

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
ANDERSON PARK DISTRICT**

**April 3, 2007**

Mark Bissinger, President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Anderson Park District to order at 7:42 pm at the Park District Headquarters, 8249 Clough Pike. Present were Board Members: Duffy Beischel, Dale Bartholomew, Gail Wright, Nadine Gelter. Also present were: Molly McClure, Executive Director; Bailey Martella, Business Director; Ken Kushner, Operations Director.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AGENDA:** Mr. Bartholomew moved for the Board to approve the agenda. Mr. Beischel seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Bissinger, Ms. Wright, Mrs. Gelter. (5); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

**GUESTS:** David Buck, son of Anderson Township resident and Johnson Park neighbor Jim Buck.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Johnson Park Entrance and Parking: The Board agreed to move the Johnson Park section of the meeting to the first item to accommodate guest, David Buck's, request to address the board regarding the entrance for Johnson Park and the temporary parking area. Mr. Buck is the son of Johnson Park neighbor Jim Buck. Ms. McClure stated that she and Mrs. Martella had met with Mr. Buck to discuss Mr. Buck's concerns of the placement of the entrance road and parking lot placement. Ms. McClure advised the Board that at the time of the meeting Mr. Buck's major concern was his easement and one of the options to place the parking lot beside the riding ring and directly across from his house. Ms. McClure explained to Mr. Buck that the district had limited funds to build the roadway and parking lot to allow patrons to access the park to utilize the facility. At this meeting they discussed several alternate options. Mr. Buck suggested he would prefer if we would locate the parking area behind the riding ring. Ms. McClure agreed to evaluate that location and suggested that another possible placement would be to the left of Mr. Buck's property in what is now a pasture for the old barn. Ms. McClure asked Mr. Buck if he might consider participating financially in building the roadway behind the ring. He indicated that it is something he may consider after he knows more about the proposed costs. Mr. Buck also reiterated that he had an ingress and egress easement, which Ms. McClure stated she was fully aware of. Mr. Buck also mentioned that he had been investigating the possibility of building Landominiums on his property some time in the future, as he will soon own Mr. Tanner's property. Ms. McClure also suggested that the district investigate with the Township the possibility of building the entrance road to Township Road specifications with the intention of the roadway becoming a dedicated township road once it is built. This would be a great advantage to Mr. Buck and would increase his property values tremendously. This could only be accomplished if Mr. Buck would agree to pay for it. The Board directed staff to investigate this idea further.

The Board took no action but advised Mr. Buck that staff would keep him advised as information was gathered and decisions made.

T-Mobile Contract: Mr. Bissinger and Ms. McClure advised the other members of the Board that the final draft of the contract had not been sent. He further stated that he and Ms. McClure had a conference call with T-Mobile personnel and ironed out many of the issue. A revised plan and contract should be forthcoming. Mr. Bissinger stated that he is of the opinion that Tom Luebbers should review the final agreement before the Board's approval.

Heritage Center Repair Request: Mr. Bartholomew stated that he had a conversation with Anderson Township Trustee Russ Jackson concerning the needed repairs for the Heritage Center. Mr. Bartholomew requested that staff send a revised list, omitting the shelter, with estimated costs to the Trustees for their review. Ms. McClure advised she would take care of the request as soon as the additional quotes for the new items were obtained.

Beech Acres Park Trail Request: Mr. Bartholomew reported that he and Ms. McClure had attended the Anderson Township Transportation Committee meeting to answer questions they had concerning the Beech Acres trails funds request submitted by the park district. Ms. McClure stated that the committee was in favor of the project but not if it affected the TAC budget. They will send their endorsement of the project back to the Trustees with their endorsement.

Johnson Park Water Damage: Mrs. Martella stated that the repairs to the Johnson Park house are well underway. Ms. McClure advised that Mike Smith, Operations Manager, was overseeing the repairs being accomplished by staff and outside contractors.

Riverside Park Riverbank Erosion Repair: Ms. McClure stated that all of the appropriate paperwork and permit fees had been delivered by the 3/18/07 deadline to the Ohio EPA. During the discussion she added that while talking to Brewster Rhodes, concerning help on the 2008 Levy issue, he offered his assistance with finding the appropriate contact people to move this project forward if necessary. Mr. Bissinger asked that this issue be kept on the monthly agenda.

