

April 11, 2016

Attendees:

Mr. Butters
Mrs. O'Brien Absent
Mr. Siegler

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 7:07 p.m.

2016-18 Move to approve and sign the minutes from 3/14/16 as read was moved by Sandy Siegler and seconded by Charlie Butters.

Vote: Charlie Butters N, Sandy Siegler N. Motion tabled to show who moves the motion.

2016-19 Move to enter into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G) (2) to discuss matters of land purchase for public purposes was moved by Sandy Siegler and seconded by Charlie Butters at 7:15 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Charlie Butters Y, Sandy Siegler Y. Motion unanimous.

2016-20 Move to enter into regular session at 7:41 p.m. was moved by Sandy Siegler and seconded by Charlie Butters. Motion Unanimous.

2016-21 Move to purchase the Modroo property was moved by Sandy Siegler and here was no second.

Vote: Charlie Butters N, Sandy Siegler Y. Motion Failed and was tabled.

2016-22 Move to approve and pay Susan Baker for 10 hours of training at \$15.00 per hour was moved by Sandy Siegler and was seconded by Charlie Butters.

Vote: Charlie Butters Y, Sandy Siegler Y. Motion unanimous.

Discussions ensued in retaining Buckingham, Doolittle and Borough LLC for evaluating the levy language from the 2011 levy as it pertains to alternative uses of the money other than land purchase. There was uncertainty on how much money to spend. The voters voted to purchase land with this money per Sandy Siegler. Charlie Butters would like to explore what we can do to use the levy monies for. Can we use the monies for maintenance and improvements?

2016-23 Move to approve and retain Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs LLC to evaluate the 2011 levy language not to exceed \$4,000.00 was moved by Charlie Butters and there was no second.

Vote: Charlie Butters Y, Sandy Siegler N. Motion Failed and was tabled.

Public Comments in regards to the above motion:

Mr. Shanker did not think the easements assigned to the land could be removed.

Sharmyn Clark objected to spending money when it has already been voted on.

Shelley Chernin mentioned the air quality is improves life everyday and was not in favor of spending the money.

Rob Morgan was not in favor of passing up the parcel and mentioned that the public access is at grade.

There are not too many opportunities for this size of land to be purchased. Rob has also provided the map on the website of the Uplands Preserve.

Charlie Butters would like to gather more information at a future open house.

Sandy Siegler mentioned that every park property has access to it.

In other new business Charlie Butters will approach the Township to keep the 4 drawer filing cabinet currently located at the west Woods at the Historical Society.

The dog waste problems at the Russell Uplands Preserve will be looked into further by Charlie Butters and the potential for bio degradable bags as well as other possibilities.

2016-25 Move to approve and sign checks 214 and 215 dated 4/11/16 was moved by Charlie Butters and seconded by Sandy Siegler.

Vote: Charlie Butters Y, Sandy Siegler Y. Motion unanimous.

The 2014/2015 Audit will be starting next week and Charlie Butters will be meeting with the auditors.

2016-24 Move to approve and sign up Charlie Butters to the Geauga County Township Association as an associate member was moved by Sandy Siegler and seconded by Charlie Butters.

Vote: Charlie Butters Y, Sandy Siegler Y. Motion unanimous.

The meeting was closed at 8:30 p.m.

Commissioner

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