

August 8, 2016

Attendees:

Mr. Butters  
Mr. Genske  
Mrs. O'Brien

Joan Heppert, Recording

Regular Meeting  
of the  
Russell Township Park Commission

Russell Township Town Hall

Call to Order:

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

2016-51 Move to approve and sign the minutes from 7/11/16 as presented was moved by Charlie Butters and seconded by Dave Genske.

Vote: Charlie Butters Y, Dave Genske Y, Linda O'Brien Y. Motion unanimous.

2016-52 Move to approve and sign the minutes from 7/15/16 as presented was moved by Charlie Butters and seconded by Dave Genske.

Vote: Charlie Butters Y, Dave Genske Y, Linda O'Brien Y. Motion unanimous.

The business of the meeting was brought up by Dave Genske with an update on the dog station signs. Willow Leaf has been contacted and additional companies will be looked into. Charlie Butters added future plan to add the post for the 200 bags. No public comments at this business meeting; the audience was informed that volunteers could speak with the board after the meeting. Mrs. O'Brien also informed that she is scheduled to walk the Fairmont and West River properties with Shane of WRLC on August 30<sup>th</sup>. The properties will be looked at from the standpoint of general well-being according to the status of the agreement set by the prior commissioners and the WRLC. An update will be presented at the next regular meeting. These parks are not primary resident access parks, they are stand alone properties that don't get much foot traffic stated Linda O'Brien.

2016-53 Move to approve and sign a letter to the Russell Township Trustees and the Zoning Commission clarifying the stance on re-zoning of Park District's properties. The letter was read and signed as presented was moved by Charlie Butters and seconded by Dave Genske.

Vote: Charlie Butters Y, Dave Genske Y, Linda O'Brien Y. Motion unanimous.

Linda O'Brien gave an update on the Modroo property. A letter has been presented a written letter of commitment to Mary Modroo as to the Russell Township Park District's commitment financially to purchase the property. The pricing cannot be disclosed until the contract is accepted and will then become public information. An e-mail from Joe Leslie was read to reflect the appreciation of the WRLC; and they look forward to working together on this significant community asset. The WRLC development department has created and is now implementing a plan to fundraise for the balance needed. An update will be given at the next regular meeting.

Regarding the potential maintenance of the property, Linda O'Brien spoke with a Geauga biologist who does land preservation and conservation and the high price is \$1500./acre if there was interest in planting and seeding with native plants so as to stop the negative growth that could occur. The other side would be to bring in someone to brush hog or cut the hay on a regular basis. The board is committed to supporting the wild life in the area. Timing will have to be looked into. The field was cut in July.

Linda also informed that an email was sent to Jim Flaiz as a follow up for guidance from the prosecutors office, and the next step will be a follow-up in person.

Charlie Butters informed the audience that the budget hearing is scheduled on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:50 p.m. at the Geauga County Auditor's office.

2016-54 Move to approve and sign check #108 – #111 dated 8/8/16 was moved by Charlie Butters and seconded by Dave Genske.

Vote: Charlie Butters Y, Dave Genske Y, Linda O'Brien Y. Motion unanimous.

Charlie commented that a letter was received from Middlefield Bank in regards to the limit of six transactions has been exceeded ; which includes checks disbursed and monies received from the county. Perhaps a different account will be looked into to conserve costs. The individual checks and the amounts were read as requested by an audience member.

The September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting was discussed as for a time and was agreed to keep it at September 12<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was closed at 7:15 p.m.

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9/12/16 Next Regular Meeting