

PICKAWAY COUNTY

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PARK DISTRICT

Meeting 4th Thursday Monthly at Pickaway County Library meeting room.

The Public is encouraged to attend.

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 26, 2009

A. ROLL CALL. Board Members: P=Present A=Absent

Robert (Pete) Hartinger P Marty Delamatre P
Ken Temple P Ken Speakman P Bill Richards P
Contract Services Charles Babb P
Secretary-Andi Humphries P
Treasurer-Auditor A
Webmaster-Michael Moore A
Guests: no guest

B. Reading of previous month minutes: (approve/amend) Andi Humphries reviewed the minutes. Bill Richards said his concern to Dave Horn about Calamus Swamp is the development "west of highway 104", not north of 22. Marty motioned that the minutes be approved as amended; Ken Speakman seconded; amended minutes approved.

C. Financial status of Park District: Balance \$11,126.15 Ken Speakman reviewed the expenses totaling \$524.41. Bills paid were \$35.41 state survey, \$100 ODNR and \$309 insurance bonds.

D. Charles' contract still to be signed. Charles explained that the county sent the contract to the state for approval due to the Ohio Public Employment Retirement System.

E. Contract Service report – Charles Babb

1. Triangle Trail meeting – March 18th meeting with Clinton, Ross, Fayette and Pickaway Counties. Authority was given to Clinton County to secure the land in Fayette County then work together to pay for it.
2. Battelle Park meeting – March 19th meeting of park districts with Mid Ohio Regional Planning (MORP). Charles explained there are some funds that must be disbursed or will go somewhere else and MORP must approve the projects. MORP sent a letter to the state grant officials stating that they had reviewed and approved the grant for the trail to New Holland
3. Bills paid: see Item "C".
4. Meetings with officials: Charles has met with Williamsport Mayor Jeff Kaiser and New Holland Mayor Virginia Shipley. Both are happy to hear about the trail.

Charles said there is no corporation for Atlanta. Marty said it would then be the township trustees.

Ken Speakman expressed that the board is committed to get Charles because he can see the progress being made. He notes there are a lot of people in favor of the trails.

F. Old Business:

- 1. On March 6, Ken Temple, Charles, Pete, and Michael met with Bill's employee Chris to work on the Pickaway Trail.*
- 2. With the advice of Ken Speakman, Pete contacted the city probation office for help in clearing the trail. Sam at Municipal Court provided workers on the following day:*
- 3. On March 12, Charles, Bill, and Pete with help from Chris and five people from the community service (probation office) worked on the North side of the trail.*
- 4. On March 19, Pete with Chris and eight from community service finished clearing the first section of the Pickaway Trail starting on the South End.*
- 5. Office Space: We are working with Commissioner Jay Wipple to get office space. The probation department has taken the whole area where they are currently located.*
- 6. Old Minutes: Marty had reviewed the Dec. 18, 2008 minutes, against her notes and an item about Bill Richards was not properly recorded. The December, 08 minutes should reflect that "Ken Speakman made a motion that Bill Richard continue to operate his farm as currently operating which involves using the DP& L Rail bed. Pete seconded; motion carried." Pete noted that this occurred before Bill became a member of the board.*

G. New Business:

- 1. Canal Clean Up Day is April 16th: Students from Ohio Christian University will be available to clean. Rumpke doesn't seem interested in giving a dumpster for one day, and lot of debris has accumulated that has to be disposed of. Ken Temple will ask wildlife to provide a dump truck. .*

Pete asked if the Canal Committee could include the Park board on publicity and that maybe there should be a ribbon cutting.

- 2. Pickaway Trail Pete asked about the possibility of railroad ties to be used as steps up to the trail. The Canal Walk is May 2, and it would be nice to have something in place before then.*

Bill said the trail will need some seeding soon. Ken Speakman made a motion to buy two bags of grass seed at an approximate cost of \$120.00. Marty seconded, motion carried.

Bill also mentioned irrigation which, depending on the rain, could be necessary in June, July or August. He could run it across the trail at night if need be. He asked about the covering on the trail and suggested that packed gravel might be better than black top. Charles said they are looking at permeable surfaces.

- 3. Canal Trail Pete asked if the park board wants to do any work south of the Dam or up toward Ashville. Terry Reed told Ken Speakman that the park board can come up any time to look at it. Ken Speakman also talked to Steve Barthelmas about the Yellowbud area. Steve also said the board can walk it anytime.*

Bill asked about the area on Mill Road as a key to clearing a path all the way into Circleville. Ken Speakman said it has been approved except for the survey.

- 4. Martha Hitler Park Ken Speakman spoke with Chuck Wellman Jr about the placement of the marker. It was noted that the ODOT Grant is due in June, and Charles has talked to Ms. Moore about the parking lot.*
- 5. Kingston Pike Mound: The mound owned by Mark List meets a goal of preserving these areas. It was suggested that Professor Burks at OSU could be contacted in the future.*
- 6. Wildlife Habitat Preserves (11) to be added to the web site list. These areas are Division of Wildlife land for hunting.*
- 7. Canal Maps: The board has possession of the area around the canal which shows who owns the lands. These have not been surveyed.*
- 8. Marty told of the Healthy Kids at the Y program set for April 18 with the theme "Recreation is Important". She said 150 to 200 kids come through and thought the park board may want to put up a display. Charles also noted that he scheduled the library display case for the park board. It was noted that there may be a display board already available for these occasions.*

H. Discussion: no further discussion.

I. Public Input: no public present.

J. Service hours this month: Pete, 20; Bill, 40; Marty, 3; Ken Speakman, 5; Ken Temple, 3, Andi 3. Pete will check if Probation Community Service hours should count toward other volunteers.

Charles contracted time: 66 hours and drove 800 miles.

Volunteer hours for the month: Board Members 71

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K. Schedule of next meeting: April 23, 2009

L. Adjournment 8:55 p.m.