

MINUTES OF  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 21, 2002

A special meeting of the Geauga Park District Board was held on August 21, 2002, at the Park District office, Chardon, Ohio. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. President Robert McCullough was in the chair. Board members Betty Cope and Mark Rzeszotarski were present. Employees present were Tom Curtin and Keith McClintock. Guests present were H. G. Clute, Jennifer Clute and Mark Arnold.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Miss Cope moved to accept the agenda as amended for the meeting.

Dr. Rzeszotarski seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes
Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

The Board had received a letter written by Joel Firem, a seasonal land steward for the Park District, concerning the recent house auction. Mr. Firem commended the Park on its efforts to protect the Grand River watershed. His letter further stated that one of the properties that was up for auction had an agricultural easement on it. Mr. Firem also commended the Park on their route of action to benefit future parkland dispersals. In lieu of the fact that there were no written bids for the Parkman property, Dr. Rzeszotarski raised several questions for the Board to consider: Where do we go from here? Do we re-bid? Do we demolish the house and outbuildings? Do we lease the land to a farmer? The Board indicated that they were not in a hurry to make a decision. They would be exploring further options.

Mr. McCullough requested that a commendation letter be sent to Judge Baker and his wife for the role they played in the Metzenbaum Foundation.

**THE WEST WOODS**

**CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 – ANS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

Mr. Curtin presented to the Board Change Order No. 2 from ANS Communications, Inc. in the amount of One Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$1,050.00) reflecting additional elements for the contract for phone and data wiring.

Mr. McCullough moved to approve Change Order No. 2 for ANS Communications, Inc. in the amount of One Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$1,050.00) as described above.

Dr. Rzeszotarski seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes
Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes

**THE MAPLE HIGHLANDS TRAIL (NORTH)**

Mr. Curtin presented to the Board Richland Engineering's Change Order No. 2 in the amount of Twenty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (\$26,573.73) representing a change in the contract due to the Park District's decision to administer the project as a local public authority. This required Richland Engineering to perform tasks that would have been performed by ODOT.

Miss Cope moved to approve Richland Engineering's Change Order No. 2 in the amount of Twenty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (\$26,573.73) as described above.

Dr. Rzeszotarski seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes
Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes

### **HOUSE AUCTION**

The Geauga Park District held a bid opening on Friday, August 16, 2002, at 1:00 p.m. in the Cherry Room at the Meyer Center for the purpose of selling surplus properties located at 11410 Old State Road in Claridon Township and 17506 Madison Road in Parkman Township. The Park District did not receive any bids for the 17506 Madison Road property. There were four bids for the 11410 Old State Road property. They were as follows:

Beth Johnson	--	\$50,000.00
Ruth and Kenneth Burnett	--	\$60,000.00
H. G. Clute	--	\$50,000.00
Melissa and Isaiah Shipman	--	\$65,000.00

The auctioneer proceeded with the verbal auction, starting with the highest written bid. The results of the three highest bids are as follows:

Beth Johnson	--	\$88,000.00
Ruth and Kenneth Burnett	--	\$91,250.00
H. G. Clute	--	\$91,500.00

Mr. McCullough moved to accept the bid of Nine-One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$91,500.00) from H. G. Clute for the purchase of the house and three (3) acres of land located at 11410 Old State Road in Claridon Township.

Miss Cope seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes
Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes

Dr. Rzeszotarski questioned when we would be returning the bid bond for the second and third highest bidders. As stated in the bid packet, bid bonds would be returned upon the closing of this property. Dr. Rzeszotarski further questioned whether Judge Henry would need to approve the sale of this property. Judge Henry did sign a journal entry on June 26, 2002, declaring this property as surplus and approving the sale of said property. No further approval from the Judge is needed.

The Board will be exploring other options concerning the property located at 17506 Madison Road in Parkman Township.

### **RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 15-02**

Tom Curtin explained to the Board that to transfer the Forty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$46,000.00) to relocate the gas pipeline along the Maple Highlands Trail – North it would involve a five-step process. Sherry Bosworth, Fiscal Officer, suggested the Park do a transfer within the S05 (General Fund) from the contingency account to provide the funds for this expenditure. Mr. Curtin asked the Board to rescind Resolution No. 15-02.

Dr. Rzeszotarski made a motion to rescind Resolution No. 15-02 as stated above.  
Mr. McCullough seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes
Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes

#### **LAWYERS TITLE INSURANCE CORPORATION'S CONTRACT**

Mr. Curtin asked the Board to increase the contract of Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00). The Board made a motion at the August 13, 2002, regular Board meeting for the Director to proceed with the negotiations to purchase property from Michael F. Abela. The purpose of this increase would be for the Park District to pursue the purchase of the Abela property.

Mr. McCullough moved to increase the contract of Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for the purpose as stated above.

Miss Cope seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes
Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. McCullough moved to go into Executive Session at 4:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing land acquisitions and personnel.

Dr. Rzeszotarski seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes
Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes

The Board returned from Executive Session at 5:17 p.m.

#### **LAND ACQUISITION**

Dr. Rzeszotarski made a motion for the Director to proceed with negotiations in Hambden Township.

Mr. McCullough seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes
Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes

#### **THE WEST WOODS GRAND OPENING EVENT**

Dr. Rzeszotarski made a motion to approve the use of alcoholic beverages at The West Woods Nature Center's grand opening fundraiser event on October 5, 2002.

Mr. McCullough seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes
Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

**SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE**

The rules of the Park Board were complied with by sending notice pursuant to the rules adopted by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas G. Curtin, Director

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Robert McCullough, President