

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS ANDERSON TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

February 9, 2016

Nadine Gelter, President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Anderson Township Park District (“ATPD”) to order at 6:32 pm at Park District Headquarters, 8249 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45244. Present were Board Members: Tom Turchiano and Dominic Wolfer. Angie Stocker arrived at 6:47 pm because of a work obligation. Rob Herking had a work obligation.

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

GUESTS: ATPD Counsel: Roger Schoeni, Tom Luebbers, and Paul Boggs. Wayne Hermann, resident; Andrew Pappas, Anderson Township Trustee; Vicky Earhart, Anderson Township Administrator; Sheila Vilvens, Forest Hills Journal.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OATH OF OFFICE: Mrs. Gelter stated on January 21st, the Anderson Township Trustee Board followed the Ohio Revised Code and made appointments to the ATPD Board of Park Commissioners. She welcomed new commissioner, Dominic Wolfer to the park board and welcomed back Mr. Turchiano. She said she is looking forward to working with both Commissioners in the coming weeks and months. She further stated she believes this Board will go forward with renewed strength with five commissioners of unquestioned and uncompromised fashion to do what is best for the park district, its future and the residents the ATPD serves.

Tom Turchiano and Dominic Wolfer read their Oaths of Office, as witnessed by Brian Jordan and notarized by Emily Armstrong. The terms for Mr. Turchiano and Mr. Wolfer commence on the second Monday in May, succeeding their appointments, and expire in May of 2018.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Beech Acres Property Purchase: Mr. Kushner presented several documents for the Board’s review regarding the Beech Acres property purchase: an October 8, 2015 letter from Anderson Township government (“Township”) to the park board; a January 26, 2016 letter from the Township to the park board; approved Township meeting minutes from September 17, 2015 and October 1, 2015; approved ATPD meeting minutes from October 1, 2015, October 2, 2015, and October 13, 2015; several newspaper articles about the property purchase status; and a February 4, 2016 Township Resolution determining not to proceed with buying the Beech Acres property.

Mr. Kushner stated the ATPD has been navigating the process to acquire the Beech Acres property as a public park since the fall of 2014. Community leadership has a difference of opinion on how the property should be used. He recommended the Board table the item for Executive Session since the parameters for the property purchase have changed.

Mrs. Gelter stated the Board would table the discussion on the Beech Acres property purchase until Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Member Terms List: Mr. Kushner presented a current list of Board of Park Commissioners Terms. He stated Mr. Wolfer is the first Commissioner to be born after the park district was established in 1975.

2015 Participation Numbers: Mr. Kushner presented the 2015 “Participation Numbers” piece, summarizing public participation at events, programs, and facility rentals throughout the year.

2015 Recreation Department Financial Summary: Mrs. Fall presented the 2015 Recreation Department Financial Summary.

Mrs. Gelter congratulated the Recreation Department for another exceptional year of programs, events, and leagues.

2015 Field User Residency Report: Mr. Kushner presented the 2015 Field User Residency Report for the Board’s review.

Mrs. Gelter asked about the fluctuation in residency rates between 2014 and 2015.

Mr. Kushner stated 259 organizations are scheduled on the ATPD’s facilities. Some of the entities such as Ursuline Academy have built their own facilities, resulting in a spike during the years they rely on the ATPD fields while their facility is being renovated or built. Others have overlapping service area boundaries which inevitably fluctuate from year to year.

2015 Field Use Report: Mr. Kushner presented the 2015 Field Use Report for the Board’s review.

2015 Facility Comparison Report: Mr. Kushner presented the 2015 Facility Comparison Report for the Board’s review.

Mr. Turchiano asked why the hours of use went down for the All Weather Fields at Riverside Park.

Mr. Kushner said a more appropriate name for the ATPD’s All Weather Fields would be the Most Weather Fields, since ice can take the fields out of play, as occurred in most of February and March of 2015. This loss of field time resulted in a significant reduction to the revenue generated and the hours used.

Senior Center Future: Mr. Kushner stated he wanted to add to New Business a brief update about the Township’s Senior Center status. He said the Township contacted him about their Senior Center and that it may be undergoing changes. He will provide an update to the Board after he finds out more

about what the Township wants to discuss. He further stated the ATPD currently serves a significant senior population through the Recreation Department's current offerings and the various ATPD amenities in the parks.

Calendar of Events: Mr. Kushner presented a calendar of upcoming activities for the Board's review.

Mrs. Gelter highlighted the upcoming, popular Daddy Daughter Dance.

