



Hancock Park District

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

Date: Tuesday, August 8, 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 July 11, 2023

Financial Status

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

Old Business

New Business

1. Park Levy Process and Timeline

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 Van Buren's Hoadley Park, McComb's Cloe Greiner Community Park, and Benton Ridge 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, September 12, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.; Brugeman Lodge at Riverbend Recreation Area

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Staff Report / Agenda Supplement
August 8, 2023

Park Levy Process and Timeline: This agenda item starts the official process, a series of steps leading to the Hancock Park District's levy being on the ballot in March 2024. The current Park Levy Process and Timeline was used eight years ago. The only change includes the current agenda item. It seems appropriate that the Board should be cognizant of the process and timeline over the next four months, look forward to the agenda items to come, and be aware of the depth of work that needs to be done (see Park Levy Process and Timeline).

Ohio Revised Code 1545.21 says: "The board of park commissioners, by resolution, may submit to the electors of the park district the question of levying taxes for the use of the district." Below is a bit of history regarding the Hancock Park District's levy:

Levy #1: Voters approved the 0.5-mill, 10-year levy in 1976

Levy #2: Voters approved the 0.5-mill, 10-year levy in 1986

Levy #3: Voters approved the 0.3-mill, six-year levy in 1990*

Levy #4: Voters approved the 0.8-mill, four-year levy in 1996**

Levy #5: Voters approved the 0.8-mill, eight-year replacement levy in 2000

Levy #6: Voters approved the 0.8-mill, eight-year replacement levy in 2008

Levy #7: Voters approved the 0.8-mill, eight-year replacement levy in 2016

*Voters approved a 0.3-mill, 6-year levy for permanent improvements.

**Voters defeated a proposed 1 mill, 10-year levy in March and then approved a 0.8-mill, 4-year levy in November as two previous levies expired: 1986 and 1990.

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2023

The August 8, 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, Tyler Fredritz, Vicky Stozich, Michelle Rumschlag (3:27 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order by Gary Hirschfeld at 3:24 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Ed Ingold to approve Meeting Minutes dated July 11, 2023. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL STATUS

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Park Levy Process and Timeline: A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Ed Ingold to place a 0.8-mill replacement levy on the ballot. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Request to approve Resolution 2023-14 regarding additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification and Park Commissioners to appropriate in the general fund in the amount of \$1,100.00 for RCM Architects and the new restroom facilities at Riverbend Recreation Area: A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Ed Ingold to approve Resolution 2023-14. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION

Hancock Park District Report:

The Litzenberg Memorial Woods Improvement Project was advertised on August 1. It will be advertised on August 8 and August 15. The Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for August 15. The bid opening is scheduled for August 22. If bids are received, a special Board meeting will be scheduled for August 24. To date, plan holders include Shelly Company, Gardner Corporation, and Geddis Paving & Excavating. Heidelberg University will monitor water quality at Bright Conservation Area. Joni Fitch, Director of Community Affairs & Engagement with Goodyear asked if the Hancock Park District was interested in the donation of Cooper Pond. More information about the donation and property is forthcoming. Authorization to visit the property was requested.

Park managers at River Landings Maintenance Facility have expressed a need for more equipment. As a result, new equipment has been purchased. The readiness of equipment is improving. The Program Department partnered with The Community Foundation to provide free ½ hour boat rentals during the weekend of August 5 and 6. It was part of The Community Foundation’s Fun for All series. There were 62 rentals and 322 participants. The Community Foundation is expected to reimburse the Hancock Park District \$310.00 via a grant. September public programs have been publicized. One-day camps are scheduled for next week.

PUBLIC INPUT

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Meeting Minutes approved:

Gary E. Hirschfeld, Chairperson

Gary E. Pruitt, Director/Secretary

Date

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