

GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2005

The regular meeting of the Geauga Park District Board was held on June 14, 2005, 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 members Betty Cope and Mark Rzeszotarski were present.

Employees present were:
Tom Curtin, Executive Director
Les Bednar, Development Officer
Barb Emch, Executive Secretary
Robin Pilarczyk, Human Resources Manager

Guest Present: Gil Kostelec, Claridon Township

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Miss Cope moved to accept the agenda as revised 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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. Curtin acknowledged Mr. Gil Kostelec as a visitor from Claridon Township.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2005

Dr. Rzeszotarski moved that the minutes of May 10, 2005, be approved as amended.
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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE MONTH ENDING
May 31, 2005

GENERAL FUND		
BALANCE MAY 1, 2005		1,671,943.29
EXPENDITURES		342,889.36
Personnel	150,485.18	
Medicare	1,783.57	
Dental /Hospitalization	30,692.28	
PERS	19,905.42	
Unemployment Transfers	266.00	
Vouchers	139,756.91	
RECEIPTS		20,059.01
General:		
Fees:		
Out of County School Program Fees	956.00	
- Canoe and Kayak	42.00	
- Bass Lake Heat	20.00	

- Rookery Heat	40.00	
- Workshops - General - public program	81.00	
Rental Properties		
- Harry- Swine Creek house	350.00	
- Kolar - Burton Wetlands House	350.00	
- McKinnon - Hyde House	350.00	
Sales:		
Sales: Gift Cart - Meyer Center	808.17	
Sales: Tree Tops	741.53	
Sales - Credit Cards	1,778.08	
(\$125.99 - Meyer Center, \$1,652.09 Tree Tops)		
Sales: Water Vending Machine Sales - TWW	28.00	
Other:		
Citation Disbursement	19.00	
Parking Ticket Collections	20.00	
Refunds- Other - Beacon Press Nature Store Books Returned	110.40	
Donations:		
- Bass Lake Club - Dehumidifier purchase donation	800.00	
Local Government Funds	9,230.11	
Interest earned	4,266.74	
Other Miscellaneous	67.98	
- Volunteer additional shirt request, staff cell phone usage		
BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 2005		1,349,112.94
CONSTRUCTION FUND		
BALANCE MAY 1, 2005		1,557,181.90
EXPENDITURES		22,773.02
Vouchers	22,773.02	
RECEIPTS		7,264.10
Interest Earned	4,718.24	
Donations	2,045.00	
- In memory of Paul Jacobs (\$45)		
- Cleveland Foundation- Metzenbaum Annual Donation (\$2,000)		
Royalties: Oxford Oil Co	212.97	
Royalties: Cedar Valley Energy	287.89	
BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 2005		1,541,672.98

VOUCHER RESOLUTION NO. 18-05

Dr. Rzeszotarski moved the adoption of the voucher resolution, a copy of which is on file in the Park District office, so marked Resolution No. 18-05.

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

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Dr. Rzeszotarski shared his experiences at the recent BioBlitz event held on Saturday, June 4, 2005 on the Observatory Park property. Over twenty scientists of diverse backgrounds participated. The Scienteen program participants numbered over twenty. During this event, Paul Pira, Park Biologist, and guest scientists Dr. Andrew White and Dr. Elke White caught a male 5-lined skink, *Eumeces fasciatus*, which is rather rare for Geauga County. A complete list is being compiled and will be made available to the participants, as well as on the Geauga Park District website.

DISCUSSION OF HOUSE BILL 367

Miss Cope stated that she was questioned by Judge Charles Henry, Geauga County Probate Court Judge, regarding the discussion of Ohio House Bill 367 which he read about in the April 12, 2005 minutes of the Board of Park Commissioners. Ohio House Bill 367, signed on January 10, 2005 and which went into effect on April 10, 2005, permits park districts to expand their board of park commissioners from a three- to five-member board. He asked whether the Board would be continuing the discussion in the future. Dr. Rzeszotarski suggested that the discussion be tabled at this time.

AMISH SAFETY COMMITTEE REQUEST

Mr. Curtin reported that he talked with Mr. Pete Miller of the Amish Safety Committee regarding their request for buggy access from State Rt. 608 to State Rt. 322 through Headwaters Park via the service road. Mr. Miller indicated that the buggy traffic would be light for right now. He stated that, when winter months arrive, snow of up to six inches would not be a problem for the buggies however the Park District Operations Department indicated that needing to plow the service road would take a significant amount of time and expense. Mr. Miller reported to Mr. Curtin that the Amish communities in Ashtabula, Trumbull, and Geauga counties take up a free will offering and that perhaps some of those dollars could be used for plowing. Dr. Rzeszotarski stated that getting the buggies off the highway would not only benefit the Amish community but the vehicle drivers as well. If the City of Akron approves the plan, Dr. Rzeszotarski would like to try it for one year, staking the road in the winter but not plowing and see if it is a tenable venture.

