

GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES
September 12, 2006

The regular meeting of the Geauga Park District Board was held on September 12, 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 Betty Cope was present.

Employees present were:

Tom Curtin, Executive Director
Keith McClintock, Deputy Director
Les Bednar, Development Officer
Barb Emch, Executive Secretary
John Hayhurst, Lt. Ranger
Bob Lange, Land Steward
John Oros, Natural Resource Manager
Robin Pilarczyk, Human Resources Manager
Rod Sharpnack, Project Manager
Dru Siley, Park Planner
Aaron Young, Planning Director

Visitors Present:

Ginger Azzolina
Sofie Horvath
Faith Pescatore
Denver Sallee

Gauga Park District Foundation Representative: Jacqueline Samuel

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Miss Cope moved to accept the agenda for the meeting.

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	Absent

Dr. Rzeszotarski arrived at 3:35 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2006

Miss Cope moved to accept the minutes of August 8, 2006 as amended.

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

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2006

Dr. Rzeszotarski moved to accept the minutes of August 23, 2006 as amended.

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. Curtin acknowledged the presence of the visitors in the audience and asked them to state their name and township of residence.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE MONTH ENDING
AUGUST 31, 2006**

GENERAL FUND

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE AUGUST 1, 2006		1,159,781.04
EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES		327,223.42
Personnel	178,760.89	
Medicare	2,456.58	
Dental /Hospitalization	34,668.14	
PERS	24,913.80	
Unemployment Transfers	340.40	
Vouchers	86,083.61	
REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES		2,715,822.05
<u>General Tax Collections</u>		
- Real Estate Tax	2,700,518.04	
<u>Investment Income</u>	5,943.99	
<u>Gifts & Donations</u>	212.50	
- Geauga Council for Arts - Dan Best program (\$12.50)		
- In Memory of Dave Imhof (Cseplo, State St. Salon Inc.- \$200)		
<u>Fees</u>		
- Programs - Schools - Out-of-County	50.00	
- Camping	10.00	
- Shelters	80.00	
- Bid Plans	40.00	
- NAF Table Fees	90.00	
- Facility Utilities	75.00	
- Workshops - General - Public Program	49.25	
- Programs - General - Public Program	32.00	
<u>Sales</u>		
- Tapper's Treasures - MC	104.32	
- Tree Tops - TWW	655.02	
- Water Vending Machine Sales - TWW	75.50	
<u>Rental Properties</u>		
- Swine Creek house - Harry	400.00	
- Burton Wetlands House- Kolar	400.00	
- Hyde House - McKinnon	400.00	
<u>Other Receipts</u>		
Citation Disbursement	69.00	
Recycling Proceeds	209.81	
Refunds- Other -	60.00	
- Arborwear, returned shirts(\$60)		
Local Government Funds	5,698.64	
Miscellaneous Receipts	648.98	
- Auditor - Exempt filing Frohring property (\$431.80)		
- Burton Middlefield Rotary - Reimb dues - Curtin (\$150)		
- County auction - computers (\$50)		
- Lawyers Title - Overpay closing costs - Huntsburg Investments (\$17.18)		

**ENDING FUND BALANCE AS OF
AUGUST 31, 2006** **\$ 3,548,379.67**

LAND IMPROVEMENT FUND

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE AUGUST 1, 2006	2,952,901.70
EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES	516,635.23
Vouchers	516,635.23
REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES	119,683.58
<u>Investment Income</u>	13,365.93
<u>Gifts & Donations</u>	25.00
-In Memory of James Ferry (Sherwood - \$25)	
Other Receipts	105,390.77
- Miller house auction proceeds - D. Miller (\$97,710.82)	
- Lawyers Title - Huntsburg Investments escrow overpayment (\$179.95)	
- Macedonia Investors - In Lieu fees (\$7,500)	
<u>Royalties</u>	
- Oxford Oil Co - Swine Creek	442.99
- Cedar Valley Energy - Hehmeyer property	318.16
- Range Resource Energy - Hart property	93.94
- Power Gas - Farley property	46.79
ENDING FUND BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 2006	\$ 2,555,950.05

RETAINAGE FUND

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE AUGUST 1, 2006	195,272.96
EXPENDITURES	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES	856.44
<u>Investment Income</u>	856.44
ENDING FUND BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 2006	\$ 196,129.40

VOUCHER RESOLUTION NO. 20-06

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. 20-06.

