



MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Fairfield County Board of Park Commissioners

Date: Monday, February 13, 2023 **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 David Smith Sherry Orlando John Watts
Legal Counsel:	Amy Brown-Thompson Steven Darnell
Director:	Marcey Shafer
Park Staff:	Ginger Caito, Finance & Administration Kimber Caito, Media Coordinator
Visitors:	Scott Baker, Richland Township Trustee

OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order at 2:01 p.m. by Jeffrey Feyko

Roll Call Vote by Finance & Administration

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



PUBLIC COMMENTS

Scott Baker, re Property Acquisition

Scott introduced himself as a Richland Township Trustee. The Township owns a ±17-acre property (park) between W Rushville and Rushville. It has been closed as a park because the equipment is in disrepair. On behalf of their board, he would offer it to FCPD to use as greenspace. There was a brief discussion about previous usage of the park. Jeffrey Feyko advised this offer will be submitted to the Property Committee for review.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

There were no committee updates to report.

STAFF REPORTS

Marcey Shafer, Director

Marcey explained there is an active transportation plan for Fairfield County. Before the director of regional planning resigned, he arranged for a group of OSU grad students to put together a plan. There have been meetings that she (Marcey) has attended. There was a brief discussion about the plan during which Ami Williams suggested MORPC should be involved.

Marcey updated Board members about discussions involving Sensory Trail Park. Marcey attended a public meeting organized by Jonett Haberfield, Director of Visit Fairfield County, who is a member of the group who raised funds to move the Mary Ruffner. Marcey will be meeting with Burgess & Niple to discuss grant opportunities for a proposed wetland. Marcey and Jonett are organizing a meeting of adjacent property owners to be held in March.

Marcey reported she has invited representatives from SOCIL to Mambourg Park this month to discuss an all-abilities trail and access for a picnic shelter.

Miranda Cain, Education Specialist

Marcey reported the success of Mambourg Nature Center Open House (soft opening) on Saturday, February 11. It was attended by at least 94 people.

Marcey explained Jack Campbell developed a program in which he presents in character as George Benadum, a locktender in old Lockville during the mid- to late-1800s.

She also explained that, after having a successful TAVR procedure at Fairfield Medical Center, Jack agreed to be interviewed by their staff. On February 15, he will be interviewed on video and photographed at Rock Mill. He will appear in their "Monitor" magazine, on billboards in Fairfield County, and possibly in a TV commercial. Not only are we glad he is doing well and back to work, but it will be a nice way to promote Rock Mill.

She reported there will be a showing of the documentary, "Rock Mill: Saving an Original", at Stebelton Park at Rock Mill, some time before Rock Mill Days in May.

Chad Reed, Operations Coordinator

Marcey explained Chad and Alex attended OPRA Conference. Chad is taking the leadership training.

Kimber Caito, Media Coordinator

Kimber offered to answer any questions about her report. There were no additional questions.

Wahkeena Nature Preserve (Tom Shisler & Nora Steele)



Marcey reported work on the new restroom at the preserve is ongoing. She stated that Tom finished the restroom at the Pickerington office.

CREDIT CARD EXPENSES

Review of Credit Card Statement

There were no questions about expenditures.

OLD BUSINESS

Permanent Restroom at Smeck Park

Marcey reported the inspection passed just today. It will be opened to the public later this week. The doors will automatically lock and unlock at set times.

Repairs at Rock Mill

Marcey said repairs are almost complete. The mill will be ready for Rock Mill Days.

Water Testing at Mambourg and Pickerington Office, update

Ginger explained the health department will not test water that has been treated. Well water can be tested.

Tax Exemption Former Luck Property

Ginger reported that she spoke to someone at the Auditor's office. If the property is taken out of CAUV, there is no recoupment on taxes. There was a brief discussion about farming contracts. A letter is to be sent to the person farming this property about end-of-year payment and liability insurance naming FCPD as co-insured.

Wagner Preserve Demolition, update

Marcey said all old buildings that were in poor condition on the property have been razed. One barn remains. There was a short discussion about moving the barn to another location. The Board agreed that because of our obligation to preserve and protect the heron rookery, and to protect the integrity of the stream banks, the barn cannot be transported over the creek.

NEW BUSINESS

Trail Planning & Development

Marcey explained she attended a session at OPRA about sustainable trails. Wagner Preserve, Stoney Hill Park, and Two Glaciers Park need new trails. She advised the Board she wants to hire a professional trail planner. This will help eliminate erosion, mud, etc. and, in the long run, save money on maintenance. Board members agreed.

LEGAL UPDATES

There were no legal updates to report.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes of the January 9, 2023, Regular Meeting

There were no comments or questions.



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"/>
David Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sherry Orlando	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Watts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

REVIEW OF CASH BALANCE STATEMENT

Cash Balance Statement for January 2023

Ginger reviewed the statement and explained the figures. Sherry Orlando asked why there is a negative fund balance in Mambourg Park. Ginger explained the reporting method for this sub fund.

REVIEW OF REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORT

Revenue & Expense Report for January 2023

There were no comments or questions about this report.

RESOLUTIONS

2023-06 – A Resolution Accepting the Revenue and Expense Report for January 2023

There were no comments or questions about this report.

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"/>
David Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sherry Orlando	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Watts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2023-07 – A Resolution to Purchase a Vehicle

Ginger explained this vehicle will be used by Education staff and will replace the Nitro. The vendor should be Hugh White Chevrolet, not Hugh White Honda. Jeffrey Feyko made the motion to approve the resolution with the necessary correction of the dealer's name.

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"/>
David Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>
John Watts	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2023-08 – Appropriate from Unappropriated Monies

Ginger explained this will put budget in place for Resolution 2023-07, vehicle purchase.

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"/>
David Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>
John Watts	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of Protective Health Information at 3:11 p.m. by Jeffrey Feyko.

Roll Call Vote by Finance & Administration

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye
Jeffrey Feyko	✓	□	✓
Ami Williams	□	✓	✓
David Smith	□	□	□
Sherry Orlando	□	□	✓
John Watts	□	□	✓

Left Executive Session back into Regular Session at 3:24 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the board, at 3:24 p.m. John Watts motioned to adjourn.

Roll Call Vote by Finance & Administration

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye
Jeffrey Feyko	□	✓	✓
Ami Williams	□	□	✓
David Smith	□	□	□
Sherry Orlando	□	□	✓
John Watts	✓	□	✓

Upon the motion of Commissioner, John Watts seconded by Commissioner, David Smith, the minutes have been adopted on March 13, 2023.

Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Jeffrey Feyko	x	□	□
Ami Williams	□	□	□
David Smith	x	□	□
Sherry Orlando	□	□	□
John Watts	x	□	□

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 L. Caito

Ginger Caito, Secretary
Fairfield County Board of Park Commissioners

