



Hancock Park District

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

Date: Tuesday, December 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 November 8, 2022

Financial Status

1. Review of the Financial Statement dated November 30, 2022, presented by Hancock Park District Business Manager Vicky Stozich

Old Business

New Business

1. Request to approve Resolution 2022-15 Annual Appropriation
2. Request to approve the Proposed Site Plan for Great Karg Well Historical Site

Discussion

1. Hancock Park District Report:
 - Director – Gary Pruitt
 - Park Operations Manager – Tyler Fredritz
 - Natural Resource Manager – Chad Carroll

Public Input

Adjournment

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

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Staff Report / Agenda Supplement
December 13, 2022

Request to approve Resolution 2022-15 Annual Appropriation: Resolution 2022-15 Annual Appropriation provides for current expenses and other expenditures for the Hancock Park District during fiscal year 2023 according to sums and purposes outlined in the resolution, which are consistent with the Hancock Park District's 2023 operating budget presented to and reviewed by the Board on November 8, 2022 (see Resolution 2022-15).

Request to approve the Proposed Site Plan for Great Karg Well Historical Site: There are three primary objectives associated with the development of Great Karg Well Historical Site. They include safety, function, and identification.

Safety: Safety is achieved by installing a decorative railing to keep park visitors away from the wall and by installing decorative bollards to keep vehicles from entering the picnic area, walkway, and monument/interpretive area.

Function: Function is achieved by removing, replacing, and improving the parking lot, meeting accessibility standards per the Americans with Disabilities Act, providing a picnicking area/seating area with views of the Blanchard River, and focusing more on the history of the Great Karg Well with interpretive signs and displays.

Identification: Identification is achieved by installing the standard park entrance/identification sign to inform park visitors that Great Karg Well Historical Site is managed and maintained by the Hancock Park District.

Other design and development components include:

1. Picnic tables and benches (relocated from Gateway Plaza near Civitan Park) and the entrance/identification sign have already been purchased.
2. The undeveloped access to the Blanchard River will be maintained, since Great Karg Well Historical Site is a designated access site along the Blanchard River Water Trail.
3. The proposed meadow plantings are meant to reduce mowing, beautify the area, and create a buffer between the pedestrian area/safety railing and the retaining wall.
4. The Proposed Site Plan anticipates a connection to a future section of the Blanchard River Greenway Trail.
5. Rip-rap at the base of the retaining wall is intended to eliminate or mitigate further undermining due to flooding.
6. Designing the concrete/picnic area and safety railing in the southeast corner in a way that does not block access to the Blanchard River, but prevents access to the retaining wall remains a particular challenge and focus area (see Proposed Site Plan).

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

The December 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
Staff Present: Gary Pruitt, Vicky Stozich, Tyler Fredritz, Chad Carroll

The meeting was called to order by Gary Hirschfeld at 3:28 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Gary Hirschfeld to approve Meeting Minutes dated November 8, 2022. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL STATUS

Income and expense reports year to date November 30, 2022 were reviewed by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Request to approve Resolution 2022-15 Annual Appropriation: A motion was made by Gary Hirschfeld with a second by Scott Younger to approve Resolution 2022-15. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Request to approve the Proposed Site Plan for Great Karg Well Historical Site: A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Ed Ingold to approve the Proposed Site Plan for Great Karg Well Historical Site. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION

Hancock Park District Report:

A \$2,000.00 grant was received for native plants and bird seed in and near the wetland behind the Discovery Center. The grant came from the Leah H. and Thomas C. Buchanan Fund, Donor Advised Fund of the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation. The grant was suggested by Karen Wachs who inquired about a project related to native plants and birds. After reviewing a project description prepared by the director and meeting with the naturalist and natural resource manager at Oakwoods Nature Preserve, Ms. Wachs decided to donate money for the project. The new restroom facilities for Riverbend Recreation Area are in production following a Notice to Proceed and partial payment. Delivery is expected in April.

Rowan Coburn-Griffis resigned her position as park manager central effective December 30, 2022. The position opening has been advertised. Interviews are being conducted for the park manager east position. The RTV that was ordered in January 2022 has been delivered.

An \$11,000.00 grant was received for the construction of a bat condo for a meadow in Riverbend Recreation Area. In essence, it will be an 8' x 8' bat house with a capacity for 6,000 bats. The grant came from Marathon Petroleum Corporation. Marathon employees are going to build the bat condo.

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PUBLIC INPUT

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Meeting Minutes approved:

Gary E. Hirschfeld, Chairperson

Gary E. Pruitt, Director/Secretary

Date