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

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Mr. Curtin shared an email that was received from Noca Kuhmer who was delighted with her recent experience at a Big Creek Park shelter. She stated that the shelter was clean and well maintained. Jeff Suszynski, a Chardon patron wrote that he would like to see swings near the lodge at Bass Lake Preserve. A patron who held a picnic at the Deer Run shelter at The West Woods commented that the facilities were wonderful. A recent patron of a Beartown Lakes Reservation shelter wrote to say that she found the facilities and scenery to be gorgeous.

Mr. Curtin read a letter from Doris Kunde of Independence, Ohio who stated that she opposed the Park District's decision to allow bow hunting.

Mr. Curtin received four letters of thanks for the same incident in which John Oros and John Hayhurst assisted a motorist who was broken down at Headwaters Park. The women were very appreciative of their help and a husband of one of the women was most grateful that the Park staff members stayed with the women until help arrived.

Mr. McCullough stated that he recently held his family's reunion event at the Great Blue Heron Lodge at The Rookery. His family was greatly impressed and thankful for such a clean and nice facility.

Mr. McCullough shared a real estate ad in a recent local paper which made special mention of the view that the property had of the Park District's covered bridge over Tare Creek.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Mr. Curtin opened the floor to the members of the public present.

Sofie Horvath read from a prepared statement regarding her opposition to the controlled hunt that will take place on park properties this fall. Mr. Curtin responded to the questions she posed. He explained that the controlled hunt will take place on park properties that are not open to the public. Regarding Mrs. Horvath's question about costs of sharpshooters, Mr. Curtin explained that the figures from other agencies that have used sharpshooting vary because they represent different costs. Some agencies include staff time and all associated costs. For example, he noted that DuPage County, Illinois park staff pick up the deer, process them in a park-owned facility, deliver the meat and dispose of the waste. Mr. Oros told Mrs. Horvath that the deer hunters will supply their own deer stands and that the stands are designed not to damage the trees. Regarding Mrs. Horvath's question about youth hunting, Mr. Curtin reiterated that no one under 18 years of age will be permitted to hunt.

Mrs. Horvath stated that she took issue with a comment made by Park District Senior Naturalist, Dan Best, in a recent article on the importance of wetlands. Mr. McClintock stated that the comments made by Mr. Best are aligned with the Park District's support of the conservation of wetlands and do not imply a position with regard to local zoning issues. He added that he did not see anything wrong or controversial with Mr. Best's statements. Mr. Curtin thanked Mrs. Horvath for her comments.

Faith Pescatore of Russell Township referred the Board to a recent article in *The Chagrin Valley Times* where the City of Solon Police Chief commented on using sharpshooters over bow hunting as a more humane method to control the deer population. Mrs. Pescatore stated that she agreed that sharpshooting should be used versus bow hunting. She also asked if the Park District receives any grants or funds from the Ohio Division of Wildlife from the controlled hunt. Mr. Curtin responded in the negative. Mrs. Pescatore asked if the park would permit the hunting of waterfowl in the future. Dr. Rzeszotarski responded that mention was made in an early draft of the controlled hunt proposal of the possibility of including waterfowl but that the Park District has not yet taken any measurement to determine if there is a problem. He added that waterfowl hunting would not be undertaken until the Park District gathered that data. Mrs. Pescatore asked that the data be made public when it is collected. Mr. Curtin replied that it would. Mrs. Pescatore asked if the Park District considers acquiring property that is contiguous to existing parks to reduce the need for deer culling. Mr. Curtin stated that the Park District does consider the importance of linking park properties and acquiring contiguous park land. Mrs. Pescatore asked if the Park District surveys patrons to obtain their input. Mr. Curtin responded that the Park District does conduct surveys of patrons, groups and other organizations. He added that the Park District staff also look at regional and national studies and what other parks and conservation organizations are doing.

Ginger Azzolina addressed the Board with respect to the development of Frohring Meadows. She appealed to the Board to consider a compromise regarding the placement of the facilities for that park. She asked the Board to consider having Frohring Meadows opened from dawn to dusk rather than 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. as it is with all other parks, with the exception of Burton Wetlands which has no picnic facilities. Mr. Curtin replied that the lights in the shelter will not be on unless it is being used. The pictures of the shelter shown at an earlier meeting from different vantage points demonstrate that no more than the roof of the shelter will be seen from the park boundaries once the prairie is established. Dr. Rzeszotarski stated that the prairie habitat at Darby Creek in southern Ohio shows that the prairie is very effective at absorbing sound. Mr. Curtin added that former Geauga Park District Director John O'Meara talked with Mr. Paul Frohring about the plans for development of the park and that he was comfortable with them. Mr. Curtin stated that we will leave the open hours as they are and see if we need to make any adjustments once the park is opened. Dr. Rzeszotarski stated that if there are problems at Frohring Meadows then they will be addressed at that time.

