

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2017

The January 10, 2017 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, Ed Ingold

HPD Staff Present: Gary Pruitt, Vicky Stozich, Michelle Rumschlag, Bill Patch, Anne Coburn-Griffis

Guests Present: Jim Maurer, Cam Williams, Rick Kidwell, Dave Distel, Heather Pendleton, Shane Myers, Jim White, Carol Jastal

The meeting was called to order by Gary Hirschfeld at 3:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Ed Ingold to approve the December 13, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL STATUS

Income and expense reports year to date December 31, 2016 were reviewed by HPD business manager, Vicky Stozich. An Assessment of General Fund Expenses and Account Balances and the Blanchard River Greenway Trail Fund Statement of Activity were presented as informational items.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers: A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Ed Ingold to nominate Gary Hirschfeld as Chairperson and Scott Younger and Ed Ingold as Vice Chairperson. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Election of a member of the Board of Park Commissioners to the Hancock Parks Foundation Board of Trustees: A motion was made by Gary Hirschfeld with a second by Ed Ingold to elect Scott Younger as a member of the Hancock Parks Foundation Board of Trustees. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Request to approve the 2017 Meeting Schedule: A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Gary Hirschfeld to approve the 2017 meeting schedule. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Request to approve Resolution 2017-1 requesting the County Auditor to make tax advancements during the year 2017 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 321.34: A motion was made by Ed Ingold with a second by Scott Younger to approve Resolution 2017-1. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Request to approve the 2016 Schedule of Gifts, Grants, and Donations for Probate Court: A motion was made by Ed Ingold with a second by Scott Younger to approve the 2016 Schedule of Gifts, Grants, and Donations for Probate Court. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION

Hancock Park District Report:

The Hancock Pathways Committee is working on a trail development proposal recommending a trail from Emory Adams Park to the Hancock County Fairgrounds. The City of Findlay is planning to submit a new Transportation Alternative Program grant. Hancock Park District director, Gary Pruitt has been working with the Hancock Pathways Committee on the proposal and will be meeting with the city engineer to discuss the grant along with potential trail sections.

Site investigations as part of flood control efforts will be occurring in the Hancock Park System per a letter from the Maumee Valley Conservancy District. Trees are being removed as part of wintertime forestry operations. Equipment and facilities continue to be maintained. Continuing education and testing for certifications have been planned. Park Operations Department staff will be attending the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Conference and Great Lakes Park Training Institute. Hancock Park District park manager east, Scott Egbert will be taking a test to renew his certification as a Playground Inspector. Equipment purchases, such as a mower and a new van are being planned.

Discovery Stories are being conducted through February. Locations involve preschools, kindergarten classes, and day care locations. Project FeederWatch continues. At least 20 birds have been counted so far during each session. A mature Cooper’s hawk has been seen in the area.

Information for the Spring Program & Event Guide has been compiled. Future publications will use 100% post-consumer recycled paper. Maps, forms, and layouts associated with facility rentals are being revisited and upgraded to achieve a higher quality and a more professional appearance. Planning for the 2017 Summer Concert Series is in progress. Sponsor appeal letters have been mailed.

Park Commissioner, Ed Ingold expressed interest in accompanying Park Operations Department staff when they conduct facility inspections. The Board expressed interest in having a tour of the Hancock Park System.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Meeting Minutes approved:

Gary E. Hirschfeld, Chairperson

Gary E. Pruitt, Director/Secretary

Date

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