

August 13, 2018

Attendees:

Mr. Wayt

Mr. Suhay

Ms. Weiss Carson

Joan Heppert, Recording

Regular Meeting  
of the  
Russell Township Park Commission

West Woods Visitor Center

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

2018-52 Mr. Wayt moved to approve and sign the minutes from 7/9/18 as presented and was seconded by Ms. Weiss Carson.  
Vote: Mr. Wayt Y, Mr. Suhay Y, Ms. Weiss Carson Y. Motion passes.

2018-53 Mr. Wayt moved to approve and sign the minutes from 7/17/18 as presented and was seconded by Ms. Weiss Carson.  
Vote: Mr. Wayt Y, Mr. Suhay Y, Ms. Weiss Carson Y. Motion passes.

Mr. Wayt noted that Michael Blades cut down the trees that were dead and left the wood on the property. Two questions asked are did we meet the easement and was proper forest management practices followed. These were discussed with Shane from WRLC and both answers are yes. The trees were dead from the ash borer and beech disease. Western Reserve received two phone calls of concern regarding the tree cutting at the Uplands. The callers remain anonymous.

2018-54 Mr. Wayt moved to approve after the fact \$1,500.00 for Blades Lawn Care for the cutting of additional trees and was seconded by Mr. Suhay.  
Vote: Mr. Wayt Y, Mr. Suhay Y, Ms. Weiss Carson Y. Motion passes.

2018-55 Mr. Wayt moved to approve and sign check # 1061 – 1064, dated 8/13/18 and was seconded by Mr. Suhay.  
Vote: Mr. Wayt Y, Mr. Suhay Y, Ms. Weiss Carson Y. Motion passes.

Mr. Wayt mentioned a meeting he had with Joe Leslie, Rich Cochran and Kendrick Chittock regarding the Modroo property and the acreage around the house. A presentation will be coming up in the near future. They are working on new drawings and paths. Mr. Wayt mentioned having a meeting with all of the neighbors to address concerns on the location of the new paths.

Discussion moved next to the levy and changing the name of the park board. The message needs to be that we are the conservation park board for the levy Mr. Wayt stated. The previous boards and now through us have always conserved the land in Russell Township. Ms. Weiss Carson added that we are also the maintenance board for the properties. This park board is taking care of 422 acres of land with as little money as possible for the residents, she added. Mr. Wayt will take the lead on how to change the name for the park district going forward.

A public records request was received from Ed Myer regarding the Modroo appraisals. Mr. Wayt stated that the appraisal was given to him from Joe Leslie. An email was received asking for verification that this was the appraisal that was used. Mr. Wayt stated he would direct the inquiry to the meeting minutes due to several appraisals being used for the Modroo purchase.

2018-56 Mr. Wayt moved to approve the hiring of Matthew Markiewicz for tree work at the Russell Uplands on 5 specific trees not to exceed \$300.00 and was seconded by Mr. Suhay.  
Vote: Mr. Wayt Y, Mr. Suhay Y, Ms. Weiss Carson Y. Motion passes.

Mr. Wayt opened the discussion for the five year plan. In regards to the Modroo property, the WRLC would have to design a plan working with landscape architects, and develop the trails. Russell Uplands needs some work and signage for all of the park district properties is a goal. Mr. Wayt noted that the inside mileage from the township has ended and doesn't feel it worth the legal fees to fight the township on this issue at this time. If the levy doesn't pass there will be a different conversation he stated. Mr. Suhay noted there will be a lot of confusion with two levies on the ballot by different park boards. Mr. Wayt suggested if this levy passes to set aside a large amount of monies for future land purchase. Ms. Weiss Carson said that consideration is needed for maintenance and expenses on a monthly basis.

Mr. Wayt thanked Joan Demirjian for a well balanced article written about the 1545 Park Board.

Mr. Wayt thanked everyone for coming and for their input.

The meeting was closed at 7:57 p.m.

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**Warrant Listing:**

8/13/18	Blades Lawn Care	\$1,920.00	<b>#1061</b>
8/13/18	Joan Heppert	\$533.75	<b>#1062</b>
8/13/18	Thrasher, Dinsmore & Dolan	\$4,181.14	<b>#1063</b>
8/13/18	Treasurer of State	\$1,906.50	<b>#1064</b>