Mr. Curtin stated that he will send a letter to Kim Coy, City of Akron, requesting that we open the service road to the Amish community for a trial period of one year. We will have it well marked at State Rt. 608 and State Rt. 322, signage as to who has the right-of-way, and monitor the activity. The bridge and approaches will require railings and Mr. Curtin will ask the Amish Safety Committee to participate in that project. Mr. McCullough mentioned that we should also have signs posted in the field that is occasionally used by scouts to indicate that they may encounter buggy traffic.

MAPLE HIGHLANDS TRAIL CENTRAL-KOSTELEK PROPERTIES

Pete and Darlene Kostelec

Mr. Curtin explained that at the end of January 2005, clearing took place along the top of an embankment adjacent to the Pete and Darlene Kostelec property. The Purchase and Sale Agreement with the Kostelevs stated that the established grade or elevation of the embankment would not be altered. A forty foot evergreen tree was also cut down during the clearing. The tree was planted over thirty years ago by the Kostelevs although it was located within the railroad right-of-way. John Oros, Natural Resource Manager, evaluated the area and recommended a plan of restoration. He looked at the cleared area and recommended that we do nothing at this time and allow natural succession to occur. An offer was made to Pete and Darlene Kostelec of Six Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and Ten Cents (\$6,234.10) for the felled tree and in addition, we would provide four (4) Norway spruce trees of a minimum of 8 feet in height which could be planted in the vicinity of the where the tree was felled. The Kostelevs obtained estimates for the aesthetic value of the trees from Ralph Hershberger which came in at a cost of Forty One Thousand Five Hundred Forty Two Dollars and Sixty-One Cents (\$41,542.61). A quote for planting fifty trees on Pete and Darlene Kostelec's property from DeWeese Landscaping came in at Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Forty Dollars (\$18,340.00). Mr. Curtin stated that he

regrets that the embankment was altered, however the bike trail will be approximately twenty feet below the grade of the Kostelevs' property. He further stated that the vegetation in the cleared area was of early successional species that will reforest quickly.

Mr. McCullough made a motion to offer Pete and Darlene Kostelev Six Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Four Dollars and Ten Cents (\$6,234.10) for the felled tree and four (4) Norway spruce trees of a minimum of 8 feet in height.

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

Gilbert Kostelev

Mr. Curtin opened the discussion with respect to the Gilbert Kostelev property. Mr. Gilbert Kostelev, in attendance at this meeting, stated that in the early discussions of the proposed bike path it was his understanding that the trail would run along the old right-of-way railroad bed and that, to the extent possible, the adjacent vegetation would be left untouched. He expected that about twenty feet would be left as additional screening for his property. When the clearing was completed, all vegetation was cleared up to Mr. Kostelev's property. He had requested monetary compensation of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) so that he could replant the area along his property to provide screening and a barrier from the bike trail. Mr. Kostelev was offered Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) for the purchase of plant stock to use for screening and wildlife habitat along the right-of-way in the area of his white pine forest. Mr. Curtin explained that based on the recommendation of Alan Siewert, Urban Forester, the Park District feels that the best course of action is to leave the area where the trees were cut in its current state and allow it to revert to brush land and first succession woodland habitats. As the area reverts back to a natural state, it will cover up the logs. Therefore plantings, installation of fencing to protect against deer browse and watering and care of the plants would not be needed. Miss Cope stated that we acknowledge that there was a mistake and that we are offering our best solution and must stand by it.

Miss Cope made a motion to stand by the original offer to Mr. Gil Kostelev of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) for the purchase of plant stock to use for screening and wildlife habitat along the right-of-way in the area of his white pine forest.

Dr. Rzeszotarski offered his apologies to Mr. Kostelev for the mistake and seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes
Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes

Mr. Curtin stated that letters stating the respective offers will be written to Mr. Gil Kostelev and to Mr. Kevin D. O'Reilly, the attorney for Pete and Darlene Kostelev.