Mr. Denver Sallee distributed to the Board two proposals with regard to the controlled deer hunt. The proposals were submitted by Mr. Sallee of Novelty, Sofie Horvath of Chardon, Bebe Ober of Chagrin Falls, and Linda O'Brien and Faith Pescatore of Novelty.

Mr. Sallee read the following two proposals:

Proposal I

"For the duration of the controlled bow hunt approved by the Board for the 2006-2007 hunting season and to be conducted on five parcels of land owned by the Geauga County Parks, we respectfully request that a continuing progress report be presented publicly at the monthly meeting of the Park Board of Commissioners. We request that the culling goals by parcel, the number of kills by parcel, problems or complaints logged and their disposition, monthly costs incurred and an accrual be components of the report."

Proposal II

"For the year 2007-2008, sharpshooters should be employed to control the overpopulation and the same detailed information compiled as to culling goals, number of kills, problems or complaints, and costs incurred. After this compilation, the two choices can then be intelligently compared as to costs, efficiency, disruption to park service, etc. A true best choice could then be made for future wildlife management efforts in our Geauga Parks."

Mr. Sallee then distributed a note to the Board that included a copy of a posting on the Burton Ohio internet blog directed at Mrs. Horvath's efforts in opposition to the controlled hunt. Mr. Curtin responded that the viewpoints expressed should not be considered to be representative of the hunting community.

Linda O'Brien then addressed the Board with several questions about the controlled hunt of whitetail deer. She asked what the Park District's number one priority is with respect to the hunt. Mr. Curtin replied that it is to reduce the deer population on park lands to lessen the negative impact on biodiversity in our parks. Mrs. O'Brien then asked if goals were set as to the number of deer to be harvested. Mr. Curtin replied that a number has not been set. Mr. Oros added that the hunt is structured around the guidelines of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources which establishes limits based on hunting zones. The park lands west of State Route 44, for example, are considered to be an urban zone. Dr. Rzeszotarski stated that we will be doing aerial surveys next year and we will determine the impact of the controlled hunt on the deer population. Ms. O'Brien persisted in asking what the goal was for the number of deer to be removed. Mr. Curtin stated that other park districts have reported culling 300 to 400 deer per year through sharpshooting. He stated that we may come to the point of needing to cull the deer population by contracting with sharpshooters.

Ms. O'Brien proceeded to make an offer to the Board on behalf of herself and Bebe Ober. She stated that at the cost of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per deer, she and Mrs. Ober are willing to provide the dollars to cull forty (40) deer with sharpshooters. She suggested that using reputable contractors would allow the Park District the opportunity to do a side by side analysis of the two methods. She asked the Board to give consideration to their offer to track the data this year and then come back to the public with the fact and figures.

Ms. O'Brien asked when a decision will be made regarding their proposal to assist with the culling costs. Mr. Curtin stated that it will be discussed at the October 10, 2006 meeting of the Board.

Ms. O'Brien also asked for an update on the vandalism to parked cars at The West Woods. Mr. McClintock stated that the Ranger Department is working on those cases.

Mrs. Horvath asked if Geauga Park District was involved in the Geauga County Commissioners hunt on county owned property. Mr. Curtin replied that the Park District is not involved in any way in that hunt. Mr. McClintock added that the Geauga County Commissioners have been offering that hunt for the last three to four years. Mrs. Horvath asked what the procedure would be if hunters go off Park property onto private property. Mr. Curtin said that the residents would be supplied with the telephone number to report violators. The closest law enforcement agency would then be dispatched and our Rangers notified.

Ms. O'Brien asked which Park Commissioners' term would expire next. Dr. Rzeszotarski stated that the Board members have three year terms and that Miss Cope will be up for reappointment at the end of 2006. Miss Cope has been on the Board of Park Commissioners for nine years, Mr. McCullough for thirty-five years and Dr. Rzeszotarski for ten years. Dr. Rzeszotarski stated that the Park Board is established under the Ohio Revised Code and Board members are appointed by the Probate Judge. Mr. Curtin stated that he has had experience with other park boards and feels that the Geauga Park District Board is very progressive and open to new ideas and that Geauga County has been very well served by them.

