

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS ANDERSON PARK DISTRICT

October 11, 2016

Rob Herking, President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Anderson Park District (“APD”) to order at 6:30 pm at Park District Headquarters, 8249 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45244. Present were Board Members: Dominic Wolfer and Colin Ramsey. Angie Stocker and Tom Turchiano had work obligations.

Also present were: Ken Kushner, Executive Director; Emily Armstrong, Board Clerk; Brian Jordan, Financial Officer; Jessica Fall, Recreation Manager; and Sheila Fehn, Office Manager.

GUESTS: Erin Wesselman, resident.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL: Mr. Wolfer moved the Board approve the Agenda as presented. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Wolfer, Mr. Herking, and Mr. Ramsey. (3); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Public to Address the Board: Mrs. Wesselman introduced herself as a neighbor of W. M. Johnson Hills Park. She stated she has attended the meetings in an effort to stay informed about the area around her home.

Mr. Kushner welcomed her to the meeting and said he will be in contact with her about future plans for the entrance road and the easement she has to her home along the existing driveway.

OLD BUSINESS:

Operating Levy: Mr. Kushner presented a recent front page article in the Forest Hills Journal which featured the upcoming operating levy. He said since the last meeting, the APD found out the Board of Elections decided not to include the final line in the APD’s ballot language which was to state, “If this levy is approved the taxes from the 2008 levy will not be collected in 2017.” The line was included in the previous levies in 2000 and 2008, but for some reason the Board of Elections decided not to include it for this levy. Neither the Board of Elections, nor the Secretary of State would provide a reason why they decided to drop this line from the APD’s ballot language this year. They provided no explanation as to why they waited for the ballot proofs to go out to let the APD figure out that they chose to make this change. Accordingly, the APD sent a postcard to all homes in Anderson Township the week of October 3rd to help educate the public about the purpose of the levy and the fact that the existing levy would be replaced if the new levy is approved this November.

Mr. Kushner stated the APD is eager to move forward with business. The park board has presented the APD operating levies in presidential election years since 1992 because voter turn-out is at its greatest, bringing out the largest number of Anderson residents to decide on this community issue.

Mr. Herking stated the following levy facts:

- Anderson Park levies expire.

- The November 8, 2016 1.9 mill operating levy will replace the APD's existing 1.9 mill operating levy, due to expire in 2018. If this levy is approved, the 2008 Park operating levy will be rescinded.
- This 1.9 mill levy will allow the Anderson Parks to continue to operate and maintain the parks for the next ten years.
- This levy will cost the \$100,00 homeowner \$66.50 per year.
- The Anderson Parks operating levy has remained at the 1.9 mill level since 1992.
- This levy will allow the APD to operate and maintain the parks for the next 10 years.
- The ballot language reads additional but the existing levy will be rescinded if the levy is approved by the voters.

He further stated the APD is out of business without an operating levy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Calendar of Events: Mr. Kushner presented a calendar of upcoming activities for the Board's review. He highlighted Make a Difference Day on October 22nd at Veterans Park. The volunteers, led by staff, will plant trees to replace the many ash trees lost in the past few years.

Mr. Herking highlighted the annual Trunk 'r Treat event on Saturday, October 15th at Beech Acres Park from 2:30p – 4:30p.

REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL:

Staff Changes: Mrs. Armstrong stated there were no staff changes to present this month.

Resolution 2016-05 ~ Hamilton County Auditor's Amounts and Rates:

Mr. Herking moved the Board approve **Resolution 2016-05, Hamilton County Auditor's Amounts and Rates 2017**, accepting the Hamilton County Auditor's Amounts and Rates for 2017. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Wolfer, Mr. Herking, and Mr. Ramsey. (3); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Purchase Order Approval:

Mr. Wolfer moved the Board approve the following between-meeting Purchase Orders, as presented by Mr. Jordan:

<i>Wendling Printing Co.</i>	<i>Park Guide</i>	<i>\$ 5,918.00</i>
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Mr. Herking seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Wolfer, Mr. Herking, and Mr. Ramsey. (3); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURES:

Mr. Wolfer moved the Board approve the **September, 2016 Financial Reports** and authorize the **Expenditures** as presented by Mr. Jordan. Mr. Herking seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Wolfer, Mr. Herking, and Mr. Ramsey. (3); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Herking moved the Board approve the minutes from the **September 13, 2016 Regular Meeting** as written. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Wolfer, Mr. Herking, and Mr. Ramsey. (3); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Public to Address the Board: No one wished to address the Board at this time.

At 6:38 pm Mr. Herking moved the Board adjourn into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Wolfer, Mr. Herking, and Mr. Ramsey. (3); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Armstrong explained Executive Session to Ms. Wesselman and invited her to stay for the Board's return to the regular meeting.

Ms. Wesselman declined to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

At 7:02 pm Mr. Herking moved the Board adjourn the Executive Session and re-open the regular meeting. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Wolfer, Mr. Herking, and Mr. Ramsey. (3); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

No decision was made by the Board at this time.

At 7:03 pm, there being no further business to be brought before this Board, Mr. Herking moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Wolfer, Mr. Herking, and Mr. Ramsey. (3); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

I hereby certify that the foregoing are the minutes of the October 11, 2016 regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, which minutes reflect the essence of the meeting and are not verbatim.

*Emily Armstrong
Board Clerk*

Rob Herking

Colin Ramsey

Dominic Wolfer