

GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES

February 14, 2006

The regular meeting of the Geauga Park District Board was held on February 14, 2006 at the Park District office, Chardon, Ohio. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. President Robert McCullough was in the chair. Board member Mark Rzeszotarski was present.

Employees present were:

Tom Curtin, Executive Director
Keith McClintock, Deputy Director
Sherry Bosworth, Business Affairs Director
Barb Emch, Executive Secretary
Paige Hosier, Marketing Director
John Oros, Natural Resource Manager

Gauga Park District Foundation Representative: Jacqueline Samuel

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Dr. Rzeszotarski moved to accept the agenda as revised for the meeting.

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

Miss Cope	Absent
Mr. McCullough	Yes
Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2006

Dr. Rzeszotarski moved that the minutes of January 10, 2006 be approved as written.

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

Miss Cope	Absent
Mr. McCullough	Yes
Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE MONTH ENDING
JANUARY 31, 2006

GENERAL FUND

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2006		1,551,985.55
EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES		294,090.10
Personnel	162,472.72	
Medicare	1,920.05	
Dental /Hospitalization	32,794.28	
PERS	22,506.50	
Vouchers	74,396.55	
REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES		35,772.18
<u>General Tax Collections</u>		
<u>Investment Income</u>	5,673.00	
<u>Gifts & Donations</u>	11,865.58	
- Donaldson, Caroline, Trail Maintenance (\$4,992.40)		
- Burton, Muriel, Park Bench (\$500)		
- Early Morning Garden Club, General (\$50)		
- GPD Foundation - Bruening transfer, In Memory of Ken Kinder (\$500)		

- GPD Foundation - Volunteer donation box - BioCentennial Exhibit (\$,5823.18)		
<u>Fees</u>		
- Camping	30.00	
- Facility Utilities	175.00	
- Maple Table Fees	25.00	
- Workshops - General - Public rogram	40.00	
- Programs - General - Public Program	4,435.00	
<u>Sales</u>		
- Tapper's Treasures - MC	243.43	
- Tree Tops - TWW	2,190.51	
- Credit Card - All Facilities	2,186.70	
- Water Vending Machine Sales - WW	9.00	
<u>Rental Properties</u>		
- Agriculture land use - Abela and Hart	800.00	
- Swine Creek house - Harry	400.00	
- Burton Wetlands House- Kolar	400.00	
- Hyde House - McKinnon	400.00	
<u>Other Receipts</u>		
Citation Disbursement	100.00	
Recycling Proceeds	9.90	
Local Government Funds	6,435.50	
Miscellaneous Receipts	353.56	
- GPD Foundation - Postage Reimbursement		
- Laessig - Insurance Premium on paintings		
ENDING FUND BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2006		\$ 1,293,667.63
LAND IMPROVEMENT FUND		
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2006		1,944,133.21
EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES		302,005.92
Vouchers	302,005.92	
REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES		7,973.16
<u>Investment Income</u>	6,889.89	
<u>Gifts & Donations</u>	70.00	
- Childs, Richard - Observatory (\$50)		
- Girls Scouts of Lake Erie Council, General (\$20)		
<u>Royalties</u>		
- Oxford Oil Co - Swine Creek	521.52	
- Cedar Valley Energy - Hehmeyer property	283.20	
- Great Lakes Energy - Hart property	188.40	
- Power Gas - Farley property	20.15	
ENDING FUND BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2006		\$1,650,100.45
RETAINAGE FUND		
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2006		190,192.32
REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES		
<u>Investment Income</u>		657.43
ENDING FUND BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2006		\$190,849.75

Miss Cope arrived at 3:36 p.m.

VOUCHER RESOLUTION NO. 03-06

Miss Cope moved the adoption of the voucher resolution, a copy of which is on file in the Park District office, so marked Resolution No. 03-06.

