

September 27, 2016  
Special Meeting  
West Woods Visitor Center

Attendees:

Mr. Genske  
Mrs. O'Brien

Joan Heppert, Recording

Call to order at 7:00 p.m.

Move to enter into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G) (2) to consider the purchase of property for public purposes to discuss matters of pending or eminent court action was moved by Linda O'Brien and seconded by Dave Genske.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Genske Y, Linda O'Brien Y. and was entered at 7:01 p.m. The Park Board attorneys were invited into executive session.

Move to enter back into the special meeting was moved by Mr. Genske and seconded by Linda O'Brien at 7:51 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Genske Y, Linda O'Brien Y.

Mrs. O'Brien moved to have Dale Markowitz to complete drawing up the purchase agreement and to address the open issues with the conservation easement so that they can be finalized so that this project can be finalized and brought to closure and was seconded by Dave Genske.

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

Mrs. O'Brien moved to withdraw the request to the court that was pursuant to the July 18, 2016 letter concerning the possible interference that could frustrate the process of purchasing land by the Russell Township Park District and Mr. Genske seconded.

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

Mrs. O'Brien was excited to announce the new park for Russell Township and thanked all in the meeting attendance for their help in making this happen.

Public Comments

- Rich Cochran mentioned that the WRLC is still short of the fundraising goal if anyone is interested in helping to reach the goal. He also thanked the Russell Township Park District for being partners. Mrs. O'Brien acknowledged being partners in this kind of endeavor is the right way to go and it has been a very fruitful partnership and she is grateful for that.
- Shelly Chernin asked if another meeting will be required for documents to actually be signed? Dale Markowitz stated that October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting all should be ready. Mrs. O'Brien asked Dale if the Park Board needed three signatures or could it be closed with two? Mr. Markowitz stated that two signatures are needed for closure; and then the two could authorize to sign if someone is absent. Shelly Chernin thanked everyone for their hard work.

Mrs. O'Brien stated she felt that the residents of Russell need to understand that it's a slow process to work through a \$1.5M land purchase especially when it has considerations that are public. As a result of the hard work, the generosity of having WRLC as partners, the tax payers of Russell Township have saved \$350K. No money was borrowed and it was able to be accomplished within the park board budget. This park will be a place that the tax payers and others can enjoy. It will be designed in such a way that the activities and education can be enjoyed by people of all ages. Memories that are created by families that will go beyond a price tag Mrs. O'Brien said.

The meeting was closed.

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