

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 17, 2014

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

Call to Order:

The Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 5:30 p.m. by the Board's Chairperson Mr. Floyd Ostrowski and Roll Call was taken by Administrative Assistant Mrs. Bluso Rogers.

In Attendance:

Ms. Kelly Clark
Mr. Bob Lucas *(Left at 6:57 p.m. and returned during Executive Session at approximately 8:00 p.m.)*
Mr. Ralph McNerney *(Not Present)*
Mr. Pat Norris
Mr. Floyd Ostrowski
Ms. Donna Skoda
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. Joe Leslie, Western Reserve Land Conservancy
Mr. Kendrick Chittock, Western Reserve Land Conservancy

Mrs. Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrative Assistant

Business:

1. Approval of Minutes:

Monday, November 10, 2014 Regular Meeting

Dispensing with the formal reading of the minutes the Board took action.

MOTION made by Mr. Norris and seconded by Ms. Clark to approve the November 10, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes as corrected to read: "There was a discussion regarding making an application for tax anticipation notes."

DISCUSSION: NONE

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

2. Committee Reports:

a. Communications Committee, Chairperson Ms. Clark

The Communications Committee dispensed with formal reading of their minutes and took the following action.

MOTION made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Ms. Skoda to approve the August 7, 2014, August 14, 2014, August 21, 2014 and August 28, 2014 Communications Committee Meeting Minutes as presented.

DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED: Ms. Clark (Yea), Ms. Skoda (Yea) and Mr. Taylor (Yea)

It was reported that many new people are becoming involved in the committee meetings (Communications and Volunteer). A report will be made in January regarding the website database. The election "likes" and "hits" on the website have increased since the election. There has been an increase of 94 for "likes" from 113. An increase in the number of "hits" to the website revealed that browsers are reading the projects and document pages of the website.

Mrs. Abby Gretter is handling the blog entitled, Enriching Richfield until further notice.

A group from American Construction will be reviewing the buildings and ground pro bono on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 beginning at 8:00 a.m. weather permitting.

There is a Communications Committee Meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2014 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Caucus Room.

A "Thank You Open House" will be held on Friday, November 29, 2014 from noon until 3:00 p.m. at Crowell-Hilaka to all residents for their support of the levies.

b. Volunteer Resources Committee, Chairperson, Ms. Skoda

The Volunteer Committee dispensed with formal reading of their minutes and took the following action.

MOTION made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Ms. Skoda to approve the September 4, 2014, September 18, 2014 and October 2, 2014 Volunteer Resources Committee Meeting Minutes as presented.

DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED: Ms. Clark (Yea), Ms. Skoda (Yea) and Mr. Norris (Yea)

There was no other formal report.

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

There was no formal report and the committee has not met formally. Meetings that have been held were in Executive Session. Mr. Lucas reminded the Board that as the Chairperson of the Township Board of Zoning Appeals, he would be leaving at 6:50 p.m. and would return later.

- Property Acquisition Sub Committee, Chairperson Mr. Lucas, Members Mr. Pat Norris and Mr. Mike Lyons.

It was reported that a revised PSA (Purchase and Sale Agreement) was returned to the Western Reserve Land Conservancy and progress is being made.

It was suggested that an Executive Session was required to discuss the property carve out because of the PSA. A clarification of the OMA and the permissible exemptions was required.

MOTION made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Mr. Taylor to take a ten (10) minute break at 5:40 p.m. to obtain legal opinion.

DISCUSSION: NONE

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

After consultation, the Board came back into session at 5:45 p.m. to discuss the proposed property areas for inclusion for the Clean Ohio Grant.

- Clean Ohio Grant Sub Committee, Chairperson, Ms. Donna Skoda
WRL presented a property carve out applicable to grant guidelines that would position the District's favorability for grant approval. The property being considered was highlighted in red and was referred to as the "red zone." The name of the grant is Clean Ohio Funding for the Purchase and Protection of the Summit Headwaters Divide Project. Resolutions of support will be provided by WRL to the Village of Richfield and Richfield Township for their review and vote prior to the application deadline of Friday, December 5, 2014. Resolutions of Support strengthen the grant scoring.

Ms. Skoda stated that there was thoughtful consideration and hard work done with WRL and members of the committee. Chairperson, Mr. Ostrowski echoed those sentiments and then added that the majority of the Board is very pleased. A rather quick decision by the Board is necessary due to the looming Grant Application deadline.

During this portion of the meeting, the Chair permitted all in attendance to interact.

Mr. Kendrick Chittock distributed copies of a map that depicted the "red zones" to all in attendance. This map is included as part of the "Record of Proceedings."

The Chair recognized Mr. Jeff Campbell, 4578 Streetsboro Road.

Mr. Campbell stated concerns that the Board should delay the consideration of the "red zones" until input from the community are obtained. Further, Mr. Campbell opined that more matters should be discussed with more transparently and openly.

Continuing, Mr. Chittock presented to all in attendance that Clean Ohio is a state grant and the grant application is being prepared on behalf of the RJRD with a deadline. The grant application balances areas of the park that can be utilized for passive and active uses. The "red zones" were selected based on the following.

