

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: April 23, 2009

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

Robert (Pete) Hartinger-P Marty Delamatre-A
Ken Temple-P Ken Speakman-P Bill Richards-A
Contract Services - Charles Babb-P
Secretary-Andi Humphries-P
Treasurer-Auditor-A
Webmaster-Michael Moore-A

Guests: Bob Warren, Bolender Pontious Neighborhood; Ross Lebold, Nature Conservancy
GUEST: Mr. Lebold explained the Nature Conservancy. He said they are a global organization, and have been involved with the Big Darby Creek for about 20 years. Their mission is to protect habitat. They own the 45-acre Wilcox Tract along the Big Darby in Pickaway County, and would partner with the Park Board using the land as value for matching funds, possibly for the Clean Ohio Funds. He also told the board that there is a tract of land close to the Wilcox Tract that is for sale. The board expressed an interest in working with the Conservancy.

B. Review of previous month minutes: (approve/amend) Andi Humphries; All members were provided an e-mail to review prior to the meeting to save time during the meeting. Ken Speakman made a motion to approve the minutes; Ken Temple seconded; motion carried.

C. Financial status of Park District: Balance \$11,126.15 Ken Speakman; balance is same as last month.

D. Charles' contract still to be signed: Charles reported that the State and Auditor have denied his request to have the Ohio Public Employment Retirement waived since he is drawing retirement. He suggested that the board pay mileage and local park fees since the PERS would add about 25% to the salary. Ken Temple said it might be an ethics problem since he is not a board member or paid employee. All agreed to ask for an opinion from the prosecutor.

Charles later suggested that \$600 per month would break down to \$150 in fringes including PERS with a take home pay of \$450. Ken Speakman made a motion to add fringes to the original motion, and pay \$600 per month. Ken Temple seconded the motion; motion carried.

E. Contract Service report – Charles Babb reported on office space, see “Old Business”.

F. Old Business:

1. Office space for the Park Board: Charles updated the board on discussions with Rob Reeser and Ryan Scribner about office space. It may take a while for the door to be installed for the oval (office) space.
2. April 16th was clean up day at the Canal: About 40 people cleaned the area which has become an illegal dumping ground.

3. *On April 18th Pete set up Park Board Display at the YMCA. He heard a lot of good comments, and questions about Calamus Swamp.*
4. *List was updated on the web site to include all 11 Pickaway County Wildlife Preserves: Pete researched, and provided webmaster Michael Moore with the information for the website.*

G. New Business:

1. *Pickaway Trail – railroad ties for steps; grass seed; ceremony; signs for irrigation: Ken Temple has already seeded the area and has ties for steps. Pete will invite the commissioners and community foundation for the ceremony to open the trail. It was decided that it wasn't necessary to have the steps completed before the May 2 event. The irrigation signs also aren't necessary at this time of the year.*
2. *Canal Trail – get with Steve Barthelmas; Terry Reed: The board agreed to walk through both areas.*
3. *Martha Hitler Park – rock: Placement of the rock was delayed, however is back on schedule. Visitor Bob Warren, who lives in that area, discussed the railroad path to Circleville with the board members.*
4. *Kingston Pike Mound – Mark List to be at May 28th meeting.*
5. *Logan Elm State Park: Ken Speakman said Mark Harbor said he would take care of the mowing. Ken Temple said the State Historical Society is in charge of it. Ken Speakman will check with them.*
6. *Audit: Charles informed the board that the State is going to audit on the last remaining period before the County Auditor started paying bills.*

H. Discussion: no discussion

I. Public Input: From Mark Harbor and Ross Lebold

J. Service hours this month:

Volunteer hours for the month: Board Members Pete-10; Ken Temple-12; Ken Speakman-5 for a total of 27.

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K. Schedule of next meeting: May 28, 2009

L. Adjournment