ENDOWMENT FUND MEETING DATES

Les Bednar informed the Board that the by-laws of the Endowment Fund state that two meetings of the Endowment Fund Trustees be conducted each year. The Trustees include 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. A 2/3rd majority of the Trustees' membership is required for a quorum. Mrs. Bednar suggested that the first meeting be held at the July 2005 meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners. At that meeting, the date for the second meeting could be set and a chairperson be appointed. Dr. Rzeszotarski indicated that it may be hard to convene the group in the summer months and suggested that the first meeting be arranged for the September 20, 2005 or the October 11, 2005 meetings of the Board. Mrs. Bednar will get back with the Geauga Park District Foundation members regarding those dates.

BIOHABITATS, INC. INVOICES NOS. 3, 6, AND 7

Mr. Curtin informed the Board that the Silver Creek Restoration project is complete. Keith McClintock, Deputy Director, conducted the final walk-through of Phase II and the one-year walk-through for Phase I. There are several areas that need to be watched for erosion and a concern that some of the Phase II plants were planted just before the recent dry spell.

Mr. Curtin presented three invoices for approval. Invoice No. 3 was submitted in April from Biohabitats, Inc. but was held until the monitoring report was complete. Invoice No. 3 dated April 4, 2005 is in the amount of Seven Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars and One Cent (\$7,337.01).

Dr. Rzeszotarski moved to approve Biohabitats, Inc. Invoice No. 3, for the Silver Creek restoration project, in the amount of Seven Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars and One Cent (\$7,337.01).

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

Biohabitats, Inc. Invoice No. 6, dated May 5, 2005, in the amount of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$11,500.39) was submitted for approval.

Mr. McCullough moved to approve Biohabitats, Inc. Invoice No. 6, for the Silver Creek restoration project, in the amount of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$11,500.39).

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

Mr. Curtin presented Biohabitats, Inc. Invoice No. 7, dated June 2, 2005, in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars and Eighty-One Cents (\$128,439.81). An eight percent (8%) retainage in the amount of Nine Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Dollars and Sixty-Eight Cents (\$9,330.68) is to be withheld for a net payment of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Nine Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$119,109.13) due at this time.

Mr. McCullough moved to approve Biohabitats, Inc. Invoice No. 7 in the amount of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Nine Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$119,109.13) as stated 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

Mr. Curtin stated that the retainage would be held until Ben Sustin's bridge is completed. Mr. Sustin will be issued a check from Biohabitats, Inc. and he will then subcontract the construction of his bridge.

PARK UPDATES

Levy Presentation

Les Bednar presented the draft of the Power Point program that will be used for the levy promotion. She explained that the presentation can take five minutes or longer depending on the amount and depth of information the presenter includes. The Commissioners offered several suggestions of ways that the message, details, and visual images of the presentation could be conveyed.

The Board took a break from 6:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Upon return from the break, Mr. Curtin updated the Board on the following:

Affelder House

Mr. Curtin informed the Board that since Jim Ziemnik, Landscape Architect, is busy with The Maple Highlands Trail-Central project, the Affelder House project has been turned over to Rod Sharpnack, Acting Operations Director. Rod will be working on the access drive with Russell Township.

Beartown Lakes Reservation-Dam Improvements

Request for Proposals (RFPs) have been issued for the design and engineering of repairs to the outlet pipe, headwall, and outlet riprap (a loose assemblage of broken stones erected at pipe outlets to prevent scouring and erosion) as well as recommendations and costs estimates for repairs to the two causeway outlet trash racks and outlet pipes planned for 2006.

Frohing Meadows

A public meeting with the neighbors of the Frohling Meadows was held on May 11, 2005 with over 25 people in attendance. Concerns were expressed about the view from the road of the parking lot and the picnic shelter as located on the current plans. The location and size of the shelter and parking lot will need to be revisited. Dr. Rzeszotarski stated that he feels the park will get substantial use and that perhaps two shelters should be considered. The second shelter could be planned for future expansion at the northern end of the park. Earthen mounds could be constructed to block the light and view of the parking lot and shelter. Mr. Curtin stated that these comments would be taken into consideration and the plans would be re-worked.

The Maple Highlands Trail-Central Section

Mr. Curtin reported that the construction on the bridge at Taylor Wells Road is about three weeks ahead of schedule. Twenty-eight percent (28%) of the grant funds have been spent and total expenditures to date represent twenty-two percent (22%) of the total project cost.

Mountain Run Station

Mr. Curtin reported that we are waiting to hear from the Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District regarding storm water issues. Mark Haynes Construction is ready to proceed once this is completed.

Observatory Project

Requests for Proposals have been sent for the design and engineering of the Observatory project. The Natural Resource department continues to work on the site inventory.

