



**Richfield Joint Recreation District
Special Meeting
Wednesday, July 16, 2014
(Meeting Held at the Richfield Village Town Hall, Mayor's Conference Room)**

The Richfield Joint Recreation District Board met for a Special Meeting and was Called to Order at 7:40 p.m. with Roll Call taken by Mrs. Bluso Rogers.

In Attendance:

Mr. Bob Lucas
Mr. Ralph Mc Nerney
Mr. Pat Norris
Mr. Floyd Ostrowski
Ms. Donna Skoda (*Absent*)
Mr. Bill Taylor

Also in attendance:

Mr. William Hanna, Board Legal Counsel

Ms. Bobbie Beshara, Mayor Village of Richfield
Mr. Mike Lyons, Village Councilperson
Mr. Roger Swan, Village Councilperson
Ms. Corey Ringle, Friends of Crowll-Hilaka and Working Group Member
Mrs. Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrative Assistant

Business:

Board Organization:

Nomination and Election of Officers

Tabled until Wednesday, July 23, 2014

Update on Insurance and Bonding

Tabled until Wednesday, July 23, 2014

Discussion of the MOU Memorandum of Understanding Between the Village and the Recreation District

Mr. Hanna is working on the draft. With the exception of legal representation, the matter was tabled until Wednesday, July 23, 2014.

MOTION made by Mr. Ostrowski and seconded by Mr. Norris to accept the Waiver of Conflict and Engagement Letter presented by Mr. William Hanna, Walter & Haverfield and in the absence of a Board Chairperson authorizing Mr. Floyd Ostrowski to sign these documents.

DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED BY THE MAJORITY PRESENT

Determination of the Working Groups on the Recreation Board

Tabled until Wednesday, July 23, 2014

Administration: Funding

Report from Western Reserve Land Conservancy detailing actual costs relating to Acquisition, Capital, Operation and Maintenance

Mr. Leslie provided examples of these expenses and an example of a budget from another property, Chickagami. The Board had an in-depth discussion to ascertain funding levels for the acquisition, repairs and operations. Mr. Leslie opined that these estimates would provide the best path forward, due to the time constraints.

Follow-up clarification on the definition of terms for Bonds and Levies

Board Member Mr. Norris stated that Mr. Mike Sudsina, Financial Advisor for Political Subdivisions is available to work through the activities of Bond Counsel and Mr. Hanna.

Presentation of Polling and Levy Campaign Strategies

It was previously reported that Burges and Burges would be assisting with the campaign strategy but at today's meeting that was changed to the R Strategy Group C/o Jeff Rusnak. R Strategy Group is one of Ohio's leading strategic communications and advocacy firms specializing in designing and implementing campaigns that build support, educate and mobilize key constituencies, inform the public and public officials and ultimately achieve success. Some of their services include, providing strategic direction through polling interviews, development of a campaign timeline, analysis of public opinion research that includes competing levies, and development of an overall message and message materials including social media. At this point it is expected that R Strategy will begin work this weekend to provide data to the Board.

Legal and Legislative: Identification of Action Items and Due Dates to Meet the August 6, 2014 Deadline for the November 2014 General Election

The Boards discussed various millage rates for the bond and the operating levy. The Board will consider draft resolutions using different assumptions, to be prepared by bond counsel, and will discuss further on Monday, July 21, 2014, in order to consider taking further action on one or more of the resolution.

MOTION made by Mr. Norris and seconded by Mr. Ostrowski to go into Executive Session at 9:15 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: Clark (Yea), Lucas (Yea), McNerney (Yea), Norris (Yea), Ostrowski (Yea), Taylor (Yea)

Also in attendance in the Executive Session: Mr. Hanna, Mayor Beshara, Mr. Lyons, Ms. Ringle, Mr. Leslie, Mrs. Bluso Rogers, Mr. Rusnak

MOTION made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Mr. Norris to go out of Executive Session at 10:15 p.m.

DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED: Clark (Yea), Lucas (Yea), McNerney (Yea), Norris (Yea), Ostrowski (Yea), Taylor (Yea)

MOTION made by Mr. Ostrowski and seconded by Mr. Lucas to adjourn at 10:17 p.m.

DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED BY THE MAJORITY PRESENT

Richfield Joint Recreation District,
Chairperson

Richfield Joint Recreation District,
Secretary