



Hancock Park District

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

Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023
Location: Brugeman Lodge at Riverbend Recreation Area
Time: 3:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated August 8, 2023
2. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated August 31, 2023

Financial Status

1. Review of the Financial Statement dated August 31, 2023, presented by Hancock Park District Business Manager Vicky Stozich

Old Business

New Business

1. Request to approve Resolution 2023-16 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Hancock County Auditor
2. Request to approve Resolution 2023-17 regarding transfer of funds within the appropriation in the amount of \$242,000.00 from Litzenberg Memorial Woods Improvement Project to Great Karg Well Historical Site Development Project for accounting purposes
3. Request to approve Resolution 2023-18 requesting that the Hancock County Auditor prepare a certificate of estimated property tax revenue that would be generated by the replacement of an existing 0.8 mill tax levy on the property within Hancock County, Ohio pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §5705.03 (B)(1)

Discussion

1. Hancock Park District Report:
 - Director - Gary Pruitt
 - Park Operations Manager - Tyler Fredritz
 - Naturalist - Michelle Rumschlag

Public Input

Adjournment

The Board of Park Commissioners will visit Arlington Community Park, Mt. Blanchard's Island Park, and Vanlue Community Park immediately following the meeting. The tour is expected to occur from approximately 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.; Brugeman Lodge at Riverbend Recreation Area

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Staff Report / Agenda Supplement

September 12, 2023

Request to approve Resolution 2023-16 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Hancock County Auditor: Resolution 2023-16 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, 2024. As a routine matter each year, the Board of Park Commissioners is required to accept and adopt the resolution (see Resolution 2023-16).

Request to approve Resolution 2023-17 regarding transfer of funds within the appropriation in the amount of \$242,000.00 from Litzenberg Memorial Woods Improvement Project to Great Karg Well Historical Site Development Project for accounting purposes: When a decision was made to combine the Litzenberg Memorial Woods Improvement Project and the Great Karg Well Historical Site Development Project for bidding, it was made clear that billing would have to be separate since each project is subject to grant reimbursement. RCM Architects, Ohio Department of Natural Resources (grantor), and prospective bidders were informed.

Since separate project numbers had already been established by the Hancock County Auditor's Office, and since originally one purchase order was processed, it is desirable to create two separate purchase orders for more appropriate tracking and accounting. Therefore, the approval of Resolution 2023-17 is requested so that funds for the Great Karg Well Historical Site Development Project can be appropriated to its project number. The amount includes alternate bid (\$220,000.00) + 10% contingency (see Resolution 2023-17).

Request to approve Resolution 2023-18 requesting that the Hancock County Auditor prepare a certificate of estimated property tax revenue that would be generated by the replacement of an existing 0.8 mill tax levy on the property within Hancock County, Ohio pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §5705.03 (B)(1): This is the first of three resolutions as part of the park levy process (see Resolution 2023-18 and Certification).

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2023

The September 12, 2023 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
Staff Present: Gary Pruitt, Vicky Stozich

The meeting was called to order by Gary Hirschfeld at 3:25 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Gary Hirschfeld to approve Meeting Minutes dated August 8, 2023. Motion carried by a 2-0 vote.

A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Gary Hirschfeld to approve Meeting Minutes dated August 31, 2023. Motion carried by a 2-0 vote.

FINANCIAL STATUS

Income and expense reports year to date August 31, 2023 were reviewed by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

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DISCUSSION

Hancock Park District Report:

After the August park tour, Cathy Schroll and Gregg Like from the Village of McComb sent a note thanking the Board for its visit to McComb’s community park and for annual grants to help improve the park. Ohio Park and Recreation Association President Woody Woodward informed all park districts in Ohio that he was going to attend a presentation by attorneys from the Bricker law firm on new guidance from the State Auditor to help public employees and officials operate in compliance with Ohio law as it relates to levy campaigns. This guidance is a result of criminal charges being filed against a school superintendent and school board members because of their work on a levy in 2021. The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation notified the Hancock Park District that a grant in the amount of \$35,000.00 has been awarded for the Litzenberg Memorial Woods Improvement Project.

The landscaping islands in the parking lot at Riverside Park Waterfront are scheduled for restoration this fall. Tree stumps will be removed followed by seed and straw. Overgrown shrubs near the parking lot and in front of Brugeman Lodge will also be removed soon. Three memorial trees are scheduled for replacement. Pedal boats have been removed from the Blanchard River. Landscaping changes at the courthouse will begin soon. Work is expected to occur this fall and next spring.

PUBLIC INPUT

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Meeting Minutes approved:

Gary E. Hirschfeld, Chairperson

Gary E. Pruitt, Director/Secretary

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