Grandview Golf Club Survey

Mr. Curtin reported that Gutoskey & Associates, Inc. submitted a revised survey that identifies Geauga Park District's railroad right-of-way property south of State Route 608 and the portion of the railroad right-of-way that reverted to Grandview Golf Club. Station points from the valuation maps are not available from the old Painesville and Youngstown railroad in which the surveys are based. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's valuation map notes different station points based on their railroad network. In some cases the title documents were not developed for thirty or more years after the acquisition. Mr. Curtin stated that he would talk with Lawyers Title Insurance

Corporation to see if their maps provide more information. He hopes to resume negotiations with the owners of Grandview Golf Club.

Geauga Local Access Cable Television

Mr. Curtin reported that he was approached by Dave Jevnikar of G-TV. G-TV provides twenty-four hour, seven day per week community bulletin board service to Burton Township, Burton Village, the City of Chardon, Chardon Township, Hambden Township, Middlefield Village and Munson Township. They are offering the opportunity to have a page on their website where we could post our informational material. Mr. Curtin will refer this offer to Paige Hosier, Marketing Director.

Grass Dairy Operation Request

Mr. Curtin wanted to make the Board aware that he received a request from an individual who would like to partner with the Park District for a grass dairy operation. Further investigation and discussion will need to take place.

10,000 STEPS PROGRAM

Robin Pilarczyk presented a proposal for developing the "Get Healthy Geauga County" program through a partnership with Lake Hospital System and Lake Metroparks. The "10,000 Steps" program is a national program which promotes walking at least 10,000 steps in a day. Lake Hospital System and Geauga Park District would develop a "Get Healthy Geauga County" logo and flyer. This logo would be used in the *Tree Line Telegraph* to indicate related programs. Lake Hospital System would create the membership packets, which include a pedometer, and deliver to Geauga Park District. The Park District will take registration of new members and receive the proposed fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00). Geauga Park District will cover clerical and postage costs and return the balance to Lake Hospital System on a quarterly basis to cover their costs of the pedometer and materials. Geauga Park District would receive the participant logs and maintain the database for monitoring mileage for the incentive rewards to be mailed to participants by Lake Hospital System. Quarterly newsletters from Lake Hospital System will include programs at Geauga Park District and Lake Metroparks supporting the "10,000 Steps" theme.

Mr. McCullough questioned if Geauga Hospital had been approached as a partner in this program. Mrs. Pilarczyk replied that they had been contacted and reported that they did not have plans for implementing this program. Dr. Rzeszotarski stated that he would prefer a partnership with Geauga Hospital if at all possible. Miss Cope agreed that this should be pursued further with the administrators of the hospital. Mr. Curtin suggested that we continue to work to achieve a partnership with Geauga Hospital and if necessary wait until the fall to implement the program with Lake Hospital System.

2006 TEMPORARY BUDGET

A copy of the 2006 Temporary Budget was distributed to the Board members. They will have an opportunity to review the document and have their questions answered. The budget will then come up for approval at the July 2005 meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners so that it can be forwarded to the Geauga County Budget Committee.

NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION GRANT

The Chagrin River Land Conservancy has approached the Park District to partner with them in the application for a North American Wetlands Conservation Grant. We would provide the partnership in which Bass Lake Preserve was acquired for Five Million Seven Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (\$5,737,336.00) as a match for their one million dollar grant application which will help to preserve land and water resources in order to maintain the integrity of the Chagrin River watershed. This grant will help to preserve high quality wetlands for migratory birds. Dr. Rzeszotarski asked if this would restrict the Park District from using the acquisition as a match for any future grants. Mr. Curtin indicated that he would determine if there would be any restrictions placed on the Park District as a result of offering this match.

Mr. McCullough made a motion to approve the partnership in which Bass Lake Preserve was acquired for Five Million Seven Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (\$5,737,336.00) as a match for the Chagrin River Land Conservancy's North American Wetlands Conservation Grant contingent upon finding no restriction placed on Geauga Park District for future grants.

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

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Hart

Troy Township

Mr. Curtin explained to the Board that the Park District would like to sell the houses and some surrounding acreage on the Hart and Miller properties. The Hart property, containing approximately sixty-five (65) acres, is east of Eldon Russell Park on Claridon-Troy Road in Troy Township. Mr. Curtin asked that the house and five (5) acres of property surrounding the house be split out and declared surplus property. This property includes a lot of scrap material including old cars and metal scrap. It would cost the Park District approximately Forty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$48,500.00) to remove the scrap material. Mr. Curtin stated that we would still have access to the property from Claridon-Troy Road and that selling off the house would allow the property to remain on the tax duplicate. He further stated that we could auction the property off in an as-is condition with a minimum bid of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00). Dr. Rzeszotarski stated that we should be sure that the minimum bid will cover the per acre purchase price.

