

# **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS ANDERSON PARK DISTRICT**

**March 14, 2017**

Tom Turchiano, Vice President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Anderson Park District (“APD”) to order at 6:30 p.m. at Park District Headquarters, 8249 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45244. Present were Board Members: Angie Stocker, Colin Ramsey. Mr. Herking arrived from work shortly after the meeting began. Mr. Wolfer had a work obligation.

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

**GUESTS:** Residents: Erin and David Wesselman; Bob Drake.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

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

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Kushner stated there was nothing to report regarding old business follow up.

Mr. Herking arrived at 6:32 p.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Anderson Foundation for Parks and Recreation Update:**

Mr. Kushner said it has been the goal of the APD Board to separate from the Anderson Foundation for Parks and Recreation (“Foundation”) Board. He suggested that as the Foundation continues to evolve, two Park Board members might consider serving in liaison positions on the Foundation Board.

A brief discussion took place among the Board Members, including the following considerations: the Park Board should have an exit plan once the Foundation Board is ready to be autonomous; a Memorandum of Understanding between the two entities is key to have in place before the Park Board separates; the Park Board should continue to assist with the transition to make sure both entities are set up to succeed; determining the parameters for new Foundation Members will help the Foundation attract and grow with strong members.

**Calendar of Events:** Mr. Kushner presented a calendar of upcoming activities for the Board’s review. He highlighted the upcoming Ball Diamond Repair Certification Workshop. He said baseball officially begins March 18<sup>th</sup> with games at Riverside Park. The next Board Meeting is April 4<sup>th</sup>, which is early in order to avoid spring break. The Adult Egg Hunt is Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and the

Youth Hunts are April 15<sup>th</sup>, both at Riverside Park. The Great American Clean Up is April 8<sup>th</sup> at Johnson Hills Park.

**REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL:**

**Staff Changes:** Mrs. Stocker moved the Board approve staff's recommendation to hire Joseph Gebhart, Jr. and Carl Pratt, Jr. on their actual dates of hire as part-time Operations I staff. Mr. Herking seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Turchiano, Mr. Herking, and Mr. Ramsey. (4); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2017-03 ~ 2017 Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement:**

Mr. Herking moved the Board approve **Resolution 2017-03, authorizing an equipment lease-purchase agreement with 5/3 Bank for certain equipment and authorizing other documents in connection with such transaction.**

Mrs. Stocker seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Turchiano, Mr. Herking, and Mr. Ramsey. (4); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kushner said the APD is able to sell surplus equipment and vehicles on GovDeals.com

**Resolution 2017-04 ~ Parks Improvement Bond \$200,000:**

Mrs. Stocker moved the Board approve **Resolution 2017-04, authorizing the issuance of \$200,000 of bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of improving the parks by constructing a new road and parking lot at W. M. Johnson Hills Park.**

Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Turchiano, Mr. Herking, and Mr. Ramsey. (4); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

**Monthly Purchase Order Approval:**

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

<i>Gametime</i>	<i>Playground Train &amp; Surface, Beech Acres Park</i>	<i>\$ 53,968.93</i>
<i>Advanced Turf Solutions</i>	<i>500 bags of fertilizer</i>	<i>\$ 6,000.00</i>
<i>Wendling Printing Co.</i>	<i>Spring Park Guide (Replaces the previous purchase order for \$5,970, due to an extra page edit)</i>	<i>\$ 5,995.00</i>

Mr. Turchiano seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Turchiano, Mr. Herking, and Mr. Ramsey. (4); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURES:**

Mr. Herking moved the Board approve the **February, 2017 Financial Reports** and authorize the **Expenditures** as presented by Mr. Jordan. Mrs. Stocker seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Turchiano, Mr. Herking, and Mr. Ramsey. (4); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Herking moved the Board approve the minutes from the **February 14, 2017 Regular Meeting** as written. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Turchiano, Mr. Herking, and Mr. Ramsey. (4); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Stocker moved the Board approve the minutes from the **February 24, 2017 Special Meeting Training Workshop** as written. Mr. Turchiano seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Turchiano, Mr. Herking, and Mr. Ramsey. (4); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public to Address the Board:** Mr. Drake said it was unfortunate that all of the Board Members were not present as he brought various documents for the benefit of the two newest Members, Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Wolfer. He spoke at length about his disappointment in the APD Board's decision to continue to develop Johnson Hills Park ("JHP"). The APD has no evidence that anyone wants what the APD is proposing at JHP. The APD's surveys are flawed regarding what people want at JHP. He said he approves of the new entrance road and parking lot. The new Board Members have not gotten an accurate representation of what the community wants at JHP. The vast majority of people interested in disc golf do not live in Anderson Township. Mr. Drake said 100% of the people he represents are Anderson Township residents. He acknowledged some of the people who signed his petition are not from Ohio. He believes his sample is better than the APD's. He said the Board has approved spending \$20,000,000 on JHP improvements.

Mr. Herking said Mr. Drake and the Park Board have spent a lot of time over the past few years disagreeing about what the community wants in their public park. The Board has had multiple conversations with Mr. Drake in which Mr. Drake repeatedly takes exception to everything the APD says regarding JHP. Mr. Drake continues to say no one in the community wants disc golf, but there are many people in the community who in fact do want disc golf. Mr. Herking said the APD did not vote to spend \$20,000,000 at JHP. The Board is moving forward with the entrance road and parking lot project at JHP this year. The Board has been transparent about the Phase I plan for JHP. The plan includes amenities that are reasonable for an active park. Mr. Herking offered to again meet for coffee with Mr. Drake to further discuss the APD's plans for JHP.

Mr. Wesselman said he lives in one of the houses along the driveway at JHP. He wants to understand the new driveway project and how his home will be affected.

Mrs. Wesselman asked if there will be a turnaround for firetrucks.

Mr. Kushner said the road will end past Mr. Wesselman's neighbor's house. He said the APD will work with the neighbors on the project.

Mrs. Stocker said the APD would install signage to help people know where the park property ends and where private property begins.

Mr. Smith said a turnaround might encourage park visitors to enter where they should not. He said the new entrance driveway will be about 40 feet to the left of where it currently is.

At 7:01 pm, Mrs. Stocker moved the Board adjourn into Executive Session to consider the compensation of a public employee and the acquisition of real estate. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Turchiano, Mr. Herking, and Mr. Ramsey. (4); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board retired to another area in the building for the Executive Session portion of the meeting.

At 7:10 pm, Mr. Herking moved the Board adjourn the Executive Session and re-open the regular meeting. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Turchiano, Mr. Herking, and Mr. Ramsey. (4); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

**Job Posting:**

Mr. Herking moved the Board approve staff's recommendation to post a job advertisement for a full time Operations Mechanic with the starting annual salary of \$45,000.

Mrs. Stocker seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Turchiano, Mr. Herking, and Mr. Ramsey. (4); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

At 7:10 pm, there being no further business to be brought before this Board, Mr. Herking moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Stocker seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Turchiano, Mr. Herking, and Mr. Ramsey. (4); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

*I hereby certify that the foregoing are the minutes of the March 14, 2017 regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, which minutes reflect the essence of the meeting and are not verbatim.*

*Emily Armstrong*  
*Board Clerk*

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Rob Herking

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Colin Ramsey

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Angie Stocker

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Tom Turchiano