

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday October 20, 2014

*(Meeting Held at the Richfield Village Town Hall,
Village Council Chambers)*

Call to Order:

The Special Meeting was Called to Order at 5:35 p.m. and Roll Call was taken by Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Bluso Rogers.

In Attendance:

Ms. Kelly Clark
Mr. Bob Lucas
Mr. Ralph McNerney
Mr. Pat Norris *(Not Present)*
Mr. Floyd Ostrowski *(Not Present)*
Ms. Donna Skoda *(Not Present)*
Mr. Bill Taylor

Also in attendance:

Mr. William Hanna, Board Legal Counsel *(Not Present)*

Mayor Bobbie Beshara
Mr. Mike Lyons, Village Councilperson
Mr. Roger Swan, Village Councilperson

Mr. Kendrick Chittock, Western Reserve Land Conservancy

Mrs. Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrative Assistant

Business:

1. Approval of Minutes:

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The Board dispensed with the formal reading of the minutes. There were no corrections or additions noted.

MOTION made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the October 13, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED: Ms. Clark, Mr. Lucas (Yea), Mr. McNerney (Yea), Mr. Norris (Not Present), Mr. Ostrowski (Not Present), Ms. Skoda (Not Present) and Mr. Taylor (Yea)

2. Committee Reports:

a. Communication Committee

The last meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum and the agenda has been moved to the meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 2014. The Committee is in the process of assessing their role after the levy. Outreach through the website and social media continues as the committee gathers programming and activities once the property is purchased.

b. Volunteer Resources Committee, Chairperson, Ms. Skoda

No report.

c. Facilities and Programming Committee, Chairperson, Mr. Lucas

Mr. Lucas requested permission for an Executive Session.

MOTION made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Ms. Clark to go into Executive Session at 5:40 p.m. to discuss the purchase of property according to ORC Section 121.22(g).

DISCUSSION: NONE

ROLL CALL TAKEN: Ms. Clark (Yea), Mr. Lucas (Yea), Mr. McNerney (Yea), Mr. Norris (Not Present), Mr. Ostrowski (Not Present), Ms. Skoda (Not Present), and Mr. Taylor (Yea)

Also in Attendance in the Executive Session: Mayor Beshara, Mr. Lyons and Mr. Swan.

MOTION made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Ms. Clark to go out of Executive Session at 5:57 p.m.

DISCUSSION: NONE

ROLL CALL TAKEN: Ms. Clark (Yea), Mr. Lucas (Yea), Mr. McNerney (Yea), Mr. Norris (Not Present), Mr. Ostrowski (Not Present), Ms. Skoda (Not Present), and Mr. Taylor (Yea)

No formal action was taken by the Board following the Executive Session.

- d. Finance & Budget Committee, Chairperson Mr. Norris**
No Report.

3. New Business:

- a. Mr. Chittock distributed a draft resolution for the Board's review. As discussed by Mr. Leslie at the October 13, 2014 meeting, a resolution is required by the RJRD Board to pass a resolution stating: *"authorizing the Richfield Joint Recreation District to Submit a Clean Ohio Grant Application for the Purchase and Protection of the [girl scout property]."* To enhance the award of the grant, letters of support and municipal resolutions need to be passed and submitted with the application. I.e. Village of Richfield, Richfield Township and Summit County.
- b. The last public open house is Sunday, October 26, 2014.

4. Comments from the Floor

The Chair recognized resident, Mrs. Abby Gretter.

Mrs. Gretter stated that there is a Town Forum at the Masonic Temple on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Chairperson Mr. Ostrowski has been communicating with Ms. Sue Sordinak on the details. Mrs. Gretter provided questions and comments that the PAC has accumulated for the Board's response. The Board stated their process in determining the levy amounts and some thoughts regarding the use of the property. Discussion ensued regarding the use of grant money from the Clean Ohio Grant.

The Vice Chair recognized resident, Mr. Alex Burlotos, 2842 Red Doe Circle, Village of Richfield.

Mr. Burlotos stated this was a big project and commitment with the board doing a good job and due diligence. Mr. Burlotos requested the Board to provide reasons for the taxpayer to trust them to purchase and operate this property. Mr. Burlotos specifically requested the Board to state intentions and plans for programs and activities. Mr. Burlotos suggested that the website should include these questions and answers on the website as people begin to research prior to the election.

The Vice Chair recognized resident, Mr. Tim Ratajczak, 3921 Humphrey Road, Village of Richfield.

Mr. Ratajczak stated that this is a large project that will involve a lot of maintenance. It was also stated that this would be a great location for a recreation center. Mr. Ratajczak stated that Richfield Township and the Village should be allowed to use and create a revenue stream from the programs to allow the park to be self-sustaining to unburden taxpayers. Mr. Ratajczak stated that there was enough property that could be set aside for some kind of development such as senior housing.

Mr. Lucas reminded the guests and member of the Board that 97% of the property is in the township and the Board will be required to work within the zoning regulations and confinement. Mr. Ratajczak stated that the Township needs to support the Board's plans to allow for a revenue stream for the RJRD to operate and to minimize the tax burden from current and future taxpayers and that preserving and utilizing the property is in everyone's interest.

5. Action Items & Agenda Items for Next Meeting, October 27, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Bluso Rogers stated that there will be an Executive Session per ORC Section 121.22(g) immediately following roll call.

The draft resolution will be electronically distributed to all Board Members to be used in preparation for this discussion.

MOTION made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Mr. Taylor to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

DISCUSSION: NONE

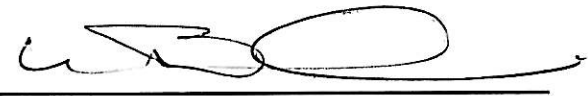
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Ms. Clark (Yea), Mr. Lucas (Yea), Mr. McNerney (Yea), Mr. Norris (Not Present), Mr. Ostrowski (Not Present), Ms. Skoda (Not Present) and Mr. Taylor (Yea)

Respectfully submitted,


Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrative Assistant to RJRD Board



Richfield Joint Recreation District,
Chairperson



Richfield Joint Recreation District,
Secretary