



Regular Meeting with Work Session June 24, 2019

Call to Order: The regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Bob Becker, Board Chairperson.

Roll Call:, Sandy Apidone, Jeff Deluca, Art Gonzales, Pat Norris, Meg Slifcak, Bill Smith, and Bob Becker

Also in Attendance: Administrative Coordinator Judy Soroszak

Work Session

Bluebird Nesting Boxes:

Jackson Perisutti, Boy Scout with Troop 701, presented detailed plans for his Eagle Scout project of building and installing bluebird nesting boxes.

Historic Home Stabilization Task Force:

Mr. Smith reported the task force had inspected and evaluated the immediate needs to preserve historic structures. These buildings included North House, Amity, and Kirby. Mr. Smith read the recommendations made by the task force and prepared by Ms. Corey Ringle to preserve the buildings. Questions and comments including discussion on funding sources for the work, the next steps to start the projects identified, and the use of volunteers for the work.

Insurance Renewal:

Mr. Gonzales reported on the proposed insurance renewal. He gave information on the pricing for the policy, limits on insurance and liability, and legislative changes that require surety bonds. Mr. Gonzales also spoke about the need to increase the coverage amount for the All Crimes policy and options to increase the deductible for property insurance to save on the premium. Mr. Gonzales said that he is working to coordinate a closer look at the valuation of the buildings which may be too high.

Bylaws Revisions:

Ms. Slifcak said that the Governance Committee has not taken formal action on Bylaws revisions. She asked for input on revisions to the Meetings and Agendas section. After discussion Mr. Gonzales said that he and Mr. Smith could work on language to simplify this section. A second item Governance discussed, and disagreed on, was authorization to sign checks. Ms. Slifcak used Richfield Township's requirements under the Ohio Revised Code as an example and commented she felt strongly that the fiscal officer sign checks in addition to multiple trustees. Further comments included best practices for check signing in businesses and timeliness of vendor payments. Mr. Norris disagreed with Ms. Slifcak and read a statement regarding his belief that the Board is now in compliance with its Bylaws with two trustees signing checks and that the process of reviewing and updating the Bylaws should now take place in Governance before coming to the Board as a whole. He said there is no urgency and the process should not be rushed. Ms. Slifcak and Ms. Apidone commented that previous discussions on this topic were offensive and inappropriate. Mr. Norris stated that the previous discussion was introduced in a briefing memo in a Governance Committee meeting, which is tasked for discussing these matters..

Regular Meeting

Standing Committee Reports:

Governance:

Ms. Slifcak reported that the budget is in good shape, then and now motions will need approval, and that when the operating levy renewal is due the costs can be rolled into the bond proceeds. Ms. Slifcak said the Board needs to decide what they hope to accomplish through ANCA. The cost for the ANCA consult is \$6,000. The Friends have agreed to share the cost equally. Ms. Slifcak said she and Beth Sanderson met with Andrea Ireland from the National Park Service and provided information services they could provide.

MOTION by: Mr. Gonzales and seconded by Mr. Norris to apply for the National Park Service Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance Program due June 30, 2019.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED: Vote taken by voice Yea, which was unanimous

Ms. Ringle requested that the Friends receive the funding request for the ANCA consult in writing from Mr. Becker.

MOTION by: Mr. Norris and seconded by Mr. Gonzales to approve payment of up to \$3,000 for the ANCA consult.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED: Vote taken by voice Yea, which was unanimous with the exceptions of Mr. Smith abstaining

Park Operations:

Mr. Deluca reported meeting with Ohio Edison on electrical issues that appear to be Ohio Edison’s responsibility to resolve. He reported on work completed on several maintenance issues in the park, the second quote for the well will be forthcoming.

Park Services:

Ms. Apidone reported that permission has been given to use the parking lot at the Woods Park by the Village for Trick or Treat on the Trail. Brochures for rentals have been completed.

Capital Projects:

Mr. Smith said project start dates are delayed due to weather with hopeful completion of the wastewater treatment plant by November.

Special Fundraising Committee Report:

Mr. Gonzales reported on the development of a timeline and the need for definitions of projects that will require funding. He said the Board needs to develop a public park case statement on fundraising, and there is a need for funding application writers.

Administration Report:

Ms. Soroszak said she submitted the annual ohio emergency evacuation plan for the dam. She researched media displays for the park office and found that a TV is the best option. She reported on volunteer help at the office and temporary signage restrictions in the village.

Volunteer Coordinator Report:

Ms. Susan Czaplicki informed trustees on Boy Scout volunteer projects, and the many other projects completed by volunteers throughout the park. She thanked everyone who washed windows and cleaned Gund Hall in preparation for events.

Treasurer Report:

Mr. Norris said that the finance report will remain as submitted through the end of May. He reported that the Annual Tax Budget was prepared and requested a motion to approve.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

MOTION by: Mr. Norris and seconded by Mr. Smith to authorize the Fiscal Officer to submit the 2020 Alternative Tax Budget to Summit County Fiscal Office.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED: Vote taken by voice Yea, which was unanimous

MOTION by: Mr. Norris and seconded by Mr. Deluca to approve Resolution 11-2019 A Resolution Authorizing the Richfield Joint Recreation District to Implement the Recommendations of the Historic Homes Stabilization Task Force

FURTHER DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED: Vote taken by voice Yea, which was unanimous

Partner Reports:

Friends of Crowell Hilaka: Ms. Corey Ringle reported that new brochures have been ordered with bridle trails included and thanked everyone for approval of the Historic Homes Stabilization Task Force Resolution. She reported that the need to install a sign acknowledging Mill funding and announced that the Friends of Crowell Hilaka will be celebrating 10 years.

Announcements:

There will be no regular July meeting.

Questions / Comments from the Floor: None

Adjournment:

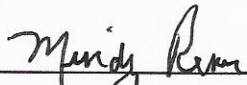
MOTION by: Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Deluca to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED: Vote taken by voice Yea, which was unanimous

Submitted by:

Accepted by:



Mindy Renee, Administrative
Coordinator



Bob Becker, Board Chairperson