

February 14, 2017

Attendees:

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

Joan Heppert, Recording

Regular Meeting
of the
Russell Township Park Commission

West Woods Visitor Center

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

2017- 13 Move to approve and sign the minutes from 1/9/17 as presented was moved by Linda O'Brien and
Seconded by Charlie Butters.
Vote: Charlie Butters Y, Linda O'Brien Y

Charlie Butters gave an update on the Modroo property and the next steps of getting a comprehensive survey of the contours and elevations from his conversation with Heidi O'Neill. Linda O'Brien mentioned that it would be nice to have the front of the property cleaned up with a brush hog to show that progress is beginning. She will be following up with Rich of the WRLC to see if there are stakes marking the property lines. Rudy Schwartz was a possible lead in regards to surveying and possible worked on the Modroo property previously.

Linda O'Brien mentioned that she met with the Trevor Wilson from the Geauga County Parks Foundation and he is working on obtaining the \$50K that will be raised through the WRLC for the Modroo property. Mr. Wilson has extended an offer of help going forward with the Park Board.

Mrs. O'Brien gave an update on the signs at the Uplands preserve stating that there are a total of four signs now up informing residents to keep their dogs on leash. Charlie mentioned that the Doggie Dooley's are ready to install as well as the post with the biodegradable dog waste bag dispenser, and going forward there will be grass planted and the signs installed for the final steps.

Linda O'Brien gave an update on the Smith Nash property and has mentioned that Mr. Keller is committed to clearing up the cements blocks and old appliances on the property. Mr. Keller has requested help and the Land Conservancy will be gathering a work crew once permission has been obtained to gain access to the debris. The goal is to have this completed by July 1st.

Charlie Butters gave an update on moving the banking and his conversations with First National Bank and our current banking with Middlefield Bank. First National Bank is paying more in interest and has a better deal on the actual check stock. Charlie mentioned in the transition of leaving \$10 – 15K at Middlefield Bank.

2017- 14 Move to change the Park Board banking from Middlefield Bank to First National Bank was moved by Charlie Butters and seconded by Linda O'Brien.
Vote: Charlie Butters Y, Linda O'Brien Y

2017-15 Move to approve and sign check #141 – #149 dated 2/14/17 was moved by Charlie Butters and seconded by Linda O'Brien.
Vote: Charlie Butters Y, Linda O'Brien Y

2017-16 Move to approve opening purchase order 12-2017 to the Geauga County Treasurer for real estate taxes on the Modroo property in the amount of \$14,131.96 was moved by Charlie Butters and seconded by Linda O'Brien.

Vote: Charlie Butters Y, Linda O'Brien Y

Mr. Paul Kiebler was asked to attend in executive session.

2017-17 Move to enter into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G) (2) to discuss matters of land purchase or sale for public purposes was moved by Charlie Butters and seconded by Linda O'Brien.

Roll Call Vote: Charlie Butters Y, Linda O'Brien Y. and was entered at 7:19 p.m.

2017-18 Move to enter back into the regular meeting was moved by Charlie Butters and seconded by Linda O'Brien at 7:40 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Charlie Butters Y, Linda O'Brien Y.

2017-19 Move to approve and sign a waiver of right of first refusal for the parcel NE Dines and County Line was moved by Charlie Butters and seconded by Linda O'Brien.

Vote: Charlie Butters Y, Linda O'Brien Y

2017-20 Move to approve up to \$100 for the advertisement for the financial/secretarial position was moved by Charlie Butters and seconded by Linda O'Brien.

Vote: Charlie Butters Y, Linda O'Brien Y

Public Comments:

- Heidi O'Neill asked if the funds collected from the Real Estate for land acquisition will expire. Charlie Butters explained that collections end this year. Any new levy would cover everything including land acquisition, maintenance, improvements and operations.
- Barb Berkley inquired about an area for off leash dogs. Mrs. O'Brien had mentioned the desire to go forward with an area at the Modroo property. It was mentioned by Mrs. Berkley that perhaps the fencing could be donated to help this come to fruition.

Discussion was brought up for the advertisement for financial/secretarial position. The 2016 candidates would be looked at and continue with advertisement if deemed necessary.

2017-20 Move to approve up to \$100 for the advertisement for the financial/secretarial position was moved by Charlie Butters and seconded by Linda O'Brien.

Vote: Charlie Butters Y, Linda O'Brien Y

The meeting was closed at 7:52 p.m.

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3/14/17 Next Regular Meeting

Warrant Listing:

02/14/2017	Sutton Insurance	\$255.00	141
02/14/2017	Charlie Butters	\$209.04	142
02/14/2017	Thrasher, Dinsmore & Dolan	\$2,043.34	143
02/14/2017	Thrasher, Dinsmore & Dolan	\$2,691.00	144
02/14/2017	Custom Cut Landscape	\$280.00	145
02/14/2017	Sutton Insurance	\$500.00	146
02/14/2017	Joan Heppert	\$402.50	147
02/14/2017	Blades Lawn Care	\$200.00	148
02/14/2017	Geauga County Treasurer	\$7065.98	149