



## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, December 8, 2014**

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

### **Call to Order:**

The Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 6:38 p.m. by the Board's Vice Chairperson Mr. Ralph McNerney. Roll Call was taken by Administrative Assistant Mrs. Bluso Rogers.

### **In Attendance:**

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

### **Also in attendance:**

Mr. William Hanna, Board Legal Counsel

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

Ms. Laurie Pinney, Richfield Township Zoning

Mrs. Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrative Assistant

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**Business:**

**1. Approval of Minutes:**

Monday, December 1, 2014 Regular Meeting

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

**MOTION** made by Mr. Norris and seconded by Ms. Clark to approve the December 1, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

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

**2. Committee Reports:**

**a. Communications Committee, Chairperson Ms. Clark**

The next Communications Committee meeting is Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

There has been a large amount of input from residents, FOCH and Non-Residents on the RJRD website regarding uses for the property and general website traffic. Suggested uses were briefly stated since the list is extensive. Some of those activities are: Various Clubs (Gardening, Bird and Nature), Home Schooling, Buckeye Trails, Concerts, Recreation De4stination Tours, Horses Trails and other Horseback Riding Activities.

Also many groups have expressed their desire to partner with RJRD. They are: Richfield Historical Society & Museum, Ohio Operating Engineers, Buckeye Trail, Akron Bike Club, Horseman Council of Summit County, Hoover Vacuum Company and American International.

**b. Volunteer Resources Committee, Chairperson, Ms. Skoda**

No report but there is a meeting immediately following the Communications Committee meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

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

There was no formal report.

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

Further discussion regarding the PSA (Purchase and Sale Agreement) will be discussed in an Executive Session per the ORC.

- Clean Ohio Grant Sub Committee, Chairperson, Ms. Donna Skoda  
The Clean Ohio Grant was submitted in a timely manner.

Ms. Pinney briefly stated the current RTWP zoning on the property. All passive activities meet the zoning and all active activities and those being requested by residents are not included in the zoning and will require changes to the regulations. Ms. Pinney stated this is a complicated and difficult task.

Handouts provided by Mr. Lucas were distributed prior to the meeting that included (1) complete set of the RTWP Zoning Regulations, (2) excerpt of the zoning pertaining to the property, and (3) flow chart for the RJRD to follow for applications to the zoning regulations and zoning appeals.

The outline of discussion points distributed prior to the meeting for the Board was not addressed and will be addressed at a later time when applicable.

**d. Finance & Budget Committee, Chairperson Mr. Norris**

First Merit will be the bank account for the district and signatures are being obtained for the checking account. The Finance Committee continues to work on funding issues.

**3. New Business:**

**Resolution #13-2014: Resolution for the Certification of Funds**

**MOTION** made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Mr. Taylor to table Resolution #13-2014 Resolution for the Certification of Funds and if the resolution is not needed the number will be used for another resolution.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

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

**4. Unfinished Business:**

The Finance Committee will continue to be mindful of DNO insurance. Follow-up with insurance will continue but will not be an agenda item.

January 5, 2015 meeting will include organizational agenda items. A draft of those items will be prepared for the Board's input prior to that meeting. One of the items that will be discussed will be the verbiage in the bylaws that requires clarification.



Residents are requesting monthly Open Houses of the property. The Board will follow-up with this matter.

The ODNR (Ohio Department of Natural Resources) has approved trap and release for the property.

## 5. Comments from the Floor

The Chair recognized Ms. Corey Ringle, Shaker Heights resident and a member of FOCH.

Ms. Ringle requested the Board to consider placing a plaque on one of the bridges that Mr. George Ringle constructed. Ms. Ringle would bear the financial cost of the plaque and the hardware. After a brief discussion, the Board took the following action.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Norris and seconded by Ms. Clark to approve the sign/plaque design as presented by Ms. Corey Ringle in the name of ***“Mr. George Ringle”*** for his donation of time and materials for the construction of foot bridges which will be hung prominently on one of the bridges and also to accept Ms. Corey Ringle’s donation of the sign and hardware.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Taylor stated that this would establish a precedent and needs to be addressed with a formal protocol. This matter will be considered with the organizational issues and bylaw modifications.

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

Mr. Lucas stated that the Board should remain cognizant of the soft agreement included in the PSA with WRL that states that RJRD will recognize and acknowledge WRL support and effort. The Board needs to be mindful to honor and respect that agreement.

The Chair recognized Ms. Lucy Hanigosky, Seven Hills resident and member of FOCH.

Ms. Hanigosky stated that there are seven (7) memorials on the property that requires the Board to consider formal action because some require ongoing maintenance and family members prefer and request that the memorials are not moved or excavated. The memorials are:

- Spif’s Garden: In memory of Lisa Lee Pruett
- High Lea Shelter: In memory of Sallie Parker
- Mable Smith: To honor Mable Smith, troop leader and district chair
- Cricket’s Corner: To honor Helen Peterjohn, troop leader
- Flag Pole: Lake Linnea named in honor of Mrs. Henry Friede, Cleveland Girl Scout Council Commissioner

- Camp Margaret Bates: In memory of Margaret Bates, Cleveland Girl Scout Council Commissioner
- Old Glory: Ashes and remnants of flags

**6. Action Items & Agenda Items for Next Meeting, December 15, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.**

A discussion regarding an amendment to the Board of Trustee's terms will be added to the January 5, 2015 agenda.

An Executive Session will be included for the December 15, 2014 regular meeting.

Mr. Michael Petrasek, President of American International Construction/Restoration Contractor and Mr. Christopher Tadych, AIA, Christopher@Archchitects LLC will be added to the December 15, 2014 regular meeting under the Facilities Committee Report.

**7. Executive Session:**

**MOTION** made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Ms. Clark to go into Executive Session at 7:30 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 (Yea), Mr. McNerney (Yea), Mr. Norris (Yea), Mr. Ostrowski (Not Present), Ms. Skoda (Not Present) and Mr. Taylor (Yea)**

**Also in attendance at the Executive Session were:** Mr. Mike Lyons, Mr. Roger Swan, Mr. Bill Hanna and Mayor Bobbie Beshara.

For those in attendance, the Board announced that there would be no further action or business after coming out of Executive Session.

**MOTION** made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Mr. Lucas to go out of Executive Session at 8:24 p.m.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

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

**MOTION** made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Mr. Taylor to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Ms. Clark (Yea), Mr. Lucas (Yea), Mr. McNerney (Yea), Mr. Norris (Yea), 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