

March 05, 2018

Attendees:

Ms. Weiss Carson

Mr. Suhay

Mr. Wayt

Joan Heppert, Recording

Russell Township Park Board  
Special Meeting  
Geauga West Public Library

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

Mr. Wayt opened the work session and by a show of hands decided to move to the park survey discussion first. The survey will be advertised in local newspapers and posted on the Russell Township Park District website.

- Mr. Suhay suggested a web based survey to keep the paper retention down and a map to show the parks.
- Ms. Weiss Carson suggested adding a question about volunteering, allowing the respondents to include their name and address. She mentioned concerns about only being on the web.
  - Donna Mintz mentioned the WRLC and their beautiful Modroo drawings. She hoped that the work already completed on the vision would be used.
  - Roy Podojil mentioned the original reason for purchasing Modroo was because it was flat and would be accessible for people with disabilities.
  - Greg Gullstrom inquired about the budget and if the money would have to be raised? He suggested a budget be clear for the expectations.
    - Mr. Wayt responded that there are some monies available.
  - Kendrick Chittock introduced himself from the WRLC and offered any help that is needed for information. He noted that there is \$50K for the park district available from the original agreement with WRLC.
  - Jack Schmitt inquired about a space on the survey to provide potential land donations.
  - Heidi O'Neill suggested putting the parcels that the park board owns and which ones have you visited on the survey.
  - Perry Howland inquired if by going online for the survey you can register yourself to get on a mailing list.
    - Mr. Wayt commented not at this time. It is the hopes in the future as we develop the website.
  - Matt Jonquist inquired about putting up a sign about the survey at town hall.
    - Mr. Wayt was not aware that a sign could be placed there for the Park District.

2018-11 Mr. Wayt moved to advertise for the survey as discussed, including changes, with an online link for the survey in The News Herald, Geauga Maple Leaf, Chesterland News and Chagrin Valley Times. The survey will be posted this week and close on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the survey should not exceed \$400. and was seconded by Mr. Suhay.

Vote: Mr. Suhay Y, Mr. Wayt Y, Ms. Weiss Carson Y. Motion passes

A ten minute break was taken.

Mr. Wayt led the discussion of the by-laws which have not been updated since 1984. The original by-laws were sent to Thrasher, Dinsmore & Dolan for review. The draft documents were reviewed in detail by page and the final adopted changes are attached.

There were no public comments on the discussion of the by-laws.

2018-12 Mr. Wayt moved to adopt the by-laws as discussed noting that they will not be effective until a summary is published in accordance with sections 1545.09 and 731.21 of the Ohio Revised Code and was seconded by Mr. Suhay.

Vote: Mr. Suhay Y, Mr. Wayt Y, Ms. Weiss Carson Y. Motion passes.

The next regular meeting will be on 3/12/18 and a planned work session was agreed upon to start at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was closed at 8:12 p.m.

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