



Hancock Park District

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS Public Meeting Notice and Agenda

Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2014
Location: Richard S. "Doc" Phillips Discovery Center at Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Time: 2:30 p.m.

Roll Call

The meeting will begin with a tour of Oakwoods Nature Preserve. Natural Resource Coordinator, Sarah Betts will share information about natural resource management at Oakwoods Nature Preserve and any special projects planned for 2014/2015. Following the tour, the Board will conduct a business meeting at the Richard S. "Doc" Phillips Discovery Center.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated August 12, 2014

Financial Status

1. Review of Financial Statement dated August 31, 2014

Old Business

New Business

1. Request to approve Resolution 2014-08 Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor
2. Request to approve Resolution 2014-09 Regarding Additional Appropriation within the Auditor's Certification and Park Commissioners to Appropriate in the General Fund
3. Request to approve the Capital Improvement Plan
4. Request to approve a reimbursement to the Village of Mt. Cory as part of the Capital Improvement Program Grant
5. Request to approve a change to Park Regulation 2.20 Remote Control Models

Discussion

1. Hancock Park District Report

Public Input

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.

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HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Staff Report / Agenda Supplement
September 9, 2014

Request to approve Resolution 2014-08 Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor: Resolution 2014-08 accepts the amounts and rates as determined by the Hancock County Budget Commission and authorizes the necessary tax levies and certifies them to the Hancock County Auditor for fiscal year commencing January 1, 2015. As a routine matter each year, the Board of Park Commissioners is required to accept and adopt the resolution (see Resolution 2014-08).

Request to approve Resolution 2014-09 Additional Appropriation within the Auditor's Certification and Park Commissioners to Appropriate in the General Fund: Resolution 2014-09 appropriates funds for Severance and Medicare payments associated with the resignation of HPD park manager, Joe Mosher (see Resolution 2014-09).

Request to approve the Capital Improvement Plan: The Hancock Park District (HPD) is currently working on the development of a *Strategic and Comprehensive Plan for Programs, Parks, and Recreational Facilities*. The plan is currently in draft form and is being reviewed by HPD staff. Following staff review and comment, the plan will be presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for its review and approval with or without change.

Typically, a Strategic and Comprehensive Plan is linked to a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The Strategic and Comprehensive Plan is long term while the CIP is revised and updated on an annual basis.

At the last meeting of the Hancock Parks Foundation Board of Trustees, the Board requested that a copy of the CIP be provided for review and discussion at its October meeting. Given that the CIP is related to the Strategic and Comprehensive Plan and since project recommendations have not yet been presented to and reviewed by the Board of Park Commissioners, the Board is being asked to review and approve the CIP by vote or consensus prior to its distribution to the Hancock Parks Foundation Board of Trustees (see Capital Improvement Plan).

Request to approve a reimbursement to the Village of Mt. Cory as part of the Capital Improvement Program Grant: The Village of Mt. Cory inquired as to whether or not it could move forward with a lighting project and then submit a Capital Improvement Program Grant Application that seeks reimbursement. The reason for the inquiry was to move ahead with the project in an effort to meet a deadline and receive a \$600.00 grant/discount on the project. Given the potential savings to Mt. Cory, the low overall cost of the project (\$2,500), and the Hancock Park District's interest in helping and supporting villages and cities in Hancock County with park improvement needs, the Hancock Park District suggested that Mt. Cory go ahead with the project and submit a grant application for reimbursement. It seemed like the right thing to do.

Mt. Cory was informed that the Board would address this issue formally at its next meeting even though it would be after the fact. The formal process also gives the Board notification and background information that will be useful when reviewing and discussing all Capital Improvement Program Grant Applications in October (see AEP Ohio Prescriptive Program and Green Options Quote).

Request to approve a change to Park Regulation 2.20 Remote Control Models: In 2013 when Park Regulations were reviewed and updated, the use of remote control models was not permitted in an effort to avoid conflict with other park activities. The intention was not to necessarily exclude a particular user group and the use of remote control models, but rather to avoid conflict in passive park environments that exist throughout most of the Hancock park system. The Hancock Park District recognizes that the use of remote control models is a recreational activity and that many individuals participate in it.

