



Hancock Park District

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS Notice of Executive Session and Agenda

Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021
Location: Brugeman Lodge at Riverbend Recreation Area
Time: 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

New Business

1. To consider the employment and compensation of a public employee per Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G) (1)

Adjournment

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

Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021
Location: Brugeman Lodge at Riverbend Recreation Area
Time: 3:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated November 9, 2021

Financial Status

1. Review of the Financial Statement dated November 30, 2021, presented by Hancock Park District Business Manager Vicky Stozich

Old Business

New Business

1. Official action as a result of an Executive Session held on December 14, 2021 to consider the employment and compensation of a public employee per Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G) (1)
2. Request to approve Resolution 2021-22 Annual Appropriation

Discussion

1. Hancock Park District Report:
 - Director – Gary Pruitt
 - Business Manager – Vicky Stozich
 - Naturalist – Michelle Rumschlag

Public Input

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. in Brugeman Lodge at Riverbend Recreation Area

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Staff Report / Agenda Supplement
December 14, 2021

Request to approve Resolution 2021-21 Annual Appropriation: Resolution 2021-21 Annual Appropriation provides for current expenses and other expenditures for the Hancock Park District during fiscal year 2022 according to sums and purposes outlined in the resolution, which are consistent with the Hancock Park District's 2022 operating budget presented to and reviewed by the Board on November 9, 2021 (see Resolution 2021-21).

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2021

The December 14, 2021 meeting of the Hancock Park District Board of Park Commissioners was held at Riverbend Recreation Area's Brugeman Lodge.

Park Commissioners Present: Gary Hirschfeld, Scott Younger
Park Commissioner Absent: Ed Ingold
HPD Staff Present: Gary Pruitt, Vicky Stozich, Michelle Rumschlag

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Gary Hirschfeld with a second by Scott Younger to approve the November 9, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL STATUS

Income and expense reports year to date November 30, 2021 were presented to the Board by Hancock Park District Business Manager Vicky Stozich.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Official action as a result of an Executive Session held on December 14, 2021 to consider the employment and compensation of a public employee per Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G) (1): A motion was made by Gary Hirschfeld with a second by Scott Younger to approve a 3% merit pay increase for the director. Motion carried by a 2-0 vote.

Request to approve Resolution 2021-22 Annual Appropriation: A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Gary Hirschfeld to approve Resolution 2021-22. Motion carried by a 2-0 vote.

DISCUSSION

Hancock Park District Report:

The 2022 Action Plan includes a compilation of 15 goals set during annual performance evaluations in October and November. Facemyer company planted all trees, shrubs, and live stakes in the Wetland Restoration Area at Oakwoods Nature Preserve; a punch list was generated in late November followed by an on-site inspection in December. Final payments and reports will be administered soon.

The Hancock Park District received a report from the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association titled, *Compensation 2021 Survey Report*. The survey included input from 62 municipal park and recreation departments and 28 park districts, including the Hancock Park District. The one takeaway from a cursory review was that city employees are paid a much higher wage than park district employees. In time, the report will be reviewed in detail and compared to the Hancock Park District's current compensation schedule.

There was an article in the newspaper on December 3, 2021 titled, *Findlay seeks consultant for land-use planning*. Planning is for park and recreation areas north of the phase two benching project and north of river – east and west of Main Street, but it also includes improvements to Riverwalk East and Riverwalk West. Consulting firms will be asked to view the new park development, benching, Blanchard River, pedestrian bridge, and the Riverwalk as a park and recreation complex with similar material, site amenities, and complementary design features.

Blanchard River Greenway Trail improvements are almost finished. Four trail sections were striped with edge lines and center lines. Wayfinding has been installed; most of the 15 locations are complete. The remaining locations should be completed by the end of January. Message centers, which will contain large trail maps, have been installed at six locations. One map is on display at Eastpoint Area, the others will be on display after all wayfinding posts and signs are in place.

End of year “stuff,” in terms of finances and accounting is underway. Purchase orders for December are being prepared.

Public program presence will increase, including more programs on a monthly basis. A variety of programs will be for participants of all ages. Program revenue has been good. The Raccoon Run Winter Sports Center is ready. Weather permitting, opening day is scheduled for December 18. Cross-country ski and snowshoe rentals will be available on weekends through February. Ski workshops are scheduled for Saturday mornings in January and February.

PUBLIC INPUT

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Meeting Minutes approved:

Gary E. Hirschfeld, Chairperson

Gary E. Pruitt, Director/Secretary

Date

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