Mrs. Fall stated the ATPD has taken close to 1,100 registrations for the three dances the weekend of February 12 and 13, 2016.

Mr. Kushner said his daughter has outgrown the ATPD's Daddy Daughter Dance after many years of attendance.

Mr. Wolfer said this will be his sixth ATPD Daddy Daughter Dance with his daughter.

Mrs. Gelter also highlighted the upcoming Egg Hunts at Riverside Park. The Adult Hunt on Thursday, March 24, 2016 features a hunt just for seniors, ages 50 and over, as well as two other adult events.

REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL:

Staff Changes:

Mr. Wolfer moved the Board approve staff's recommendation to accept the resignations from **Zachary Corsmeier**, Part Time Concessions Staff, effective January 1, 2016 and **Carol Shields**, Part Time RecPlex Administrative Assistant, effective January 14, 2016, and to promote the following Part Time employee on their actual date of promotion: **Brad Bibus**, from Recreation/Operations Staff II to Operations Staff IV.

Mr. Turchiano seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Turchiano, and Mr. Wolfer. (3); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Purchase Order Approval:

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

<i>Brandstetter Carroll, Inc.</i>	<i>Master Plan for Beech Acres property</i>	\$ 8,500.00
<i>HP Financial Services</i>	<i>HP Computer Equipment 2016</i>	\$ 6,857.16

Mr. Wolfer seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Turchiano, and Mr. Wolfer. (3); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURES:

Mr. Turchiano moved the Board approve the **January, 2016 Financial Reports** and authorize the **Expenditures** as presented by Mr. Jordan.

Mr. Wolfer seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Turchiano, and Mr. Wolfer. (3); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Gelter moved the Board approve the minutes from the **January 12, 2016 Regular Meeting** as written. Mr. Turchiano seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter and Mr. Turchiano. (2); No: None. Abstain: Mr. Wolfer. (1). The motion carried.

Mr. Kushner read an email from Kiwanis Basketball Association (“KBA”) to its participants that stated KBA was unable to provide practices that particular week due to the scarcity of available gym time, and that if and when gym time is made available to KBA in the month of February, notification will be sent out to their coaches.

Mr. Kushner also read an excerpt from an ATPD Basketball Coaches survey that questioned how the ATPD could consider adding leagues for 7th & 8th graders when there wasn’t enough court/practice time the last two years for the existing leagues for 3rd – 6th graders.

Mr. Kushner said the KBA email was from February of 2016 and the Coaches survey was from the 1992-1993 basketball season. He said the dynamic for indoor recreation has not changed in over 23 years and that unless the community changes the dynamic, residents’ recreational opportunities will continue to be limited or they will continue to go elsewhere to get their needs met. He said it is critical for Anderson Township that we expand our facilities and offerings to serve all ages in the community. The ATPD knows first-hand about the needs in our community but nothing has changed in over 23 years.

Mrs. Gelter said she has family members who regularly spend their weekends in Wilder, Kentucky for their recreational interests, and they take their money with them.

Mrs. Stocker arrived at 6:47 pm.

Mr. Turchiano said everyone knows the community has a critical need for indoor recreational space. We need to figure out which plan or course of action to take to get there. He said people regularly leave Anderson to go to facilities outside of the community. We need to decide what is feasible and the best way to do it.

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

Mrs. Gelter stated the Board would be entering Executive Session to discuss land acquisition and that she is not sure if there will be any decisions resulting from it. She invited the guests to stay if they wished and explained the Board would be going to another part of the building to conduct the next portion of the meeting.

At 6:50 pm Mrs. Gelter moved the Board adjourn into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition and invited ATPD’s counsel to join them. Mr. Turchiano seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Stocker, Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Turchiano, and Mr. Wolfer. (4); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

At 8:24 pm Mrs. Stocker moved the Board adjourn the Executive Session and re-open the regular meeting. Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Stocker, Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Turchiano, and Mr. Wolfer. (4); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Stocker moved the Board authorize Mr. Kushner to contact Beech Acres Parenting Center to re-negotiate on the property. Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Stocker, Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Turchiano, and Mr. Wolfer. (4); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Gelter moved the Board authorize Mr. Kushner to order an appraisal on the agreed to property. Mrs. Stocker seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Stocker, Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Turchiano, and Mr. Wolfer. (4); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

At 8:25 pm, there being no further business to be brought before this Board, Mrs. Stocker moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Stocker, Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Turchiano, and Mr. Wolfer. (4); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

I hereby certify that the foregoing are the minutes of the February 9, 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*

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Angie Stocker

Tom Turchiano

Dominic Wolfer