IRS UPDATE AND CORRESPONDING PERSONNEL POLICY CHANGES

Robin Pilarczyk referred the Board to the suggested personnel policy changes as a result of an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) ruling on taxable fringe benefits. Dr. Rzeszotarski noted that two policies, Training/Tuition Reimbursement and Mileage Reimbursement have specific dollar amounts set by the IRS and will need to be reviewed each year. The Board members had questions for Mrs. Pilarczyk and discussed possible ways of handling the purchase and distribution of uniforms for employees.

Dr. Rzeszotarski stated that he does not want to create a burden for employees and would like to continue to work on the policies and discuss them again at the next Board meeting.

BIG CREEK PARK- GAS WELL

Mr. McClintock gave an update on the proposal for gas well drilling in Big Creek Park. He stated that he looked at the well logs for the four wells located across from Big Creek Park on Robinson Road. The records show that the wells are high producers. He added that the Park District could expect to receive around Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000.00) per year in royalties and the company would extend a line to the Meyer Center at no cost. He noted that the Meyer Center currently runs on electricity and we would have to change over the furnace, but this could represent a significant savings in heat costs. The gas line could be installed this year but the well would not be drilled until 2007. The company would still sell us gas at a discounted rate. Mr. McClintock stated that we need to check into whether there are any deed restrictions on the Big Creek Park property with respect to the mineral rights.

Mr. McCullough asked about the gas well at Swine Creek Reservation which was drilled in 1977. Mr. McClintock stated that we receive about Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) a month or Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) a year in royalties from that gas well.

Dr. Rzeszotarski stated that the Board philosophy has been to preserve these resources for a future time should the Park District need them as a source of income. He added that he is uncertain that this is the right time to use these resources.

Dr. Rzeszotarski asked about access to the drilling site for the fire department. Mr. McClintock replied that there is access via the service road for the electric lines. Mr. McClintock explained that the local Soil and Water District has pulled together sample documents for leases and restrictions in these cases that are guided by the interests of the landowners. He added that a State Inspector is assigned to our county to inspect the drilling and to investigate complaints.

Mr. McClintock concluded the discussion by saying that we will examine the deed for any restriction clauses and report back to the Board. No action was taken.

PARK UPDATE

Mr. Curtin updated the Board on the following:

Affelder House

Mr. Curtin reported that Jeanne Affelder loved the idea of the house being called the Lewis and Ruth Affelder House. Mr. McCullough asked about parking at the facility. Mr. Curtin stated that the plan for the site renovation does allow for additional parking spaces that could be added now or later. Currently there are twenty parking spaces including one handicapped space. Dr. Rzeszotarski stated that we should go ahead and add the additional sixteen spaces at this time. Mr. Curtin agreed. He noted that we are in the process of closing the contract for the interior renovations and making improvements to the driveway back to the dry hydrant. The old septic tank has been crushed. We are waiting for the contractor to re-do the patio in the back of the house with a completion date of September 15, 2006.

Beartown Lake Reservation

Cost estimates are being prepared for all work to be included in the construction package for 2007.

Frohring Meadows

Mr. Curtin reported that we are waiting for paperwork from the Army Corps of Engineers and reviewing the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Partnership Agreement.

Another herbicide spraying will be done in the next several weeks. A post card has been mailed to neighbors. Signs will be posted and neighbors can call to request to be put on a phone list to be called with the exact day of the spraying.

Headwaters Park

The ditching work and culvert replacement has been completed on the service road. The bridge decking work is underway.

Hyde Property Dam Repairs

It has been determined that the Hyde property dams do not fall under the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Dams and are exempt from review and repair mandates as there is less than fifteen (15) acres of storage. ODNR did make some recommendations with regard to the repairs.

The Maple Highlands Trail Central

Mr. Curtin reported that the project is progressing however a time extension change order will be presented later in the meeting. Dr. Rzeszotarski asked about the situation with a Hosford Road

resident who claimed that the bike trail was causing a run-off problem into their pond. Mr. Curtin explained that he previously visited the site and took pictures and does not feel that the run-off is coming from the trail. He added that additional pictures have been taken which show that there is a road construction project on Hosford Road taking place at this time and that there is no silt fencing which is contributing to the resident's problem.

