



REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017
(Meeting held at Richfield Masonic Hall)

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Bob Becker.

In Attendance: Jeff DeLuca, Bill Smith, Meg Slifcak, Ralph Waszak, Rich Fleming

Excused absence: Pat Norris

WORK SESSION

Lower Lake Dam presentation by Gannett Fleming

Mitch Weber, Vice President Gannett Fleming Akron and Paul Schweiger, Vice President and Manager of Dams and Hydraulics Section at Gannett Fleming opened the presentation with historical information of the Kirby dam construction type. During the presentation Mr. Schweiger covered multiple points with detailed explanations to assist in educating the Board and public in dam building, options for the Kirby Dam and direction to move forward.

- History of Kirby dam construction type Powerpoint sharing various dam repair scenarios
- Results of subsurface exploration
- Existing dam is still repairable
- Presented 3 feasible dam solutions, conclusion of best option for Kirby dam
- Next step to ODNR for approval
- Results of sedimentation study showed no hazardous contaminants

Caretaker Project - Meg Slifcak

Estimated cost of transportation, electrical, and supply list may exceed the originally budgeted \$20,000. Slifcak approached the board for opinions on increasing the allowance to \$35,000.

Latrine/shelters/sheds - Jeff DeLuca

Trustees reviewed 16 structures presented for demolition. DeLuca stated some wood was salvageable to assist in repairing other similar structures in need of minor repairs. He will be asking the OOE to assist in the job and moving some of the Adirondack shelters.

Engineer - WWTP - Ralph Waszak

Update was given of facility needs pending future testing by DLZ Architect, Engineering, Construction Services. DLZ will assist in bid, design and construction phase of the WWTP project. Mr. Waszak shared specific areas of additional expense and needs of the system exceeding the estimated budget amount. He stated 'the original plant operated for fifty years and the goal would be to repeat. Until water is running on the property full certificates of occupancy will not be issued.' All were on board with proceeding.

Cell Phone Tower - Bill Smith

Negotiations have been completed; awaiting review of co-location requirements and forwarding of key for our security access.

Security Cameras - Jeff DeLuca

Trustee DeLuca met with security companies receiving additional options for the RJRD to consider. Possible phases of implementation and bids were presented for review. While solutions are being

considered for a best fit at this time and the future. Resolution was introduced reciting the fact that we got two (rather than three) bids for the security cameras and left the selection as between them to DeLuca, in consultation with such other Board members as he found appropriate under the circumstances.

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Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Waszak to approve minutes of October 23, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Discussion: Mr. Fleming objected to lack of inclusion of suggested edits to Public Comments

Motion Passed: Yes - DeLuca, Smith, Waszak, Slifcak, Becker

No - Fleming "Because suggested amendments were ignored." noted for the record per Mr. Fleming's request.

Standing Committee Reports

Governance Committee - Meg Slifcak

- Work to begin by the CVCC at the Caretaker - Office in December.
- Further discussion of park branding has been put on hold until January, 2018.
- FMD Architects retained for Gund Hall, contract under review.
- 2018 Budget being reviewed for presentation to board at December 11, 2017 Board Meeting.
- Announcement of Pat Norris reappointment by Richfield Village Council to the RJRD Board.

Park Operations - Jeff DeLuca

Three Amity Home roof quotes have been received and are under review, proposal and warranties have been reviewed by Mr. Hanna and changes made according to his recommendations. Mr. Smith advised warranties will not come with natural products. Of the three firms two bids were accepted with a third estimate declining to offer a written proposal due to the large scope of the work. Resolution was introduced authorizing Mr. DeLuca to determine which of the accepted bids would be best for the Amity roof.

Mr. Smith motioned to approve RESOLUTION NO. 24-2017 AUTHORIZING THE RICHFIELD JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT TO ACCEPT THE SUPERIOR OF TWO BIDS FOR SLATE ROOF REPAIR
Second by Mr. DeLuca

Roll Call Vote Taken: Yes - Unanimous

Resolution Passed

Motion introduced by Mr. DeLuca to remove sixteen structures on the property, second by Smith.

Discussion: Mr. Becker advised the shelter at the WWTP will need to remain to comply with EPA needs to house supplies in the maintaining of the WWTP. Ms. Slifcak requested the Beachcliff shelter be a priority due to its proximity to the trail.

Waszak moved to amend the motion with the exclusion of the WWTP shelter, second by Mr. Smith.

Roll call vote taken: Yes - Unanimous

Motion to amend carried

Roll call vote taken to pass removal of fifteen structures on the property.

Roll call vote taken: Yes- Unanimous

Motion Passed

Park Services: Bill Smith

Mr. Smith advised he has been working with Mr. DeLuca and will plan to have a Park Services committee meeting in the near future.

Capital Projects: Ralph Waszak

Capital Improvements - Mr. Waszak shared concerns over the increased cost of the WWTP asking the board for their comfort level with a possible increase to the budget figure. Mr. Fleming Had no comment, Mr. Smith and Slifcak were in agreement it was a top priority.

Treasurer:

Chairman Becker read Resolution 25-2017 and Resolution 26-2017 on behalf of the Treasurer for the boards approval. Briefing Memos attached.

