 'given back' to Sugar Grove. There was a motion by Ami Williams to authorize the Director, Marcey Shafer, to contact Sugar Grove to advise FCPD is 'returning' it to the Village. A certified letter should also be sent. Jeffrey Feyko seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, all Board members in attendance voted "aye".

Permanent Restroom at Smeck Park

Marcey reported that construction began today, May 9.

Wigwam Trails

Marcey said the township approved the trail map as presented to them last week. Trails are being cut-in and should be ready for visitors next week. Marcey said she wants to speak with the township administrator. Trails will not be promoted until those details are worked out. For now, trails will be open only when gates are opened by the township or Wigwam. There was a brief discussion about parking.

Covered Bridges (Shade and Hummel) Misty Valley Park

Marcey said the bid opening was last week. There was only one bid from Archer Excavating, \$ 47, 827.00. There was a discussion about budget. Jeffrey Feyko asked about the time frame for the work to be done. Ginger explained It must completed be within 90 days from June 22. Jeffrey Feyko asked if there have been any safety concerns. Marcey stated no trespassing signs in place and there hasn't been a problem to date.

Repairs at Rock Mill

Marcey reported the contract with Burgess & Niple has been signed. Vince Amato is the lead engineer; he will be taking detailed measurements and will need access to the mill. The job will be put out to bid.

Mambourg Park Updates

Marcey stated permanent wayfinding signage has been delivered and should be installed this month. Rod Archer has been asked to come out and see if that area will make a good

parking lot. There needs to be a test pit to find if the sediment is now dry enough to support a parking area.

She also explained there was a meeting with the architects who are doing the interior signs for the nature center. Miranda working on the text.

Amanda Bike Trail

Marcey said she spoke with Fairfield Heritage Trail Association about relocating part of the trail at Midwest. Ginger said she has not yet heard from the title agency to learn who owns the easement. She will follow-up.

Zeller Contract

Marcey asked Amy Brown-Thompson if there are any updates. There are no updates to report. Chad stated PASA has not been mowing regularly as required in the lease. Amy explained the lease is problematic and is now a void lease. She is going to examine the deed/parcel. She suggested the Board decide how the park should be used after which she can address the lease issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Designate Chad Reed as Backup Secretary

Ginger asked if the Board would appoint Chad as the backup Secretary for when she is unavailable such as on vacation or out sick. After a brief discussion, Jeffrey Feyko motioned to appoint Chad Reed as backup Secretary. Dave Smith seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, all Board members in attendance voted “aye”.

LEGAL UPDATES

Amy Brown-Thompson stated there is nothing to report other than what was already mentioned about Zeller Park and the PASA contract.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes of the April 11, 2022, Board-Staff Retreat

There were no comments or questions about the minutes.

Vote	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Jeffrey Feyko	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ami Williams	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeffrey Johnson	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sherry Orlando	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Minutes of the April 11, 2022, Board Meeting

There were no comments or questions about the minutes.

Vote	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Jeffrey Feyko	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ami Williams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeffrey Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Smith	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Sherry Orlando

REVIEW OF CASH BALANCE STATEMENT

Cash Balance Statement for March 2022

Ginger reviewed the totals. Ami Williams asked about \$ 308.60 for Flight of the Hawk. Ginger explained Ric Leichter had contracted to create a new sculpture but wasn't able to because of health reasons. When the money was returned to Fairfield County Foundation, that account had already been closed so the money was refunded to us.

REVIEW OF REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORT

Revenue & Expense Report for March 2022

There were no questions or comments about this report.

RESOLUTIONS

2022-17 – A Resolution Approving the Revenue and Expense Report

Ginger explained this is resolution for the Revenue & Expense Report that was just reviewed.

Vote	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Jeffrey Feyko	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ami Williams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeffrey Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Smith	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sherry Orlando	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2022-18 – A Resolution Approving Lease Agreements for Misty Valley and Wahkeena Cabin

Ginger explained those two leases are to renew June 1. There are no changes to the leases. Jeffrey Feyko will be asked to sign them on behalf of the Board.

Vote	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Jeffrey Feyko	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ami Williams	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeffrey Johnson	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sherry Orlando	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2022-19 – A Resolution to Approve Bid and Contract for Archer Excavating Co for Removal of Bridges and Log House at Misty Valley

Ami asked about the budgeting. Ginger explained the money is available.

Vote	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Jeffrey Feyko	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ami Williams	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeffrey Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sherry Orlando	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2022-20 – A Resolution to Amend the Certificate and Appropriate from Unappropriated Monies

Ginger explained this is to appropriate \$ 47,827.00 for the removal of both covered bridges and the log-framed house at Misty Valley Park (see Resolution 2022-19).

Vote	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Jeffrey Feyko	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ami Williams	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeffrey Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sherry Orlando	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the board, at 3:01 p.m., Jeffrey Johnson motioned to adjourn.

Roll Call Vote by Finance & Administration

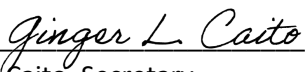
Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye
Jeffrey Feyko	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	√
Ami Williams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	√
Jeffrey Johnson	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	√
David Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	√
Sherry Orlando	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Upon the motion of Commissioner, Jeffrey Johnson, seconded by Commissioner, David Smith, the minutes have been adopted on June 13, 2022.

Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Jeffrey Feyko	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ami Williams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeffrey Johnson	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Smith	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sherry Orlando	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution action upon by Fairfield County Board of Park Commissioners for Fairfield County Park District on the date noted above.



 Ginger Caito, Secretary
 Fairfield County Board of Park Commissioners