Veteran's Park Playground: Ms. McClure reminded the Board that the Anderson Hills Kiwanis is planning a "ribbon cutting" ceremony to open the newly constructed playground at Veterans Park. Mr. Beischel and Mr. Bartholomew agreed to attend. Mr. Bartholomew agreed to speak on behalf of the Board at the short ceremony.

Schott Foundation Grant Funds: Mrs. Martella, upon the Board's authorization at the last meeting opened a discussion with the 5<sup>th</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Bank to acquire up to the \$200,000 Schott Foundation grant funds in advance of the promised \$100,000 in July of 2007 and \$100,000 in July of 2008. She reported at this time there are two options: 1) have the Anderson Foundation for Parks and Recreation borrow the funds or; 2) have the park district arrange for the financing. She stated that the Foundation could borrow with an interest rate of 7.6% but that the park district could receive a government rate of 5.44%. Counsel is currently reviewing these options. Mr. Bartholomew moved to have the Board approve for Mrs. Martella and Ms. McClure to move

forward with the 5<sup>th</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Bank at a rate of 5.44% if counsel so advises. A special meeting will be called if needed to execute the contract. Mr. Beischel seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Beischel, Mrs. Gelter, Ms. Wright, Mr. Bissinger. Mr. Bartholomew (5), No: None (0). The motion carried unanimously

2008 Levy Discussion: Ms. McClure reviewed the book sent to the Board highlighting most of the 2000 Levy materials. Mrs. Martella reported she had contacted Mr. Harry Fermann requesting that he work on the election committee as Treasurer. Mr. Fermann responded he would agree to this position only if it was not a conflict with the monthly accounting work his firm does for the park district. Ms. McClure reported as she had stated earlier in the meeting Brewster Rhodes said he was willing to advise the levy committee as he did in 2000, this time on a contract basis, outside of his duties with the Governor's office. Mrs. Gelter and Mr. Beischel confirmed they would open a discussion with the Trustees since the district needs their approval to place an issue on the ballot. A discussion took place concerning the Board's planning of a levy fundraising event.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 2007-03 ~ Re-appropriation of Funds: Mr. Bartholomew moved for the Board to approve Resolution 2007-03 to re-appropriate the \$33,000 insurance reimbursement for the Johnson Park House water damage into J-26. Ms. Wright seconded the motion. Mr. Beischel seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Beischel, Mrs. Gelter, Ms. Wright, Mr. Bissinger. Mr. Bartholomew (5), No: None (0). The motion carried unanimously

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURES:**

Mr. Bartholomew moved for the Board to approve the **February 2007** Financial Reports and Authorized the Expenditures as presented by Mrs. Martella. Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bissinger, Mrs. Gelter, Ms. Wright. (5); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Bartholomew moved to approve the minutes of the **March 1, 2007** meeting. Ms. Wright seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bartholomew, Ms. Wright, Mr. Bissinger, Mrs. Gelter (5) No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Gelter moved to approve the minutes of the **March 23, 2007** meeting. Ms. Wright seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Ms. Wright, Mr. Bissinger, Mrs. Gelter (3) No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

**TRAINING REQUEST:** Mr. Beischel asked that Ms. McClure's training to attend the NRPA Health and Livability Summit, approved at the last meeting, be re-opened for further discussion. The Board approved her participation in this summit and the use of park district time and miles for travel related expenses. The registration and other expenses were approved through the new Foundation Training Fund – which Ms. McClure would fund to provide training opportunities for APD staff that is not included in the APD budget. Mr. Beischel advised the board that the foundation technically did not have a quorum since there were only 3 members out of 6 in

attendance. He stated that Wayne Hermann was a member of the Foundation, therefore only 50% of the members were present. Ms. McClure explained to the Board that she felt the Health and Wellness agenda was critically important to the future of the park district especially to the children we serve. She believes it is of the utmost importance for the APD to be actively engaged in this movement. Ms. Wright moved that the Board approve the registration and related expenses for the Health and Livability Summit to be paid from the park district training budget. Mr. Bissinger seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Bissinger, Ms. Wright (2) No: Mrs. Gelter. Abstentions: Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bartholomew. The motion carried.

Since her registration was submitted, travel plans were already made and expenses were incurred, Ms. McClure agreed to attend the summit and use her personal time and will reimburse the park district for the registration and other expenses outside of travel.

At 10:10 p.m. there being no further business to be brought before this Board, Mr. Beischel moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Bissinger, Mr. Beischel and Ms. Wright. (5) No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Bailey H. Martella  
Business Director

Dale Bartholomew

Duffy Beischel

Mark Bissinger

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Gail Wright