



Special Meeting Work Session

Tuesday, September 1, 2015

(Meeting Held at the Village of Richfield Town Hall, Finance Department Conference Room)

WORK SESSION

Call to Order:

The Special Meeting Work Session was Called to Order at 6:00 p.m. by the Chairperson Mr. Floyd Ostrowski. Roll Call was taken by RJRD Administrator, Mrs. Bluso Rogers.

In Attendance:

Mr. Bob Becker
Ms. Kelly Clark
Mr. Rich Fleming
Mr. Ralph McNerney
Mr. Pat Norris *(Not Present)*
Mr. Floyd Ostrowski
Mr. Bill Taylor

Mrs. Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrator

Also in Attendance:

Mr. Jeff Kerr, Environmental Design Group
Ms. Terry Fercana, Environmental Design Group
Ms. Lucia Hanigosky, Volunteers
Ms. Corey Ringle, President FOCH
Ms. Kathleen Magnar, Farnham Foundation, Inc.
Mr. Tim Magnar, Farnham Foundation, Inc.

Business:

Mr. Jeff Kerr stated the African Proverb stated at the first session: *"If you want to go fast, go alone.....if you want to go far, go together."* Mr. Kerr opined that it was a good quote for the sessions.

Several comments were shared before the exercises began.

Bob Becker: *"Certain program elements, including RV camping, could not fully be understood unless the depth, history and dialogue were considered with regard to "why" it was being investigated as a viable opportunity"*

Floyd Ostrowski: *"The previous week's session was a marker for prioritizing, not an indication of 'go no/go'."*

Bill Taylor: *"A return on investment is not just about revenue...activity/use must be considered as well."*

The Board concurred that equestrian elements would/should include: pole barn, staging area, trailheads, parking, stables and trails. The uses would not include a boarding stable and the program is easy to shut down if the program discontinues.

Jeff Kerr added *"Equestrian trails are prone to erosion, and as such, should be used separately from other trail types, including walking and biking."*

Ralph McNerney stated *"due to cost, RJRD should initially consider multi-purpose trails."*

Floyd Ostrowski stated *"if RJRD could provide something like an ADA-accessible par course that focuses on the needs of handicapped/disabled visitors, this would be an example of an opportunity that sets them apart from other parks in the area."*

The Evaluation Criteria Matrix was re-introduced and the program elements were indicated as they were determined from the August 25, 2015 session. Revisions were noted at the first session were incorporated. The Board was asked to evaluate each program element as a positive (+), negative (-) or a neutral (O).

It is noted for the records that due to the absence of Trustee Mr. Pat Norris, those responses were used as guidelines or "tie breakers" to determine final scoring. An asterisk (*) is included to reflect those areas which may require further dialogue.

Program elements were:

Equestrian

Facility Rental
Par Courses
Camping
Fishing
Lake Swimming
Ice Skating
Natural/Health Science (STEM)
Zip Line
Boating/Kayaking/Canoeing/Paddle Boarding
Range Shooting (Pistol/Rifle/Archery/Trap/Skeet)
Trails (Nature/Paved/Aggregate)

BMX

Snowmobiling

Tree Camps

Team Challenge Courses

Picnicking

Gazebo for Photography/Pictures

Playgrounds

RV's

Trails (Buckeye Trail Association/Ohio Horseman's Council)

Overnight Camping

Due the time constraints, some elements listed above in red were grouped based upon common uses/themes or were not discussed at all. Attached to the Record of Proceedings is the final matrix of the results from the Board's discussion.

Prioritizing Exercise:

Based on eight (8) categories a dynamic list of "buckets" was determined. The following is the list of those eight categories and the uses that were placed in the bucket.

1. Out of the Gate; i.e. within the next six (6) months

- Open Use of the Public Spaces
- Hiking on Existing Trails
- A/E/C (Architect/Engineer/contractor) Studies
- Master Plan
- Programming (i.e. Kirby Birthday Party, Trick or Treat on the Trails)
- Communications (Ongoing)
- Fence/Other Gate Repair

2. Need This to Do That

- Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Water/Wells
- Electricity/Utilities
- Dredge Lake
- Bridge/Access

- Dam Repair
 - Use Policies
 - Surveys/Mapping (Hydraulics)
 - Memorandum of Understandings
- 3. Easy & Cheap**
- Equestrian (Center)
 - Ice Skating
 - Hiking on Existing Nature Trails
 - Open Use of the Public Spaces; i.e. equestrian
- 4. Difficult & Expensive**
- Dredge Lake
 - Dam Repair
 - Water
 - Building Rehabilitation
 - Swimming Pool
 - Trails
- 5. Need Partners**
- Equestrian
 - Zip Lines
 - Gund Range
 - Education
 - Trains (Maintenance/Excavation)
 - Grants; i.e. Rocky River Watershed
 - Metro Parks (Cleveland, Summit County, CVNP)
 - Operations
 - Friends of Crowell Hilaka
- 6. Needs Further Study**
- Water/Wells
 - Facility Rental
 - Gund Range
 - Zip Lines
 - Grants/Fundraising
 - Swimming Pool
- 7. Not Now (Three (3) Years Out)**
- Swimming Pool
 - BMX
 - Tree Camps
 - RV
 - Playgrounds
 - Gazebos

- 8. Not Core**
- Facility Rental

Adjournment:

MOTION made by Mr. Becker and seconded by Ms. Clark to adjourn at 9:03 p.m.

DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED: Mr. Becker (Yea) Ms. Clark (Yea), Mr. Fleming (Yea), Mr. McNerney (Yea), Mr. Norris (Yes), Mr. Ostrowski (Yea), and Mr. Taylor (Yea)

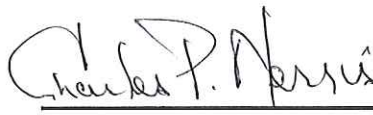
Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrator to RJRD Board



Richfield Joint Recreation District,
Chairperson



Richfield Joint Recreation District,
~~Secretary~~ Treasurer