



**Richfield Joint Recreation District  
Special Meeting**

**Monday, July 28, 2014**

*(Meeting Held at the Richfield Village Town Hall, Mayor's Conference Room)*

**Call to Order:**

The Special Meeting was Called to Order at 7:35 p.m. and Roll Call was taken by Secretary Mrs. Bluso Rogers.

**In Attendance:**

Ms. Kelly Clark  
Mr. Bob Lucas  
Mr. Ralph Mc Nerney  
Mr. Pat Norris  
Mr. Floyd Ostrowski  
Ms. Donna Skoda  
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. Corey Ringle, Friends of Crowell-Hilaka and Working Group Member  
Ms. Lynn Richards, Friends of Crowell-Hilaka  
Ms. Laurie Pinney, Richfield Township Zoning Inspector  
Mrs. Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrative Assistant

**Business:**

**1. Approval of Minutes:**

The Board dispensed with the formal reading of the minutes but noted for the record that Board Member, Ms. Kelly Clark, was appointed at the July 14, 2014 meeting and joined the meeting in progress and also the record should reflect that Board Member, Ms. Clark was in attendance at the July 16, 21 and 23, 2014 meetings.

**a. July 10, 2014 Special Meeting**

**MOTION** made by Mr. McNerney and seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the July 10, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED: Ms. Clark (Abstain), Mr. Lucas (Yea), Mr. McNerney (Yea), Mr. Norris (Yea), Mr. Ostrowski (Yea), Ms. Skoda (Yea) and Mr. Taylor (Yea)**

**b. July 14, 2014 Special Meeting**

**MOTION** made by Mr. McNerney and seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the July 14, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

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

**c. July 16, 2014 Special Meeting**

**MOTION** made by Mr. McNerney and seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the July 16, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED: Ms. Clark (Yea), Mr. Lucas (Yea), Mr. McNerney (Yea), Mr. Norris (Yea), Mr. Ostrowski (Yea), Ms. Skoda (Abstain) and Mr. Taylor (Yea)**

**d. July 21, 2014 Special Meeting**

**MOTION** made by Mr. McNerney and seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the July 21, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

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

**e. July 23, 2014 Special Meeting**

**MOTION** made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Ms. Skoda to approve the July 23, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

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

**2. Committee Reports:**

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

Ms. Clark stated the committee is beginning to organize and members are still being sought.

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

Ms. Skoda stated that the committee is still solidifying their roll and organizing ad hoc members.

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

Mr. Lucas stated that a meeting is scheduled for July 30, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Town Hall, Caucus Room.

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

Mr. Norris stated that a meeting will be scheduled with Ms. Sandy Turk, Village Finance Director.

**3. Recreation District Working Group Presentation (Working Group Members from Village of Richfield, Richfield Township, Friends of Crowell-Hilaka and Western Reserve Land Conservancy)**

Ms. Ringle, FOCH, opened the presentation with a timeline of events. Other significant events were added to the timeline and were entered into the record. Ms. Richards presented the history and story of Crowell-Hilaka and the Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio.

Mr. Chittock, Western Reserve Land Conservancy provided the conservancy's approach to the preservation of the property. Also in attendance from the Working Group were Mr. Roger Swan, Village of Richfield, Mr. Mike Lyons, Village of Richfield and Ms. Laurie Pinney, Richfield Township.

**4. New Business:**

- a. To support the Board's goal and mission, the Board discussed branding and messaging.
- b. R Strategy Group discussed the legal requirements for the campaign in general terms.
- c. Email accounts were established for the board members and the administrative assistant.
- d. Mr. Lyons requested the board to consider an Executive Session regarding property acquisition. Chairperson Mr. Ostrowski stated that a motion for an Executive Session would be entertained after item 5 on the agenda.
- e. Mr. Lucas suggested presentation from other Park Managers in regards to master park plans. It was the consensus of the board that Mr. Lucas would pursue the matter and make those arrangements when applicable.

**5. Action Items & Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- a. Mr. Chittock will prepare a timeline for the Board in regards to the property acquisition process.

**6. Executive Session Added to the Agenda**

The public was excused and also in attendance at the Executive Session: Mr. Bill Hanna, Mr. Kendrick Chittock, Mrs. Debbie Bluso Rogers, and Mr. Mike Lyons.

**MOTION** made by Mr. McNerney and seconded by Mr. Norris to go into Executive Session at 9:58 p.m. to discuss and consider the purchase of property per the Open Meetings Act permitted exemptions and ORC 121.22(g).

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

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

**MOTION** made by Mr. McNerney and seconded by Ms. Clark to go out of Executive Session at 10:20 p.m.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

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

**MOTION** made by Mr. McNerney and seconded by Ms. Clark to adjourn at 10:23 p.m.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

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

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Richfield Joint Recreation District,  
Chairperson

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Richfield Joint Recreation District,  
Secretary