- Connectivity to natural spaces and other park areas.
- Wet areas since the lakes cannot be included because they are not natural.
- Streams with tributaries.
- Does not encumber the entire property.
- Ability for RJRD to be flexible in preserving and conserving other areas outside the "red zone" and assigning "active" of activities.

- Provides WRL the ability to effectively monitor, steward and enforce the preserved areas.
- Building properties that were beyond repair in the “red zone” would be removed.

Definitions of passive and active areas and applicable activities were defined for those in attendance. Passive recreation area is defined as an undeveloped space or environmentally sensitive area that requires minimal development. The emphasis is on preservation of the wildlife, plant life, and the environment. Passive park area uses less structured recreational activities that require little or no maintenance or management. These areas are provided at a low cost and do not have deleterious effects on the natural habitat.

Examples of passive recreation are: Walking and jogging, hiking and nature walks, bird watching, painting, photography, picnic areas and pavilions, fishing, snow shoeing, cross country skiing, certain biking and canoeing. Mr. Chittock stated that to determine if an activity is passive is to ascertain if the event leaves a trace after the event such as litter, flags, waste. If there is any trace, the activity is not permitted.

In contrast, active recreation requires significant infrastructure for the activity or event. Active park areas will include very structured activities that require specialized management, park development and maintenance.

The costs are typically higher. Examples of active recreation are: sports fields, playgrounds, golf courses, swimming pools, meeting and party spaces, certain types of biking and horseback riding.

Ms. Clark stated that contained in the “red zones” are historic buildings that should not be removed; especially the Coach House.

The Chair recognized Ms. Richards.

Ms. Richards, FOCH, requested from WRL the type of surface is permissible for the roads. WRL stated that the road surfaces are required to be permeable.

The Chair recognized Ms. Hanigosky.

Ms. Hanigosky, FOCH, stated that a different “red zone” be considered to preserve the historical buildings.

The Chair recognized Ms. Ringle, FOCH and Mr. Lyons, Working Group and Village Council Person.

Ms. Corey Ringle and Mr. Mike Lyons proposed a compromise to the "red zones" that would extend the map to include the east and south of the lower lake and exclude the Coach House. Ms. Ringle opined that historical grants are available for the preservation of historical buildings.

MOTION made by Ms. Skoda and seconded by Mr. Norris to approve the Property Carve Out known as "Red Zones" for the Clean Ohio Funding for the Purchase and Protection of the Summit Headwaters Divide Project amended to extend the "red zone" east and south of the lower lake.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Norris requested clarification regarding grant scoring impact if the Chagrin Valley Cabin and the Coach House were excluded from the grant and the "red zone" and there was discussion between WRL and Board members.

MOTION AMENDED by Ms. Skoda and seconded by Mr. Norris to add the following statement at the end of the original motion: **" , to exclude the Coach house from the "red zone" and leave a buffer zone around the lake."**

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

d. Finance & Budget Committee, Chairperson Mr. Norris

The November 9, 2014 budget status was discussed on November 10, 2014 Regular Meeting. Action by the Board by motion by the Board was required. As previously stated, the balance to date is \$3993.00 with \$3600.00 in encumbrances.

A meeting was held with the Board Treasurer, Finance Director and Administrative Assistant. Work is continuing regarding tax anticipation notes and the statutory requirements. Once more definitive information, there will be a concise report for the Board's further action. A resolution for the advance of local tax will be discussed at the next meeting.

MOTION made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the Richfield Joint Recreation District Budget Status dated November 9, 2014 as presented.

DISCUSSION: NONE

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

3. New Business:

None

4. Unfinished Business:

None

5. Comments from the Floor

None

6. Action Items & Agenda Items for Next Meeting, November 17, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

The action item to include an invitation to the Village Parks & Recreation Board is still in process.

The RJRD website (www.rjrd.org) will be the repository for the minutes and agenda plus all other district information. There will only be a link on the Village of Richfield's website. The previously posted information will remain on the Village website until 2015.

An Executive Session will be scheduled for the end of the November 24, 2014 Regular Meeting, if necessary.

7. Executive Session:

MOTION made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Ms. Skoda to go into Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. to discuss the purchase of property per ORC Section 121.22(g).

DISCUSSION: NONE

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

Also in attendance at the Executive Session were: Mr. Mike Lyons, Mr. Roger Swan, Mayor Bobbie Beshara, Mr. Joe Leslie and Mr. Kendrick Chittock.

The Record of Proceedings reflects that Mr. Bob Lucas returned during the Executive Session at approximately 8:00 p.m.

MOTION made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Mr. Taylor to go out of Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

DISCUSSION: NONE

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

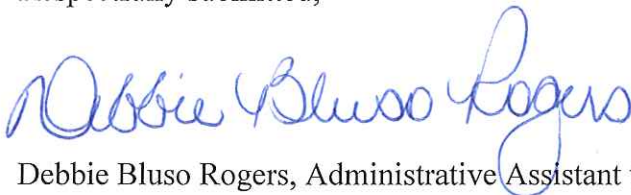
Reconvening for business, there was no action taken.

MOTION made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Mr. Taylor to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

DISCUSSION: NONE

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

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrative Assistant to RJRD Board



Richfield Joint Recreation District,
Chairperson



Richfield Joint Recreation District,
Secretary