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

Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes
Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes

Mr. McCullough inquired about the heat controls at the Great Blue Heron Lodge at The Rookery. He noted that at a recent Crinkleroots program that the building was cold. He asked if the naturalist could override the controls. Ms. Hosier stated that she had heard that the timer and the clock were not synchronized. Mr. McClintock stated that he would follow up with the Operations Department to rectify the situation. Dr. Rzeszotarski asked how the increase in fuel costs has impacted the budget for this year. Mrs. Bosworth commented that we are in alignment with what had been budgeted for those expenses.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Mr. McCullough remarked that he continues to receive good comments about The West Woods Nature Center facility as well as the art exhibits both at The West Woods and the Meyer Center. He is also glad that we can provide a meeting place for the Geauga Arts Council.

2006 FINAL APPROPRIATIONS -RESOLUTION NO. 04-06

The Board was provided with copies of the 2006 budget for their review prior to the meeting. They were given the opportunity to have their questions answered about particular line items.

Mr. McClintock presented a report that Michele Pennell, Accountant, developed to track expenses for the Bio-Centennial exhibit. All costs associated with that project will be entered and tracked and reported to the Board each month.

Dr. Rzeszotarski commented that the budget was well thought out and ambitious. The Board commended the staff for their work on the preparation of the budget.

Mr. McCullough moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED

SECTION 1 That to provide appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the Geauga Park District during the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2006 the following sums are hereby set aside and appropriated as follows:

SECTION II That there be appropriated from the General Park Board Fund S05:

63-S05	PERSONNEL	2,262,196.00
63-S05 H	HOSPITALIZATION	423,298.00
63-S05 M	MEDICARE	31,161.00
63-S05 P	OHIO PERS	316,559.00
63-S05 W	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	45,069.00
63-S05 U	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	2,500.00
64-S05	SUPPLIES	192,098.00
65-S05	MATERIALS	185,933.00
66-S05	EQUIPMENT	335,386.00
67-S05	CONTRACT – REPAIR	27,850.00
68-S05	CONTRACT – SERVICES	737,166.00
71-S05	ADVERTISING	12,120.00

72-S05	TRAVEL AND EXPENSES	14,386.00
76-S05	OTHER	116,148.00
76A-S05	CONTINGENCY	300,000.00
999-S05	TRANSFERS	<u>3,200,000.00</u>
	TOTAL – GENERAL FUND	8,201,870.00

SECTION III That there be appropriated from the Land Improvement Fund Q41:

70-Q41	CONTRACT – SERVICES	291,500.00
71-Q41	CONTRACT – PROJECTS	1,204,767.00
72-Q41	LAND ACQUISITION	2,488,209.00
77-Q41	OTHER	<u>205,000.00</u>
	TOTAL – CONSTRUCTION FUND	4,189,476.00

SECTION IV That there be appropriated from the Retainage Fund Q46:

01-Q46	RETAINAGE - PAYOUT	<u>0.00</u>
	TOTAL	0.00

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

Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes
Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes

FROHRING MEADOW PLAN REVIEW

Mr. Curtin showed the Board the current drawing of the design for Frohring Meadows and explained the differences between this and the original drawing. He explained that we are doing away with the big plantings and large parking lot. We will have a forty car parking lot with options for additional parking in the future. Mounds will be planted with grass to screen the shelter and vehicle headlights. Mr. Curtin added that Aaron Young, Park Planner, did some research and found restroom and shelter designs to fit in with the prairie theme. Mr. Curtin showed two examples of these shelter designs and explained that the Operations Department is recommending the use of pit latrines rather than the Clivus system as the Clivus latrines are very maintenance intensive. Mr. McCullough asked about a water pump and Mr. Curtin replied that we would not have a pump as it would need to be pressurized and would add substantial costs to put in a well. Dr. Rzeszotarski asked about horse trailer parking. Mr. Curtin replied that we do not plan horse trailer parking at this time. The horseback riders will continue to use the power line trail.

Dr. Rzeszotarski stated that the plan looks good. Miss Cope asked if we had heard back from Ms. Jane Hazen since the letter was written to her last month which explained the plan revisions. Mr. Curtin reported that we have not yet heard back from her. He added that once the grasses grow to maturity, the neighbors will not be able to see people walking on the trail. The mounding and screening planned for the shelter area should also limit the view from the neighbors.

