

October 8, 2018

Attendees:

Mr. Wayt  
Mr. Suhay  
Ms. Weiss Carson - absent

Joan Heppert, Recording

Regular Meeting  
Russell Township Park Commission  
West Woods Visitor Center

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

**2018-68** Move to approve and sign the minutes from 9/10/18 as presented was moved by Mr. Wayt and seconded by Mr. Suhay.  
Vote: Mr. Wayt Y, Mr. Suhay Y. Motion passes.

**2018-69** Move to approve and sign the minutes from 9/29/18 as presented was moved by Mr. Wayt and seconded by Mr. Suhay.  
Vote: Mr. Wayt Y, Mr. Suhay Y. Motion passes.

**2018-70** Move to encumber an additional \$2,000 on PO 2018-19 for Alger and Associates was moved by Mr. Wayt and seconded by Mr. Suhay.  
Vote: Mr. Wayt Y, Mr. Suhay Y. Motion passes.

**2018-71** Move to sign the engagement letter from Alger and Associates dated 9/23/18 as presented was moved by Mr. Wayt and seconded by Mr. Suhay.  
Vote: Mr. Wayt Y, Mr. Suhay Y. Motion passes.

**2018- 72** Move to approve and sign check # 1067, 1069 - 1072 dated 10/8/18 was moved by Mr. Wayt and seconded by Mr. Suhay.  
Vote: Mr. Wayt Y, Mr. Suhay Y. Motion passes.

**2018-73** Move to sign the MOA for Deposit of Public Funds from Middlefield Banking dated 9/10/18 as presented was moved by Mr. Wayt and seconded by Mr. Suhay.  
Vote: Mr. Wayt Y, Mr. Suhay Y. Motion passes.

Mr. Wayt stated the search continues for someone to brush hog the Modroo property. The board has spoke with WRLC, and reached out to several leads, but continues to look for someone at this time. The website is up-to-date and will have the minutes uploaded after this meeting. The state audit is still open and ongoing. The State Auditor wants to make sure the County Auditor and the RTPB are on the same page before they wrap things up. Mr. Wayt mentioned a future meeting with Chuck Walder would be held soon. Mr. Wayt mentioned he spoke with Bill Ward from the State Auditor's office and he will post the findings as soon as possible.

**2018-74** Move to enter into executive session to consider the purchase and leasing of real property pursuant to section 121.22 (G) (2) of the ORC was moved by Mr. Wayt and seconded by Mr. Suhay.  
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Wayt Y, Mr. Suhay Y.

**2018-75** Move to amend motion 2018-74 to invite Attorney Jim Gillette into executive session and was entered at 7:07 p.m.  
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Wayt Y, Mr. Suhay Y.

**2018-76** Move to re-enter into the regular meeting at 7:27 p.m. was moved by Mr. Wayt and seconded by Mr. Suhay.  
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Wayt Y, Mr. Suhay Y.

Mr. Wayt went back to the topic of the cash journals. Alger & Associates completed their procedures and the cash journal agrees with the bank statements and receipts from 1/1/2014 to 7/31/2018. The cash journals also agree with the County Auditor settlements. All of the adjustments have been made.

**2018-77** Move to approve and sign the Conflict of Interest Waiver letter from Thrasher Dinsmore & Dolan as presented was moved by Mr. Wayt and seconded by Mr. Suhay.  
Vote: Mr. Wayt Y, Mr. Suhay Y. Motion passes.

At the September 29<sup>th</sup> meeting the RTPB made a unanimous decision to begin discussions with the Geauga Park District (GPD) for the lease of Township Park District lands to the GPD. This decision was not come-to lightly. Discussion ensued between the audience and the board regarding how we arrived at this point. There is a misconception that we can turn over the parks to the 511 board and the 1545 board can be dissolved. That is

simply untrue. The objective is to keep these lands as Russell Parks once the politicization of the parks has passed in time. The budget commission's unprecedented decision to not pass the budget for 2019, resulting in the levy monies being delayed by two years even if the levy passes, was a key factor in the decision process.

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

The meeting was closed at 7:41p.m

11/12/18 Next regular Meeting - West Woods Visitors Center

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**Warrant Listing:**

10/8/18	Blades Lawn Care	\$885.00	<b>#1067</b>
10/8/18	Joan Heppert	\$627.49	<b>#1069</b>
10/8/18	Thrasher, Dinsmore & Dolan	\$3,622.40	<b>#1070</b>
10/8/18	Treasurer of State of Ohio	\$246.00	<b>#1071</b>
10/8/18	Alger & Associates, Inc	\$3,680.00	<b>#1072</b>