Miss Cope made a motion to declare the house and five (5) surrounding acres on the Hart property as surplus property and offer the property for auction with a minimum bid of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00).

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

Miller

Middlefield Township

The Miller property, containing approximately eleven (11) acres, is located in Middlefield Township on Swine Creek Road adjacent to Swine Creek Reservation. Mr. Curtin recommended that we auction the house and two and eight-tenths (2.8) acres of surrounding property. The Park District will still maintain the approximately eight (8) acres of land along Swine Creek and up to the railroad right-of-way. Mr. Curtin mentioned that the house does not have electricity, running water, or a septic system and that selling off the house would allow the property to remain on the tax duplicate. The minimum bid would be established after reviewing the original purchase price.

Mr. McCullough made a motion to declare the house and two and eight-tenths (2.8) acres on the Miller property as surplus property and offer the property for auction with a minimum bid yet to be determined.

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

RICHLAND ENGINEERING LTD.- CHANGE ORDER NO. 1

Mr. Curtin presented Richland Engineering Ltd. Change Order No. 1 to the Board for approval. The original contract amount with Richland Engineering Ltd. was Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for engineering oversight on The Maple Highlands Trail-Central project. Additional work as the result of the changes and modifications of the structural elements for the Claridon Road bridge requires an increase in the contract of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

Mr. McCullough made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 increasing the contract with Richland Engineering Ltd. in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

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

SODA CONSTRUCTION INC.- CHANGE ORDERS NO. 2, 3, & 4

Mr. Curtin presented three change orders for Soda Construction Inc. for work along The Maple Highlands Trail-Central. Change Order No. 2 represents a decrease in the original contract price due to the fact that it was decided not to apply the fire retardant to the bridges over the Cuyahoga River and Taylor Wells Road. This represents a decrease of Two Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Three Dollars and Eighteen Cents (\$2,493.18) from the original contract of Four Million Seven Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$4,768,314.75).

Mr. McCullough made a motion to approve Change Order No. 2 decreasing the contract with Soda Construction Inc. in the amount of Two Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Three Dollars and Eighteen Cents (\$2,493.18) as stated 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

Change Order No. 3 was presented as an increase of Twenty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents (\$24,430.36) for the removal of rock along the trail close to the beginning at State Route 608.

Mr. McCullough made a motion to approve Change Order No. 3 increasing the contract with Soda Construction Inc. in the amount of Twenty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents (\$24,430.36) as stated 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

Change Order No. 4 was presented and represents a decrease for culvert and conduit work that was not required. The decrease is in the amount of Forty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars and Forty-Six Cents (\$47,254.46).

Dr. Rzeszotarski made a motion to approve Change Order No. 4 decreasing the contract with Soda Construction Inc. in the amount of Forty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars and Forty-Six Cents (\$47,254.46) 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

The current contract price with Soda Construction Inc. with all approved change orders stands at Four Million Seven Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents (\$4,742,997.47).

FROHRING MEADOWS DESIGN FIRM RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Curtin informed the Board that seven Requests for Proposals (RFP's) for the design of Frohring Meadows were sent. Four responses were received from the following firms:

Cawrse & Associates
Behnke & Associates
Kerr & Boron Associates
Environmental Design Group, Inc. (aka Floyd Browne Group)

Based on interviews and a criteria review, Environmental Design Group, Inc. (EDG) is recommended for the project providing that the contract can be developed and approved in a timely manner. Cawrse & Associates is recommended as the second choice should a contract with EDG not be forthcoming. In either case, the contract will be kept within the amount budgeted for the design of Frohring Meadows.

Dr. Rzeszotarski made a motion to approve the recommendation of Environmental Design Group, Inc. for the design of Frohring Meadows contingent upon a contract being developed and approved in a timely manner.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCullough moved to go into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and personnel matters.

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 7:50 p.m. The following was discussed for resolution:

LAND ACQUISITION

Claridon/Hambden Township

Dr. Rzeszotarski moved to authorize the Executive Director to enter into negotiations for real property in Claridon/Hambden Townships.

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

Russell Township

Dr. Rzeszotarski moved to authorize the Executive Director to enter into negotiations for real property in Russell 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

Parkman Township

Dr. Rzeszotarski moved to authorize the Executive Director to enter into negotiations for an agreement with Grand River Partners to preserve property in Parkman 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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Departmental reports from the Supervisors were submitted for the month of May 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