AFFELDER HOUSE RENOVATION PLANS

Mr. Curtin wanted to show the Board the plans for the renovation one more time before the project goes to bid. He explained that the stairs would be made to be ADA accessible, the kitchen would have new cabinets, and a fireplace insert would be installed. The bathrooms and furnace will be upgraded. The roof line will be changed to a peaked roof. Mr. Curtin expected that the project would be completed by this fall. Dr. Rzeszotarski suggested that it would be a beautiful setting for an artist gathering during the fall color season. Mr. Curtin explained that the parking arrangement would be parallel type parking and shifted over to the right side of the building with the turn-around maintained. Provision will be made for fire trucks to turn around in

another area. Mr. Curtin commented that Ranger Joel Firem took some beautiful pictures of the Affelder falls and will be sure to share them with the Board.

PARK UPDATES

Mr. Curtin updated the Board on the following:

Great Lakes Construction, Inc.

Mr. Curtin reported that the lawyers for each side will get together on February 24, 2006 to talk about settling the claim that Geauga Park District has made against Great Lakes Construction, Inc. for reimbursement for repairs that needed to be made to The Maple Highlands Trail-North. He stated that we have all the documents required and that while the actual price is yet to be agreed upon, he feels that Great Lakes Construction, Inc. should pay at least the cost of the repairs which was approximately Three Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$334,000.00).

Infinintree Project

Mr. Curtin stated that Teresa Runion has reported that they have over eight sponsor restaurants confirmed with others contacted for the opening night of the Infinintree Exhibition on April 8, 2006 at The West Woods Nature Center. Geauga Arts Council is funding the printing of the invitations and Geauga Park District is paying the postage. The invitations will be mailed in early March to the Geauga Park District donor list, Geauga County Arts Council members list, contributing artists, donors, and Bicentennial Ball attendees.

The Hershey Foundation

Mr. Curtin informed the Board that he and Mr. McClintock met with Park District supporters, Bill Ginn and Kristi Burr, and Debra Hershey Guren, Trustee of the Hershey Foundation. David Kahn who is the superintendent of the Hershey Montessori Schools was also present. The Hershey Montessori School is looking to build a high school and is giving consideration to building near our observatory property in Montville Township which would enable the students to study astronomy. Mr. Curtin stated that Ms. Guren would be eager to receive a proposal to the Hershey Foundation for the observatory project.

Horseback Industry in Geauga County

Mr. Curtin reported that he plans to meet with Mary Samide, Dave Dietrich, Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells, and Dr. Peggy Lerner regarding formalizing the horse trails established in the county to drive economic development. Matt Dolan, State Representative, is interested in the project and is looking at legislation around the country that enables this type of venture. Carol Donaldson, Jim Dickinson, and Nora Stanton, local horse enthusiasts, and other members of horse related organizations are looking to establish a map with all the horse trails in Russell Township. They hope to demonstrate the economic benefits of such a trail system. Mr. Curtin stated that nationally the horse industry has a direct and indirect economic impact of thirty billion dollars annually.

Mountain Run Station

Mr. Curtin reported that drafts of the graphics and signs for Mountain Run Station are being prepared. Black and white photos and text will tell the story of the history of the railroad that traveled through the area. We are awaiting the electronic drawings and specifications for Phase II of the project which includes asphalt paving, restroom and landscaping. The timing of this project depends upon when Soda Construction Co. completes their work. If the northern end of The Maple Highlands Trail-Central is paved first then the paving of Mountain Run could begin. Most likely, the work will be done in 2007.

Beartown Lakes Reservation

Lower Bear Lake Dam Improvements

The plans for the repairs have been completed by Smolen Engineering, Ltd. and have been forwarded to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water, for review.

**Hyde Property
Dam Restoration**

The Request for Qualifications for the design of the restoration of the dam is in progress. It will be distributed to at least four design firms this month.

