



Hancock Park District

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

Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025
Location: Brugeman Lodge at Riverbend Recreation Area
9250 Township Road 208, Findlay, Ohio 45840
Time: 3:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated December 10, 2024

Financial Status

1. Review of the Financial Statement dated December 31, 2024, presented by Hancock Park District Business Manager Vicky Stozich

Old Business

1. Naloxbox Initiative
2. Grounds Maintenance at the Hancock County Courthouse

New Business

1. Election of Officers: Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
2. Election of a member of the Board of Park Commissioners to the Hancock Parks Foundation Board of Trustees
3. Request to approve the 2025 Meeting Schedule
4. Request to approve the 2024 Schedule of Gifts, Grants and Donations
5. Request to approve Resolution 2025-1 requesting the County Auditor to make tax advances during the year 2025, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 321.34
6. Request to approve a new name for Shelter #5 at Riverbend Recreation Area

Discussion

1. Hancock Park District Report:
 - Director – Gary Pruitt
 - Park Operations Manager – Scott Egbert
 - Naturalist – Michelle Rumschlag

Public Input

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.; Brugeman Lodge at Riverbend Recreation Area

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Staff Report/Agenda Supplement
January 14, 2025

Naloxbox Initiative: On November 21, 2024, Kalynn Sommers, harm reduction coordinator/peer support specialist with Hancock Public Health, asked if the Hancock Park District would be interested in putting cabinets with Narcan medication in the parks as part of its Naloxbox Initiative. On December 10, 2024, Ms. Sommers and her associate attended the Hancock Park District Board of Park Commissioners meeting to present information and answer questions. The Board took the information under advisement. However, the question remains: Should the Hancock Park District supply medication (or facilitate the supply of medication) to the public, specifically Narcan? That is the question and the policy decision facing the Hancock Park District Board of Park Commissioners.

Grounds Maintenance at the Hancock County Courthouse: On December 20, 2024, the Hancock Park District Director informed Hancock County Commissioner Tim Bechtol of the Hancock Park District's desire to discontinue grounds maintenance at the Hancock County Courthouse (and at Dorney Plaza). Commissioner Bechtol was asked about his thoughts on the subject:

1. The timing for this discussion is good since the Hancock County Commissioners had planned on asking the Hancock Park District to maintain the landscaping at the Allan H. Davis Judicial Center.
2. A financial incentive might be offered if the Hancock Park District would continue the work.
3. The Hancock County Commissioners are eternally grateful for the work by the Hancock Park District. The grounds look great.
4. There are plans to hire additional maintenance employees to address a staff shortage. When asked if those additional employees could be used to maintain the courthouse lawn, Commissioner Bechtol thought they might. The other option is to utilize the annual mowing contract.

What apparently began as an informal arrangement to maintain the courthouse lawn should end as a matter of policy. If the Board wants the Hancock Park District to stop maintaining the courthouse lawn (and Dorney Plaza), then a motion should be made to that effect, and a vote should be taken for the record. Afterward, a formal letter could be sent to the Hancock County Commissioners (and City of Findlay).

Election of Officers: Chairperson and Vice Chairperson: Board bylaws require the election of a chairperson and at least one vice chairperson.

Election of a member of the Board of Park Commissioners to the Hancock Parks Foundation Board of Trustees: Board bylaws require the election of one of its members to the Board of Trustees.

Request to approve the 2025 Meeting Schedule: Meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at Riverbend Recreation Area's Brugeman Lodge (see 2025 Meeting Schedule).

Request to approve the 2024 Schedule of Gifts, Grants and Donations: Approval by the Hancock Park District Board of Park Commissioners will serve as the Hancock Park District's official recognition and acceptance of gifts, grants and donations (see 2024 Schedule of Gifts, Grants and Donations).

Request to approve Resolution 2025-1 requesting the County Auditor to make tax advances during the year 2025, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 321.34: Advances on tax collections to the Hancock Park District's General Fund will ease cash flow requirements and prevent bank borrowing with interest for current expenses (see Resolution 2025-1).

Request to approve a new name for Shelter #5 at Riverbend Recreation Area: *Veterans Pavilion* was the name mentioned by Park Commissioner Scott Younger (and briefly discussed with the Hancock Park District Director) after the December 10, 2024 Board meeting.