



Regular Meeting with Work Session
July 25, 2022

Call To Order: The Board met at the Council Chambers of the Village of Richfield. The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by Anita Gantner, Board Chair.

Roll Call: Ms. Apidone, Ms. McGinty, Mr. Wehner, Ms. Gantner

Excused absences: Mr. Deluca, Mr. Robeson, Mr. Selig

Also in attendance: were Village Council representative Sue Ann Philippbar, Township Trustee Don Laubacher, RHP Volunteer Coordinator Susan Czaplicki, Lodge Event Coordinator Shari Green, and approximately 22 attendees.

Work Session

Walter Haverfield Agreement:

Mr. Wehner stated this is a one-year agreement that RJRD is free to cancel within the notice period.

Discussion of Liability for Inflatables at Events:

Mr. Wehner stated the park received a valid certificate from a vendor for the use of inflatables at an event.

Friends Group Fundraising Donor Plaque:

Ms. Richardson stated Friends started fundraising for the park in 2018 and developed a donor recognition plan. For a certain level of giving, a donor would have the option to have their name on a plaque in The Lodge (formerly Gund Hall). Ms. Richardson stated the board approved the proposal in October 2018. RJRD is not able to locate confirmation of a board vote to approve the location of the plaque. Mr. Wehner inquired if the Friends could provide verbiage or a design of the proposed plaque. Ms. Richardson stated there was no determined timeframe for the installation of the plaque.

2023 Alternative Tax Budget:

Mr. Wehner stated this was a procedural matter that needs a resolution.

Regular Meeting

Approval of Minutes

June 27, 2022, and April 5, 2022, meeting minutes were approved as they stand by voice vote which was unanimous.

Standing Committee Reports:

Governance: Mr. Wehner discussed the public records retention policy and schedule.

Operations and Capital Improvements: Ms. Gantner stated there is leakage in the dam. Gannett Fleming and NorthStar will look at the dam and come up with a solution.

Fundraising/Grant Writing: Ms. Gantner reported Mr. Selig, Ms. Gantner, and representatives from the Friends group met to discuss long-term fundraising between the two groups and the possibility of an Endowment Fund with the Akron Community Foundation. The Nature Works Grant for the Upper Lake bridge project was submitted on July 15th. The amount of the grant was reduced to \$61,000. Mr. Selig thanked Marcia Whelan and Lynn Richardson for their assistance with this grant.

Marketing and Communications: No report

Administration Report:

Administrative Coordinator Report: Ms. Gantner reported the community survey closed on July 17th. A felony arrest warrant was issued for an individual from South Carolina in connection with the smash and grab at the park. RJRD will have a table at Community Days. Sue Ann Philippbar suggested the park donate a pass for a free pavilion rental as a Kiwanis prize.

Lodge Report: Ms. Green commented on upcoming Lodge rentals and a Lodge Open House and Vendor Show on Tuesday, August 23rd from 6-8 pm.

Volunteer Coordinator Report: Ms. Czaplicki shared corporate group accomplishments as well as Park Volunteer's accomplishments. She also thanked Dave Kalal and Chris Moore for their work in removing the Garfield addition.

Friends of RHP: Ms. Ringle stated the Mill water wheel should be installed by the end of August and shared information regarding upcoming Friend's events and hikes. Ms. Ringle made a proposal for the Friends to take over annual insurance payments at the Mill and gave an update on the Historic Homes Stabilization. Ms. Apidone commented that not all the buildings will be saved. Ms. Ringle acknowledged that any decisions made regarding the buildings won't be held against the strategic planner or the board, and the Friends understand working on the buildings is at a risk to them. Mr. Wehner asked Ms. Ringle to clarify what she meant by paying for insurance. Mr. Wehner inquired if this would be a restricted donation or a donation to the park. Ms. Ringle stated the Friends would like to protect their donated interest.

Oviatt House, Inc: Ms. Bowman stated OHI fulfilled its contract obligations this quarter. She reported the removal of non-historic items is completed, and OHI has contracted with Homeland Building and Design for the roof and trim. Mr. Wehner stated he will need a copy of their insurance in ACORD format. Ms. Apidone requested a tour for the board to see the house.

Treasurers Report: Mr. Wehner stated as of the end of June there is a balance of \$719,000, and YTD the park is running a small surplus in the general fund.

Old Business:

MOTION to suspend the location of a donor plaque until the next meeting.

MOTION by Ms. Apidone and seconded by Mr. Wehner

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: with Ms. McGinty opposed

New Business:

RESOLUTION 23-2022:

A resolution to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Richfield Joint Recreation District, State of Ohio, during the year ending December 31, 2022 and declaring an emergency so that the appropriations may be effective prior to the end of the fiscal year 2022.

MOTION by: Ms. McGinty and seconded by Ms. Apidone

DISCUSSION: none

MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Wehner (Yea), Ms. McGinty (Yea), Ms. Gantner (Yea), Ms. Apidone (Yea)

Aqua Doc proposal for Lower Lake Treatment: Ms. Gantner stated there is considerable algae bloom in the lake that Aqua Doc could treat at a cost of \$3700.
The board decided to table the vote for now.

RESOLUTION 24-2022:

A resolution authorizing the Chairperson and Treasurer of RJRD to enter into an agreement with Walter Haverfield LLP for professional legal services.

MOTION by: Mr. Wehner and seconded by Ms. McGinty

DISCUSSION: none

MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Wehner (Yea), Ms. McGinty (Yea), Ms. Gantner (Yea), Ms. Apidone (Yea)

2023 Alternative Tax Budget:

Motion to submit the 2023 Alternative Tax Budget to the Summit County Budget Commission.

MOTION by: Mr. Wehner and seconded by Ms. McGinty

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION PASSED: Vote was taken by voice which was unanimous

Announcements:

Ms. Gantner stated the park will host a Community Forum on Tuesday, September 13th

Adjournment:

MOTION by: Mr. Wehner and seconded by Ms. McGinty to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.

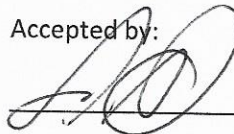
MOTION PASSED: Vote was taken by voice which was unanimous

Submitted:



Susan Czaplicki, Volunteer Coordinator

Accepted by:



Anita Gantner, Board Chair

