

October 9, 2017

Attendees:

Mr. Abakumov
Mr. Studen

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 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

2017-74 Mr. Studen moved to approve and sign the 9/11/17 minutes as presented and Mr. Abakumov seconded.
Vote: Mr. Abakumov Y, Mr. Studen Y. Motion passes.

Mr. Studen lead the meeting with the web update and his meeting with Rodney Dawson of Great Lakes Tech Solutions. The old website is no longer operational at this time. The process has begun to shift things over to the new site.

Mr. Studen moved on to the encroachments and noted he received a phone call from the West River drive occupant. There has been considerable work done to clean up the material. The WRLC will go in and give a final report on the progress. Mr. Studen moved on to the Spisak property and informed that he has contacted Rudy Swartz for surveying and will match the lowest quote obtained. Mr. Studen complimented the Geauga Link site for its ease on researching properties and followed up with Eileen Fisco and noted that the Park District owns 422.65 acres of property. This information will be posted to the website in the near future.

Mr. Studen lead the discussion into the Russell Uplands property and stated that he met with Michael Blades regarding the tree problems. There are ash and pine trees that have been marked to eventually bring down by the entrance. There are about 12 trees in total that will need to come down and there is a quote for \$1,500 to take them down and the audience felt the price was very reasonable. The trees will be an ongoing issue for the parks Mr. Studen stated. Janet Hargrave suggested that the logs that remain might be nice to have them line the trails as seating if it's a manageable request for Michael Blades. Sharmyn Clark inquired about the historical bridge at the Uplands and Mr. Studen noted he will follow up with Michael Blades regarding the cost. He further noted it is then an ongoing maintenance issue and is no longer historical when its rebuilt.

2017-75 Mr. Abakumov moved to approve the quote for \$1,500 for Blades Lawn Care for the cutting of the 12 trees as discussed noting that the wood will remain on the ground and Mr. Studen seconded.
Vote: Mr. Abakumov Y, Mr. Studen Y. Motion passes.

Mr. Studen moved on to the new business of record keeping, storage and retention. A committee needs to be established. Mr. Studen acknowledged the files in the basement at the West Woods (2 cabinets, 8 drawers) are not in very good order. The RC-2 is a form from the state and there are four main categories: administrative, fiscal, legal and informal. Before disposal, notice is given to see if there is any historical value. This is just an introduction of things ahead when there is a full park board. Mr. Abakumov was in approval of this going forward.

2017-76 Move to approve after the fact check # 1018 dated 9/18/17 for the deposit on the website payable to Great Lakes Tech Solutions was moved by Mr. Abakumov and seconded by Mr. Studen.
Vote: Mr. Abakumov Y, Mr. Studen Y. Motion passes.

2017-77 Move to approve and sign check # 1019 dated 10/9/17 was moved by Mr. Abakumov and seconded by Mr. Studen.
Vote: Mr. Abakumov Y, Mr. Studen Y. Motion passes.

2017-78 Move to amend motion 2017-77 to include check # 1020 dated 10/9/17 was moved by Mr. Abakumov and seconded by Mr. Studen.

Vote: Mr. Abakumov Y, Mr. Studen Y. Motion passes.

Public Comments:

- Martha Dempsey inquired about the mowing at the Upper Chagrin Preserve and if this was necessary. Mr. Abakumov and Mr. Studen said they would take a look at it and discuss at the next meeting.
- Doug Bletcher inquired about the ballot issue of a second park board. Mr. Studen gave a brief history of the formation of the 1545 Park District created by the probate Judge in 1984. The section 511 is looking to be created and approved by the election in November. Mr. Abakumov stated that he doesn't have an opinion regarding the two park boards as long as there is compliance with the conservation easements and preserving the land. Mr. Studen also informed that there could be a disillusion of the 1545 Park Board if so petitioned and approved by the probate judge.
 - Shelley Chernin added this is not a tax levy for issue 23 on the ballot. It creates an entity in place and would be controlled completely in Russell Township is the hope for the future.
 - Eileen Fisco has concerns about taxes from two park boards. Ms. Fisco complimented the current 1545 Park Board and acknowledged what a wonderful job they are doing and working for the people.
- Martha Dempsey inquired about the by laws and protecting the interests of land conservation. Mr. Studen addressed her comments and noted for the people to stay involved and active. Shelley Chernin stated that the 511 park board cannot form by laws at this time.
- Doug Bletcher complimented the current Park Board for allowing public comments throughout the meeting.
- Donna Weiss Carson complimented the current leadership and asked how much influence Judge Grendell had influence over the board. Mr. Abakumov stated that he had not communicated with the Judge since his appointment and Mr. Studen echoed the same.
- Eileen Fisco complimented Mr. Studen on his previous work "the importance of conversation" long before Mr. Studen took this job.

The meeting was closed at 8:07 p.m.

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Warrant Listing:

9/ 15 /17	Great Lakes Tech Solutions LLC	\$300.00	#1018
10/9/17	Blades Inc.	\$375.00	#1019
10/9/17	Joan Heppert	\$437.50	#1020