The Maple Highlands Trail- Central

The wire window mesh still needs to be installed on the Claridon/Aquilla Road Bridge. Soda Construction Co. gave an updated construction schedule and completion of the project is scheduled for September 8, 2006.

Observatory Project

Proposals for the geotechnical services are currently being reviewed. Construction documents for Phase I which includes the entrance drive, parking lot and grading for the buildings are being completed.

**RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 11A-00
RANGER RESIGNATION**

Mr. McCullough moved to rescind the portion of Resolution No. 11A-00, approved at the June 13, 2000 meeting, pertaining to the appointment of Vince Valerio as Ranger, due to his resignation effective February 2, 2006.

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

Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes
Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes

**SURPLUS PROPERTY
VEHICLES AND MOWER**

Mr. Curtin reported that two vehicles, a 1997 Chevrolet S-10 and a 1999 Dodge 2500, will be traded in toward the purchase of new vehicles and must therefore be declared surplus. The trade in amounts will be deducted from the total purchase cost of the new vehicles. A Micro-mower attachment will also be traded in toward the purchase of a snow blower attachment and must be declared surplus as well.

Miss Cope made a motion to declare the two vehicles and the mower attachment surplus property as stated above. Dr. Rzeszotarski seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes
Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes

APPROVAL OF BIDS BASED ON PROPOSED BUDGET

Mr. Curtin asked the Board for permission to advertise for bids for all 2006 projects which were approved by the Board in the 2006 budget. This would allow for a more timely and efficient bidding process. The projects involved are listed below:

Affelder House Improvements
Bass Lake Boat Ramp & Parking
Beartown Lakes Spillway and Outlets Project
Best Preserve Dam Clearing
Frohring Meadows
Hyde Dam Engineering/Design
Mountain Run Station Phase II
Sunnybrook Preserve Design/Engineering

Dr. Rzeszotarski made a motion to approve the above stated projects for bid as approved in the 2006 budget. Mr. McCullough seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes
Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes

NEW VEHICLE PURCHASE

Mr. Curtin presented the following list of new vehicles for purchase in 2006:

Pool vehicle for Naturalist & Marketing Departments	2006 Ford Taurus	\$13,357.85
Ranger Department	2006 Ford Explorer	\$24,937.50
Natural Resource Management Department	2006 Ford F-350	\$21,230.25
Operations Department	(2) 2006 Ford F-250 (2-wheel drive)	
	(1) 2006 Ford F-250 (4-wheel drive)	
		<u>\$51,603.47</u>
	Total for all purchases	\$111,129.07

All vehicles will be purchased through State Purchasing with the exception of the Ford Taurus which was not available through State Purchasing and will be purchased from Kepich Ford.

The following trade-in values were established for the two vehicles which were declared surplus:

Trade-in value for 1997 Chevrolet S-10	- \$ 750.00
Trade-in value for 1999 Dodge 2500	- <u>\$4,750.00</u>
Total trade-in value	\$5,500.00

Dr. Rzeszotarski made a motion to approve the purchase of the vehicles as stated above. Mr. McCullough seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes
Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes

RULES & REGULATIONS CHANGES- RESOLUTION NO. 05-06
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

John Oros presented the proposed changes to the Park District Rules and Regulations which will allow for the implementation of the Policy for the Management of Wildlife Populations approved at the January 10, 2006 meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Curtin stated that the proposed changes have been approved by our legal counsel.

The proposed changes are as follows:

2.0: DOMESTIC ANIMALS, WILD ANIMALS.

2.3: No person shall release any animal, wild or domestic within the Park. No person shall feed wild animals in the park except park staff or those acting under the direction of park staff.

2.5: No person shall mistreat any animal within the confines of the Park. Hunting, trapping, and fishing may be permitted on park property in adherence with section 12.0.

11.0: COMPLIANCE WITH ORDERS OF PARK DISTRICT RANGERS- FIREARMS AND PRIMITIVE WEAPONS.

11.2: No person except Rangers, other law enforcement officers, the persons identified in Paragraph 11.3 (b) and those persons in compliance with state law regarding concealed weapons, shall possess or conceal any weapon or dangerous ordinance while in the Park.

