

April 13, 2015

**Attendees:**

**Roy Podojil**

**Terry Ries**

**Sandy Siegler**

**Melissa Palmer**

Brittany Milite, Recording

Guests: Howard Shanker

Pete McDonald

**Regular Meeting  
of the  
Russell Township Park Commission**

**West Woods Nature Center**

**Call to Order:**

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

**Minutes:**

- The minutes from the March 9, 2015 regular meeting were read. **MOTION:** Terry Ries made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2015 meeting. Roy Podojil seconded the motion.

**Guest:**

- Guest Howard Shanker expressed his concern for the Russell Park property located at 13610 Sperry Rd. and indicated that mowing was done on the property as well as hunting. He explained that the property was bought from him in 1991 through the Russell Land Conservancy and later became Township property. He indicated that the Western Reserve Land Conservancy was supposed to enforce the rules on the property but had limited ability to do so and was approaching the Park Commissioners for their help. The Russell Park Commissioners explained that they were in no position to hire enforcement as most of the Park Commission's funds could only be spent on land purchase. Pete McDonald from the Western Reserve Land Conservancy indicated that the neighbors who had mowed on the property were approached two years prior and had agreed to refrain from mowing the property. Several site inspections since then proved that they had not mowed since the original incident.

**Old Business:**

- **Land Purchase:** The Lawyer's Title Agency will be contacted for information regarding when the deed for the land purchase would be received.
- **RUP Trail Map:** The RUP trail map has been laminated and hung up in the kiosk for use; the map will soon be put on the Russell Park District website. Michael Blades will use trail markers that are color coded to match the trail map key. Maps were also delivered to the Russell Township safety forces. The Russell Fire Department indicated that they would like to run a mock rescue at the RUP using the maps in the near future.

**New Business:**

- **Mowing Proposal:** The proposal for mowing the RUP, Fairmount, Meadow, and wood chips was received. **MOTION:** Sandy Siegler made the motion to accept the proposal for 2015 mowing received by Blades Lawn Care. Roy Podojil seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- **RUP Address:** The commissioners indicated that the RUP address should be posted, especially for safety force use. Michael Blades will be contacted to post it.

**Monthly Financial Report & Signings:**

- Mr. Ries received the monthly financial reports and signed the bank statements.
- Warrant & Ck #174 to Lawyer's Title Agency in the amount of \$29,000.00 for land purchase (from PO#2015-15).
- Warrant & Ck #175 to Lawyer's Title Agency in the amount of \$291.03 for closing fees (from PO#2015-16).
- Warrant & Ck #176 to Melissa Palmer in the amount of \$250.00 for April secretarial services (from PO#2015-1).
- Warrant & Ck #177 to Brittany Milite in the amount of \$100.00 for April secretarial services (from PO#2015-10).
- Warrant & Ck #178 to Custom Cut Landscapes in the amount of \$600.00 (from PO#2015-14).
- Warrant & Ck #179 to Blades Lawn Care in the amount of \$200.00 for trail checks and replacing fence post at RUP (from PO#2015-12).

**Adjournment:**

- Terry Ries made the motion to adjourn. Roy Podojil seconded the motion and it passed. **The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**

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Chairman

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Recorder