



Hancock Park District

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

Date: Tuesday, June 13, 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 May 9, 2023

Financial Status

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

Old Business

New Business

1. Health Care Plan Renewal
2. Request to approve the 2024 Estimate of Revenues

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 Findlay's Riverside Park, Arcadia's Lions Club Park, and Fostoria's City 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, July 11, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.; Brugeman Lodge at Riverbend Recreation Area

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Staff Report / Agenda Supplement
June 13, 2023

Health Care Plan Renewal: Brock Colman from Hitchings Insurance Agency will be at the meeting to provide a brief overview of the Hancock Park District's Health Insurance Plan and to answer questions. Information will be presented at the meeting.

Request to approve the 2024 Estimate of Revenues: Completing the Estimate of Revenues is a routine matter each year. The Hancock Park District's revenue estimate is due to the Hancock County Auditor in July (see 2024 Estimate of Revenues).

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2023

The June 13, 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, Ed Ingold
Staff Present: Gary Pruitt, Vicky Stozich, Michelle Rumschlag
Guest Present: Brock Colman

The meeting was called to order by Gary Hirschfeld at 3:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Gary Hirschfeld to approve Meeting Minutes dated May 9, 2023. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL STATUS

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Health Care Plan Renewal: Brock Colman from Hitchings Insurance reported a 4.59% increase. The current insurance premium of \$14,418.29 is renewing at \$15,079.63. There are no changes to the plan. Since census information in April showed nine employees (one below the magic number of 10 employees), the rating changed. A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Ed Ingold to approve the health care plan renewal. Discussion focused on the change in which Medical Mutual proposed the billing of employees due to the rating change. It was considered drastic, unfair, and discriminatory since certain employees were tagged with an exorbitant increase in monthly premiums while other employees were assigned premiums less than current premiums. The appeal by the Hancock Park District was denied by Medical Mutual. The appeal was based on the following: The Hancock Park District has been a customer for many years, it has employed 11 fulltime employees for many years and even though there were nine employees in April during the census review, there are now 11 employees as usual, and the new billing proposal is improper and inconsistent with the way billing occurred in the past. The Board asked Mr. Colman to convey the Board's disappointment with the decision to deny an appeal when a reasonable appeal was made, and to reconsider. The plan is to circumvent Medical Mutual's billing proposal by instituting a new internal billing methodology that mimics the way in which billing occurred in the past when the census showed at least 10 fulltime employees. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Request to approve the 2024 Estimate of Revenues: The proposal includes \$60,000.00 (\$10,000.00 increase) in revenue from facility reservations, \$6,000.00 in revenue from boat rentals, \$12,000.00 (\$2,000.00 increase) in revenue from program fees, and \$35,000.00 (\$5,000.00 increase) in revenue from interest. A motion was made by Gary Hirschfeld with a second by Scott Younger to approve the 2024 Estimate of Revenues in the amount of \$113,000.00. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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DISCUSSION

Hancock Park District Report:

The Hancock Park District is working with two local organizations to facilitate a Heritage Trail Story Walk and a Mindfulness Walk. The Hancock County Veterans Service Office is working on a Heritage Trail Story Walk involving eight displays in eight parks along the Heritage Trail, starting this summer with displays at Eastpoint Area, Riverside Park Waterfront, Liberty Landing, and Riverbend Recreation Area. The signs and displays are being provided to us so that we can install them. The displays will include information about wars in which the United States of America fought and honor citizens of Hancock County who participated in those wars. The National Alliance on Mental Illness Hancock County Chapter is working on a Mindfulness Walk along the Loop Trail at Riverbend Recreation Area. The signs and displays are being provided to us so that we can install them. The displays will include Mindfulness in Nature signs with positive messages for mental well-being.

Woody Woodward, president of the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association reported to park districts in Ohio that “House language prohibiting replacement levies had been deleted by the Senate. This is a win for us” and “The language we worked for in the House to allow for renewal levies for 1545 Park Districts has been retained in the Senate version. This is a win for us.”

The new stump grinder has been received. It cost \$9,725.56. Park Operations Department employees attended a training session on how to use the stump grinder, which will attach to the Bobcat skid steer.

The Program Department is at full staff. The program specialist, program intern, and waterfront positions have been filled. Summer Camps started last week. There was a photograph in *The Courier* showing Summer Camp participants in the Nature Play Area at Oakwoods Nature Preserve. Summer Camp registration has been good. All summer programs have been promoted online at www.hancockparks.com for a few weeks.

PUBLIC INPUT

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Meeting Minutes approved:

Gary E. Hirschfeld, Chairperson

Gary E. Pruitt, Director/Secretary

Date

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