11.3: (a) No person shall release an arrow, or possess a longbow, compound bow, crossbow, slingshot, pellet gun, BB gun, blow gun or possess or discharge any primitive black powder firearm, modern firearm, other weapon, explosive device, or fireworks in any area of the Park.

(b) A person(s) may possess and discharge weapons as permitted below on Park property if (1) such person(s) is hunting and/or trapping within an area designated for such activity by the Executive Director or designee, (2) such person(s) possesses a valid Park permit for hunting and/or trapping issued by the Executive Director or designee or is authorized to hunt under a properly executed hunting lease with the Park District, and (3) such person(s) possesses all Ohio licenses, permits, and stamps as required under Ohio Division of Wildlife regulations. Only weapons permitted under Ohio Division of Wildlife regulations may be possessed and used on Park property and are subject to specification according to Board of Park Commissioners authority.

12.0: HUNTING, TRAPPING, AND FISHING.

Delete the following statement from section 12.0:

Geauga Park District encourages a policy of “catch and release” for any person fishing in Park District waters.

12.1: No person shall hunt, pursue with dogs, trap, rob or molest any nest or in any other way molest any bird or animal within the park.

(Exception to Reg. 12.1) Persons may hunt and/or trap on park property if they possess a park permit for hunting and/or trapping issued by the Executive Director or Designee. The person(s) must possess a valid Ohio hunting/trapping license and abide by all rules and regulations as set forth by Ohio Division of Wildlife in the publication Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations. Hunting and/or trapping on lands leased to the Park District is permitted if specified in a lease agreement. It will be the responsibility of persons hunting and / or trapping to adhere to additional restrictions imposed by Geauga Park District as outlined on park issued permits.

12.4: While on Park Property no persons shall hunt, discharge a firearm or any other weapon at any wildlife species within 200 feet of any road, structure, path, and/ or parking lot; or on, across, or from any roadway.

Miss Cope made a motion to approve Resolution No. 05-06 amending the Rules and Regulations of Geauga Park District to implement the Policy for the Management of Wildlife Populations as stated above. This resolution will serve to amend Resolution No. 26-04 dated November 16, 2004 (*Board of Park Commissioners Minutes Book 6, Page 227*) which established the current Rules and Regulations of Geauga Park District.

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

Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes
Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes

SPRING TURKEY HUNT PROPOSAL

Mr. Oros presented a proposal for a spring turkey hunt on the Observatory Park property in Montville Township. He explained that the Observatory property was selected as it is not open to the public and will allow for a safe hunt in designated areas. The property was identified as one of two areas for a turkey trapping and relocation effort by the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Population densities will allow for a spring turkey harvest. The hunt will incorporate all rules and regulations as set by Ohio Division of Wildlife and outlined in Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations. Hunters will submit their name, age, address, and telephone number on a postcard for a random drawing. The age of the hunter will be used to identify applicants for a special youth turkey season promoted by the Ohio Division of Wildlife. The randomly drawn hunters will sign a release and indemnification agreement approved by Geauga Park District legal counsel. Hunters will then be issued a park permit allowing them to access the Observatory property to hunt turkeys.

Mr. Oros explained that the Natural Resource Management Department will work with the Marketing Department to conduct press releases revolving around this opportunity. This hunt and the marketing of this opportunity will help reach new patrons in Geauga County and strengthen our relationship with conservation organizations and the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Geauga Park District staff and their immediate families (as defined in the Geauga Park District personnel and policy manual) will not be able to participate in this hunt, nor future hunting and/or trapping opportunities.

Dr. Rzeszotarski asked if we should provide additional ranger coverage or a ranger auxiliary similar to the bike patrol during this hunt. Mr. McClintock stated that we would definitely have directed patrols during that time and all vehicles will be tagged for identification. Dr. Rzeszotarski stated that he would like to have extra presence during this time as since this is the first time that hunting will take place on park property he does not want anything to go wrong. Mr. Oros stated that the turkey season is four weeks long, from sunrise to noon, and in addition to the directed patrols, he and the other Natural Resource Department staff will go out to monitor the activity.