November 27, 2017
October 23, 2017

RESOLUTION 25-2017 (Appropriations for Insurance)
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, 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Move to pass by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. DeLuca

No Discussion

Roll Call Vote taken: Yes - Slifcak, Waszak, Smith, DeLuca, Becker No - Fleming

Resolution Passed

RESOLUTION 26-2017 (Appropriations for Auditors fees)
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, 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Move to pass by Mr. Waszak, second by Mr. Smith

No Discussion

Roll Call Vote taken: Yes - Unanimous

Resolution Passed

RESOLUTION 27-2017
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RICHFIELD JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT TO ACCEPT THE SUPERIOR OF TWO BIDS FOR SECURITY CAMERAS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR RICHFIELD HERITAGE PRESERVE

Move to pass Ms. Slifcak, second by Mr. Smith

Discussion: Clarification was made that the resolution gives the authority to the Park Operations Trustee to negotiate and make final determination and selection based on the bids received, which may be done in phases. It was asked if the current cameras have made a difference? Chairman Becker answered we could not be certain, while incidents have diminished events are still occurring.

Roll Call Vote taken: Yes - DeLuca, Smith, Waszak, Slifcak, Becker No - Fleming

Resolution Passed

New Business:

Gate proposals being studied by Mr. DeLuca to be discussed at December 11, 2017 meeting. Mr. DeLuca stated the OOE will be back on the property as soon as electric repairs are made by an electrician

Partner Group Reports: Foch Report Attached

Announcements:

Final Woodland Assessment will be on Friday, December 1, 2017 at 9:00am. Anyone interested is welcome to join. The results of the study to be presented at the December 11 Board Meeting.

January 2018 Richfield Joint Recreation Meetings:

January 8, 2018 Organizational and RJRD Board Elections

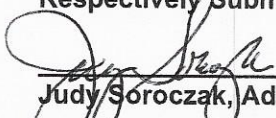
January 22, 2018 Regular Board Meeting

Motion to Adjourn by Mr. Waszak, second by Mr. Smith

Meeting Adjourned at 9:11pm

Respectively Submitted by:

Accepted by:

 Date 12-11-17
Judy Soroczak, Administrative Coordinator

 Date Dec 11, 2017
Bob Becker, Chairman

***Abbreviations:**

- BTA - Buckeye Trail Association
- BW - Baldwin Wallace
- CVCC - Cuyahoga Valley Career Center
- CVNP - Cuyahoga Valley National Park
- EDG - Environmental Design Group

- MOU - Memorandum of Understanding
- OOE - Ohio Operating Engineers
- OHC - Ohio Horseman's Council
- RFQ - Request for Qualification
- WWTP - Wastewater Treatment Plant

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Report to the Richfield Joint Recreation District

Monday, November 27, 2017

Invasive Plant Removal (Work Plan):

- Barberry has been removed from 28 sites. Some of these were single stems and others were dense, multi-stemmed thickets.
- Seed clipping has taken place in an additional 16 sites.
- There are eight more known, untreated or partially treated sites, and several large areas of the park that have not yet been covered. Priority has been given to assessing the south half per recommendation of the Ohio Invasive Plant Council.
- We are looking forward to Adam Beichler's final assessment of the property and his Forestry Management Plan so we can work with the Park Board on Native Species Restoration. But in his first trip, we asked for suggestions and, so far, he says we are handling things right.

Trails Monitors (Work Plan):

- Jenny Austin hosted Hike and Help Sunday, November 26th where 20+ volunteers learned about the Trail Tracker monitoring program and cleaned up the Upper Lake Trail (connecting Amity to the Boathouse along Lake Linnea)
- Barb Starr and other FoCH volunteers continue to clean leaves off the trails.

Fence Followers (Work Plan):

- Weekend Warriors tackled the vines along the fence from the Pack Out Garage to the end of the parking lot.

Interpretive Signage:

- The four interpretive signs giving a brief history of Kirby, the Mill, the Patented Self Clarifying Lake, and Garfield Hall have been installed! Many visitors have stopped to read the signs and some have been overheard saying they had no idea there was so much history in the park!

Kirby House Preservation:

- Plywood to protect the windows (approved at October 23rd RJRD Meeting) has been ordered and delivered. We will be painting to look like windows and installing over the next week.

General:

- Sandy Norris and other volunteers continue to clean and refill the latrines and empty the trash.
- FoCH members continue to support Weekend Warrior projects as well as other projects at the park throughout the week.

Presentations:

- In November, FoCH hosted a "Fireside Chat" to discuss the successes of 2017 and goals for 2018. There, per the Park Board's request, we developed a calendar of events for next year. We roughed out some options for both stand-alone programming and programming combined with fundraising. We also developed a Volunteer Management Proposal and are working through a draft to submit for discussion.
- We have cancelled our December meeting, but will reconvene in January (3rd Tuesday)
- We are presenting *Kirby History* at Richfield Library on Wednesday, January 10th (free and open to the public)

Fund Development:

- FoCH Annual Christmas Cookies Sale is this Saturday, December 2nd from 10am-1pm at Fellowship Hall. Funds raised will go towards our general fund which allows us to take on projects like the signs, providing maps, and other small repairs at the park.
- You can also donate to FoCH general fund by shopping through Amazon Smile and eBay Charity. Or of course by joining for 2018 membership year.

