



# Hancock Park District

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

**Date:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022  
**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 12, 2022

#### Financial Status

1. Review of the Financial Statement dated August 31, 2022, presented by Hancock Park District Business Manager Vicky Stozich
2. Statement of Activity Hancock Park District Blanchard River Greenway Trail Fund January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022

#### Old Business

#### New Business

1. Request to approve Resolution 2022-08 regarding additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification and Park Commissioners to appropriate in the General Fund in the amount of \$873.00 for Severance Salaries and Medicare for Arras Patterson
2. Request to approve Resolution 2022-09 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor
3. Request for authorization to execute an Offer to Purchase regarding land adjacent to Blue Rock Nature Preserve
4. Request to approve the submittal of a Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program grant application for the purchase of land adjacent to Vogelsong Conservation Area

#### Discussion

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

#### Public Input Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 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**  
**September 13, 2022**

1. **Request to approve Resolution 2022-08 regarding additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification and Park Commissioners to appropriate in the General Fund in the amount of \$873.00 for Severance Salaries and Medicare for Arras Patterson:** Ms. Patterson's employment with the Hancock Park District ended in August 2022 (see Resolution 2022-08).
2. **Request to approve Resolution 2022-09 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor:** Resolution 2022-09 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, 2023. As a routine matter each year, the Board of Park Commissioners is required to accept and adopt the resolution (see Resolution 2022-09).
3. **Request authorization to execute an Offer to Purchase regarding land adjacent to Blue Rock Nature Preserve:** The land was appraised at \$220,000.00. The purchase price is \$231,000.00. If the grant is awarded, it will provide 75% of the funds needed (\$173,250.00), thus leaving a balance of \$57,750.00 (25% local match) plus closing costs for the Hancock Park District to pay. The Offer to Purchase is a required attachment to the grant application (see Offer to Purchase).
4. **Request to approve the submittal of a Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program grant for the purchase of land adjacent to Vogelsong Conservation Area:** The Hancock Park District has been given an opportunity to acquire the 13-acre field west of and adjacent to Vogelsong Conservation Area. Since the land borders the conservation area and the future Blanchard River Greenway Trail, the possibilities are intriguing. Wetlands, pollinator habitat, woodland, and prairie are among the considerations for conservation area expansion. The feasibility of rest areas and viewing platforms for hikers, bicyclists, and persons using a wheelchair or other power-driven mobility devices is also something to consider.



**HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting Minutes for September 13, 2022**

The September 13, 2022 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  
HPD Staff Present: Gary Pruitt, Tyler Fredritz, Vicky Stozich, Michelle Rumschlag  
Guests Present: Sara Arthurs (3:30 p.m.)

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ed Ingold with a second by Scott Younger to approve Meeting Minutes dated July 12, 2022. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**FINANCIAL STATUS**

Income and expense reports year to date August 31, 2022 and the Statement of Activity Hancock Park District Blanchard River Greenway Trail Fund January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 were reviewed by the Board.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Request to approve Resolution 2022-08 regarding additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification and Park Commissioners to appropriate in the General Fund in the amount of \$873.00 for Severance Salaries and Medicare for Arras Patterson:** A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Ed Ingold to approve Resolution 2022-08. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Request to approve Resolution 2022-09 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor:** A motion was made by Gary Hirschfeld with a second by Scott Younger to approve Resolution 2022-09. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Request to approve Resolution 2022-10 regarding additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification and Park Commissioners to appropriate in the General Fund in the amount of \$7,852.00 for unemployment compensation for Arras Christine Patterson:** A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Ed Ingold to approve Resolution 2022-11. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Request to approve Resolution 2022-11 regarding additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification and Park Commissioners to appropriate in the General Fund in the amount of \$6,921.00 for a supply change order regarding three new waterless restroom facilities at Riverbend Recreation Area:** A motion was made by Ed Ingold with a second by Gary Hirschfeld to approve Resolution 2022-12. Motion carried by a 2-0 vote. Scott Younger abstained.

**Request authorization to execute an Offer to Purchase regarding land adjacent to Blue Rock Nature Preserve:** A motion was made by Ed Ingold with a second by Gary Hirschfeld to table the request. The appraisal value is too high. A much lower purchase price is desired; have a discussion with the owner about a land value donation. A title search and Phase I Environmental Assessment are required. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Request to approve the submittal of a Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program grant application for the purchase of land adjacent to Vogel song Conservation Area:** A motion was made by Ed Ingold with a second by Gary Hirschfeld to table the request. Inquire about the purchase price ahead of an appraisal; \$15,000.00 an acre is too high; \$8,000.00 an acre might be considered. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Hancock Park District Report:**

Group boat rentals have been popular since Labor Day. The Department of Natural Resources Division of Watercraft conducted its annual inspection of the Zonta Landing Boathouse; watercraft and PFDs. The Park Ranger was complimentary of the operation and inventory. The EPA did not approve the removal of 40 trees in Vogel song Conservation Area as required by Blanchard River Greenway Trail construction. The revised plan includes less asphalt and more boardwalk, more money, a trail location closer to State Highway 568, and the removal of only a few trees. The EPA approved the revised plan. Easements have been recorded.

John Bowman has been hired as the new Park Manager East. He was chosen from a group of five qualified applicants. The Oakwoods Nature Preserve Wetland Restoration Area will open to the general public on September 14 following the ribbon cutting ceremony. The area at Dold Lake where the concrete foundations were removed has been restored. Dirt was hauled to the site from a stockpile at Bright Conservation Area, graded, and seeded. Grass is growing.

Public boat rentals are closed for the season. Fall float trips are scheduled for fall. University of Findlay students from the Education Department are being trained to help with History Comes Alive. Several schools and their fourth graders have registered to participate. Fall programs are being publicized.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Meeting Minutes approved:

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Gary E. Hirschfeld, Chairperson

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Gary E. Pruitt, Director/Secretary

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**HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**  
**Executive Session Minutes for September 22, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Gary Hirschfeld at 1:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Gary Hirschfeld with a second by Scott Younger to meet in executive session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes per Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(2). Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Board Chairperson Gary Hirschfeld initiated a discussion about the acquisition of land west of and adjacent to Vogelsong Conservation Area. The discussion was related to a request to approve the submittal of a Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program grant application for the purchase of land adjacent to Vogelsong Conservation Area, which was tabled by the Board during the previous meeting on September 13, 2022. By consensus, the Board agreed that an appraisal should be ordered.

No official action was taken during this executive session attended by Park Commissioner Gary Hirschfeld, Park Commissioner Scott Younger, Park Commissioner Ed Ingold, and Hancock Park District Director Gary Pruitt.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Minutes approved:

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Gary E. Hirschfeld, Chairperson

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Gary E. Pruitt, Director/Secretary

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