

RJRD REGULAR BOARD MEETING

August 28th, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

The RJRD Board met in The Park Lodge at Richfield Heritage Preserve.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Holly Price, Dave Wehner, Anita Gantner, Steve McPeake, Mark Robeson, Mike Selig,

ABSENT: Mike Lyons

Also present: John Piepsny, Susan Czaplicki and members of the public

MINUTES: Changes are needed for the July meeting and will vote on at the next meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Governance met August 11th and will be working on a draft work agreement.

Fundraising and Grant writing: no Report

ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Park Director spoke about the Lower lake outlet bridge. He stated that the Ohio Operating Engineers were willing to take the bridge out and that we were waiting on a response from the Army Corps. to determine if a permit was needed or not. Ms. Price clarified there was no cost to the park for the demo. Mr. Piepsny confirmed. He also announced the Bad JuJu concert set for September 21, 2025.

TREASURERS REPORT: Mr. Wehner reported:

BALANCE IN THE BANK @ JULY 31:	693K
O/S CHECKS AND ADJUSTMENTS:	(14K)
CASH AVAILABLE @ JULY :	<u>679K</u>
BROKEN DOWN TO	
BOND FUND	264K
ALL OTHER FUND	415K
<u>CASH INFLOWS</u>	<u>44K</u>
PROGRAMS	8K
LODGE RENTAL	35K
MISC/CELL	1K
(YTD 511K)	

BUDGET INFO:

OP FUND – 58%, LODGE – 72%, BOND – 47%

<u>CASH OUTFLOWS</u>	<u>70K</u>
PAYROLL+RELATED	26K
PROF SERV (LGL)	2K
TECH FEES	1K
REP MAINT/SERVICE	14K
UTILITY	4K
(INC UTIL, INSPECTION, INTERNET)	
PRINTING/ADVERTISING	2K
INSURANCE	16K

BUDGET INFO: OP FUND – 68%, LODGE – 54%, BOND – 28%

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a discussion about the State Capital Grant of 2026 and what should RJRD focus on in its application. There was discussion about a boathouse and a deck out into the lake. Discussion followed regarding grant specifics. Fundraising and Grants Committee to take back for consideration.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Czaplicki explained a volunteer fence program could work. RJRD discussed neighbor request to install a gate at their own expense. Board sentiment was mixed. John Piepsny gave examples of why a fence was put into certain parks. Mr. Wehner stated that a fence is about control and that RJRD will give up control if we let residents install gates. Ms. Price thought a community survey would be helpful.

John Piepsny presented the trail map, trail distances, signs etc. The RJRD Board had a discussion about names. ADHOC Committee will be formed to discuss trails and names.

RJRD discussed the Governance work agreement draft. Ms. Gantner asked who determines if a permit is needed. Ms. Price and Mr. Wehner stressed it would vary by project. Mr. McPeake asked why the Board would sign. There two issues will be taken back to the governance committee for further work.

Oviatt House gave a presentation on how they want to move forward with the Mable Smith well. They outlined the next steps needed to move forward.

MOTION: Mr. McPeake moved to allow the Oviatt group to submit the application to the EPA and start discussion with Dynamarc for a quote.

MOTION PASSED: Ms. Gantner (yea), Ms. Price (yea), Mr. Robeson (yea), Mr. McPeake (yea), Mr. Selig (yea), Mr. Wehner (yea).

There was a discussion about the swing bridge on the mill. Concerns were raised about the cost and safety of the bridge. Park insurance won't comment until there is an engineering report about the bridge per Mr. Wehner. Ms. Richardson offered to arrange a conversation with GFT, Friends and RJRD board members.

Comments from the Floor

Mr. Hudak asked if gates are needed. Also described Village's process of asking for comments prior to voting on issues.

Ms. Peterson said if gates are allowed they should always be locked.

Ms. Moore stated individual gates could make visitors feel less safe.

Mr. LaGuardia said he has noticed fence cuts and gates and seen vehicle tracks in those areas. He is not in favor of allowing gates.

Ms. Campbell asked how trail signs would be attached to trees and that nails can injure/damage trees.

Ms. Ringle asked about work on the Mill, programming for next year and the ad-hoc trail meeting.

Ms. Richardson asked about Mill work.

Mr. Hudak said he believes three people discussing park business would need to be announced and open to public.

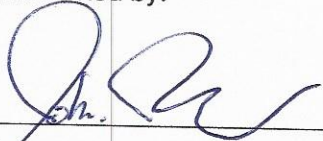
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: to adjourn made by Mr. Wehner. Mr. Selig seconded.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Submitted by:



John Piepsny, Park Director

Accepted by:



Anita Gantner, Board Chair