Dr. Rzeszotarski asked if Geauga County has a permit process for deer hunting on county property. Mr. Oros responded in the affirmative and added that the City of Akron did away with their permit process. Dr. Rzeszotarski stated that Geauga Park District should parallel the Geauga County Commissioners regulations in terms of permitting. Mr. Oros commented that this policy follows the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife guidelines.

Mr. Oros added that he will be asking the Board of Park Commissioners to consider similar hunting and/or trapping opportunities for wildlife species prior to the fall 2006 season and that we may have to consider closing some parks for safety. Dr. Rzeszotarski commented that the research and science about our wildlife populations should guide further plans for hunting and trapping and gave the example of the studies showing high deer populations at The Rookery and Frohring Meadows.

Dr. Rzeszotarski made a motion to approve the spring turkey hunt on a trial basis as described above. Miss Cope seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes
Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes

EMERALD ASH BORER

John Oros explained that he has been in contact with the Ohio Department of Agriculture and John Jaeger, Director of Natural Resources, at Metroparks of the Toledo Area regarding the emerald ash borer infestation in Ohio. John showed a PowerPoint presentation on the subject

which was prepared by Mr. Jaeger. Mr. Oros added that the insect has been noted at the western edge of Lorain County and he would not be surprised if it was not already in northeastern Ohio because of the movement of firewood and mulch. Mr. Jaeger has seen the signs of the insect in Geneva State Park. Mr. Oros explained that the State of Michigan has given up trying to fight the insect. He stated that the Ohio Department of Agriculture battles the insect by cutting down infested trees and every other ash tree within a half-mile of the infestation. He added that he is very concerned about the damage done by contractors who come in to do this work.

Dr. Rzeszotarski mentioned that over ten years ago groups sought to fight the Ohio Department of Agriculture on their methods to fight the gypsy moth which killed many other beneficial insects. He said the ODA was very difficult to deal with and we should be aware that we may need to bring in legal counsel should we want to challenge them.

John added that the staff has been alerted and the public has been notified not to bring in any firewood to the park. He stated that he is in continuous contact with the natural resource staff at Cleveland Metroparks and will keep the Board informed on a monthly basis regarding this problem.

The Board took a recess from 5:40 p.m. to 6:35 p.m. in order to participate in the meeting of the Geauga Park District Endowment Fund Board of Trustees in keeping with the By-Laws established on March 26, 2005 with the creation of the Geauga Park District Endowment Fund with The Cleveland Foundation. The permanent committee of the Endowment Fund Trustees consists of the three members of the Geauga Park District Board of Park Commissioners; the President, Treasurer, Secretary and At-Large Member of the Geauga Park District Foundation; and the Executive Director and Development Officer of Geauga Park District. The By-Laws require that the Endowment Fund Trustees meet twice during the calendar year. Minutes of this meeting are on file in the Park District office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCullough moved to go into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and personnel matters involving compensation and ongoing arbitration and legal issues.

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

Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes
Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. The following was discussed for resolution:

LAND ACQUISITION
Hambden Township

Miss Cope moved to authorize the Executive Director and Deputy Director to enter into negotiations for real property located in Hambden Township.

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

Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes
Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes

Chester Township

Mr. McCullough moved to authorize the Executive Director and Deputy Director to enter into negotiations for real property located in Chester Township.

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

Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes
Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes

Parkman Township

Dr. Rzeszotarski moved to authorize the Executive Director and Deputy Director to enter into negotiations for real property located in Parkman Township.

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

Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes
Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes

Montville Township

Dr. Rzeszotarski moved to authorize the Executive Director and Deputy Director to enter into negotiations for real property located in Montville Township.

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

Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes
Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Departmental reports from the Supervisors were submitted for the month of January to the Executive Director and a summary sheet was forwarded to the Board in their packets prior to the Board meeting

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 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,

Thomas G. Curtin, Executive Director

Robert McCullough, President