



## MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Fairfield County Board of Park Commissioners

**Date:** Monday, June 13, 2022

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

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

### ATTENDEES

Commissioners:	Jeffrey Feyko, Chair Jeffrey Johnson David Smith Sherry Orlando
Legal Counsel:	Josh Horacek Thomas Lininger
Director:	Marcey Shafer
Park Staff:	Ginger Caito, Finance & Administration Kimber Caito, Media Coordinator
Visitors:	Jonett Haberfield, Visit Fairfield County

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### 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**

Jonett Haberfield, Visit Fairfield County, thanked Kimber for arranging the loan of models (covered bridges, Stonewall Cemetery, Rock Mill) to them for display. She said they like to tell visitors that Fairfield County has the most *original* covered bridges in Ohio. Although Ashtabula County has more bridges, some of those are new constructions, not originals. Even without the Shade and Hummel bridges, Fairfield County still has more originals.

## **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **Smeck-FCATC**

Kimber reported there have been two meetings with members of Fairfield County Antique Tractor Club, one in May, one in June, to establish regular communication with FCATC, discuss what was to be planted at Smeck Park, and to get a schedule of farming activities for upcoming Harvest Celebration! 2022.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Marcey Shafer, Director**

There were no questions or comments about her report.

### **Miranda Cain, Education Specialist**

Marcey added that just last week there was a productive meeting with Education staff in which they discussed coordinating effort with volunteers, working on seasonal and annual goals, tracking results, etc.

### **Chad Reed, Operations Coordinator**

Marcey explained FCPD is hosting Earth Camp 2022 (June 14-16). Chad and Alex have been working hard to get the park ready for this event. Chris has been documenting issues with other parks, such as Flight of the Hawk Park.

Jeffrey Feyko confirmed that Chad's report includes information from the two Park Technicians' worklogs.

### **Kimber Caito, Media Coordinator**

Kimber said she had put Rock Mill Days ads in publications that are just now appearing to the public. The ads had to be submitted months in advance, long before it was known that Rock Mill would have to be closed for repairs.

### **Wahkeena Nature Preserve (Tom Shisler & Nora Steele)**

Marcey stated we may get a contracted person to help with school groups next year so that Miranda can focus on programs at other park locations.

## **CREDIT CARD EXPENSES**

### **Review of Credit Card Statement**

Jeffrey Feyko asked about the charge to Dill's Greenhouse. Ginger explained those were for fruit trees that were planted at Smeck Park and that a county resident made a donation to cover that amount.

## OLD BUSINESS

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

Marcey said a letter addressed to Sugar Grove's mayor is ready to be mailed. She explained the purpose of the letter is to advise him of the caboose maintenance fund and regarding the ownership issue. There was a brief discussion about the purpose and origination of the fund and the move of the caboose proposed by Lew Barbini, Hocking Valley Enterprises.

### **Permanent Restroom at Smeck Park**

Ginger reported there was a construction update meeting Thursday last week. The heavy rains have delayed construction but, over the weekend, some of the flooring was poured.

### **Covered Bridges (Shade and Hummel) Misty Valley Park**

Marcey mentioned there was an article written by NBC4i.com about the salvage/demolition of the bridges at Misty Valley Park. Jeffrey Feyko asked Kimber to send a link to that article to Board members.

### **Repairs at Rock Mill**

Marcey reported the engineer said he is about done with the proposed plan for repairs to Rock Mill and will submit it within the next two weeks. A bid packet will be prepared. Then, it will go out to bid.

### **Mambourg Park Updates**

Marcey said most of the the new permanent trail wayfinding signs have been installed. Text for nature center exhibits has been drafted for review. She said she has contacted ODOT regarding expansion of the main parking lot and will have more information soon.

### **Amanda Bike Trail**

Marcey stated no one has returned her call about the trail relocation. Ginger explained there are three easements owned by FCPD.

Marcey said that she wants to learn more about bike trail creation and partnerships. So, she is going tomorrow to a meeting with the Rails-to-Trails group where she hopes to learn more about their process.

### **Zeller Contract**

Joshua Horacek stated Amy Brown-Thompson is working on the contract.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Sensory Trail**

Marcey stated renewal of the lease is to be discussed today during Executive Session.

### **Flight of the Hawk Park**

Marcey reminded the Board that the park is being used as a park-n-ride and there are few legitimate park visitors. Between May 23 and June 12, for example, during numerous checks

by staff, only three people were seen inside the park despite there being many cars in the lot. There was a brief discussion about the misuse of the park.

Jonett explained VFC promotes the hawk statue and park. She stated many tourists recognize the hawk as a sign that they are almost at their destination, the Hocking Hills area. She suggested adding signage along US-33 pointing to the park, such as there is for Wahkeena Nature Preserve.

**LEGAL UPDATES**

Joshua Horacek stated there are no updates to report.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

**Minutes of the May 9, 2022, Board Meeting**

There were no questions or comments.

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"/>	<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"/>

**REVIEW OF CASH BALANCE STATEMENT**

**Cash Balance Statement for May 2022**

Ginger explained the cash balance will not be used for other purposes until the cost of Rock Mill repairs are known.

**REVIEW OF REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORT**

**Revenue & Expense Report for May 2022**

There were no questions or comments.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**2022-21 – A Resolution Approving the Revenue and Expense Report**

There were no questions or comments.

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"/>	<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"/>

Motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of Property Acquisition and Imminent Court Action at 2:26 p.m. by Jeffrey Feyko

Roll Call Vote by Finance & Administration

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

Left Executive Session back into Regular Session at 3:18 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business before the board, at 3:18 p.m., David Smith motioned to adjourn.

Roll Call Vote by Finance & Administration

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

Upon the motion of Commissioner, Jeffrey Johnson, seconded by Commissioner, Jeffrey Feyko \_\_\_\_\_, the minutes have been adopted on July 11, 2022.

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

**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.

  
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 Ginger Caito, Secretary  
 Fairfield County Board of Park Commissioners