Upon review of that regulation it may be more appropriate to permit the use of remote control models under some circumstances and for the Hancock Park District to have an opportunity to review and permit requests on a case by case basis. Regulating the use of remote control models is necessary given the nature of the activity and the potential for conflict depending on the actual model, park location, day, time, etc. Therefore, the Hancock Park District requests approval of the following change to Park Regulation 2.20 Remote Control Models:

2.20 Remote Control Models

- (A) Operate a remote control model, such as an airplane, helicopter, boat, or car in the park or on a trail ***without a permit from the HPD.***

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2014

The September 9, 2014 meeting of the Hancock Park District Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Richard S. "Doc" Phillips Discovery Center at Oakwoods Nature Preserve.

Park Commissioners Present: Gary Hirschfeld, Scott Younger, Barbara Deerhake
HPD Staff Present: Gary Pruitt, Vicky Stozich, Sarah Betts
Guests Present: Jim Maurer, Ron Rush

The meeting was called to order by Gary Hirschfeld at 2:30 p.m.

PARK TOUR

HPD natural resource coordinator, Sarah Betts led a tour of Oakwoods Nature Preserve and shared information about natural resource management. Discussion topics included the rain barrel (1000 gallon barrel takes four hours to fill from a good rain, which indicates just how much storm water runoff there is from the Discovery Center roof; water is used to irrigate the butterfly garden among other uses), honeysuckle eradication efforts, ash trees (the first ash tree identified on site with the Emerald Ash Borer was shown), limited tree growth along the boardwalk due to the high bedrock and the value of deadfall for soil development and habitat, public and private property boundaries, Dold Lake water level plus fishing, lake depth, McKinley Trail, archery, and signage. A project list for Oakwoods Nature Preserve was presented and briefly discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Barbara Deerhake with a second by Scott Younger to approve the August 12, 2014 Board meeting minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL STATUS

Income and expense reports year to date August 12, 2014 were reviewed by HPD business manager, Vicky Stozich.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Request to approve Resolution 2014-08 Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor: A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Barbara Deerhake to approve Resolution 2014-08 Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.

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Request to approve Resolution 2014-09 Additional Appropriation within the Auditor's Certification and Park Commissioners to Appropriate in the General Fund: A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Barbara Deerhake to approve Resolution 2014-09 Additional Appropriation within the Auditor's Certification and Park Commissioners to Appropriate in the General Fund. Funds in the amount of \$5,830.00 will be appropriated for severance and Medicare associated with the resignation of HPD park manager west, Joe Mosher. Motion Carried by a unanimous vote.

Request to approve the Capital Improvement Plan: By consensus, the Board approved the Capital Improvement Plan, including the idea of it, its distribution to the Hancock Parks Foundation Board of Trustees, and its content.

Request to approve a reimbursement to the Village of Mt. Cory as part of the Capital Improvement Program Grant: A motion was made by Barbara Deerhake with a second by Scott Younger to approve the reimbursement. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Request to approve a change to Park Regulation 2.20 Remote Control Models: A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Barbara Deerhake to approve a change to Park Regulation 2.20 Remote Control Models. The park regulation will now say: It is unlawful to operate a remote control model, such as an airplane, helicopter, boat, or car in the park or on a trail without a permit from the HPD.

DISCUSSION

Park District Report:

The Ultimate Dogpawlooza will be held at Riverbend Recreation Area on September 13 and 14. Volunteerism has been strong this year. HPD staff has been highly committed to the use of volunteers and has responded well to requests. Volunteerism is good for the volunteers, good for the Hancock Park District, and good for the community. Jessie Elsass and Charlie Saylor have been hired as Program Assistants. The Program Department is now at full staff with a full-time naturalist and four permanent part-time program assistants.

The October Board meeting will include the final park tour. The tour and meeting will take place at Aeraland Recreation Area. Board members, except one along with Hancock Parks Foundation president, Ron Rush, Courier reporter, Jim Maurer, and HPD staff will meet at the Hancock Park District administrative offices at 2:00 p.m. and will ride together to the park. The meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Minutes approved:

Gary E. Hirschfeld, Chairperson

Gary E. Pruitt, Director/Secretary

Date

Date