



**Special Meeting with Work Session
April 25, 2022**

Call to Order: The Board met in person in Council chambers at the Village of Richfield administration building. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Anita Gantner, Board Chairperson.

Roll Call: Sandy Apidone, Jeff Deluca, Anita Gantner, Maureen McGinty, Mark Robeson, Michael Selig, and Dave Wehner

Also in Attendance: Administrative Coordinator Polly Wheeler, Cleveland Metroparks Planning Consultant Kelly Coffman and about four other attendees

Special Meeting

Work session:

Introductions were made among the group. Ms. Coffman related that she is a planning consultant with 33 years' experience.

Ms. Coffman presented a timeline for the strategic plan. There will be an open house and a survey in the very near future. She stated that the board needs to develop consensus on a plan. Part of the purpose is to prepare the board for the upcoming levy renewal. A structure of responsibilities for various aspects of the park is important so that the park can go from a plan on the shelf to implementation of that plan.

Ms. Coffman gathered notes from those present about what is special to them about the park. She then presented how much money has been spent or dollar value volunteered on strategic plans to date. Ms. Coffman asked how we get to a plan that is implemented and what the gaps are in previous plans. It is important to remember that a successful plan is bigger than the current board at any given time.

A discussion followed of the impacts on the site of the buildings and latrines. A building list had been created by former park director David Green, although that list is now out of date.

The planning process for 2022 will include a park open house, a ribbon cutting at the lower dam, and a reception. In addition Ms. Coffman expects to hold three or four stakeholder meetings. She stated that decisions need to become actions.

Comments from the floor:

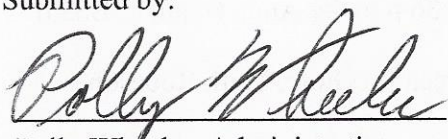
There were many comments about all of the structures, the upgrades and other improvements, as well as natural and trail aspects, programing, and how to engage the community.

Adjournment:

MOTION by: Mr. DeLuca and seconded by Mr. Selig to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

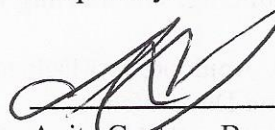
MOTION PASSED: Vote taken by voice, which was unanimous

Submitted by:



Polly Wheeler, Administrative
Coordinator

Accepted by:



Anita Gantner, Board Chairperson