Mountain Run Station

The bid package for Phase II of this project should be complete by the first part of November. Mr. Curtin showed the plans and construction drawings which depict a ninety-six (96) car parking lot, picnic area and restrooms. Dr. Rzeszotarski asked about fire department equipment access. Mr. Curtin replied that it is accessible with fire equipment but that the drive will not be paved until the trail construction is completed. Dr. Rzeszotarski asked if this parking lot will provide overflow parking for the nearby ball fields. Mr. Curtin replied that it could and stated that a trail would need to be constructed to connect to the fields.

Special Park District Forum

Mr. Curtin asked the Board members to note on their calendars the dates for the Special Park District Forum to be held June 5-8, 2007 in Columbus, Ohio and hosted by Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks. He added that this is a national event with participants and speakers coming from all over the country and provides a great opportunity to learn how other parks operate.

Ohio Parks & Recreation Association

Fall Section Conference

Mr. Curtin attended the Directors' Meeting at the Fall Section Conference which included an update on legal issues affecting park districts. Eminent domain as it relates to abandoned or condemned land for economic development and prevailing wage rates were some of the issues that were discussed.

Ted Eubanks Presentation

Mr. Curtin provided Miss Cope with background information regarding the experience and reputation of Ted Eubanks and his company, Fermata, Inc. which specializes in eco-tourism. Mr. Eubanks spent the first part of his career as a trucking company executive. Having a lifelong interest in birding, he changed careers in his 40's to create a business that helps communities study and promote nature tourism. A seminar with business and political leaders of Geauga County featuring Mr. Eubanks is planned for sometime in the spring of 2007.

BASS LAKE PRESERVE BOAT LAUNCH AREA

CONCEPT PLAN

Dru Siley, Park Planner, presented the concept plan for the boat launch area at Bass Lake Preserve. He stated that the plan was designed to be sensitive and respectful of the area, to be user friendly, and give consideration to the Ohio Division of Watercraft recommendations. Mr. Siley explained that a single lane loop road will take boaters to the launch area with twelve parking spaces designed to proper length and width without interrupting the flow of traffic. The gate area will be expanded. Dr. Rzeszotarski asked about access for fire equipment vehicles and the possibility of a dry hydrant. Aaron Young stated that the twelve foot drive would accommodate a fire truck. Mr. McClintock added that the inlet is too shallow for a dry hydrant but a pumper truck could be set up in the event of a fire in the Bass Lake community. Dru Siley explained that the existing fencing is in good shape and the posts are sound although some rails will need to be replaced. Mr. McClintock stated that the plans include improvement of the lodge parking lot and the fencing also needs to be repaired. He stated that he noticed considerable difference in the maintenance and appearance of the lodge area as compared to other park properties. He added that some of the evergreens will be removed and the entrance landscaping to the lodge improved.

The Board members thanked Mr. Siley for his presentation.

**GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT
FAIR BUILDING**

Dr. Rzeszotarski stated that he was very impressed with the display at the fair building this year. He commented on the excellent design of the games. Paige Hosier added that the Natural Resources area of the Geauga County Fairgrounds will be the location of the upcoming Earthkeepers Expo on September 23, 2006.

GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT FOUNDATION REPORT

Jacqueline Samuel reported that the Foundation Trustees are working on preparations for the first fundraising dinner for the Observatory Park. Miss Cope commented that the invitation for the event was elegant. There will be a silent and live auction. Mrs. Samuel added that the series of fundraising events for the Observatory Park will all be themed "Night Vision" with the October 7th event called "Reach for the Heavens".

The membership drive is beginning with the mailing going out in the next few weeks.

The Foundation Board is seeking to add new members. Glen Frohing and Doug Ralston have agreed to serve.

New fundraising strategies will be implemented later this fall utilizing the new committee structure. The fundraising for the BioCentennial exhibit has just Five Hundred Forty-Two Dollars (\$542.00) to go.

The Board took a recess from 5:55 p.m. to 6:20 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

2007 TEMPORARY BUDGET- RESOLUTION NO-21-06

Dr. Rzeszotarski moved the adoption of the following Resolution No. 21-06:

WHEREAS, This Board of Park Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Geauga County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill tax limitation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Park Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said County the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

Amount to be derived from levies outside 10 Mill limitation:	
General Fund	\$7,043,930.00

	<u>Maximum Rate Authorized To Be Levied</u>	<u>County Auditor's Estimate of Yield of Levy</u>
Current expense levy authorized by voters on November 8, 2005	.70	\$912,739.00
Current expense levy authorized by voters on November 3, 1992	1.00	\$1,694,039.00
Current expense levy authorized by voters on November 7, 1995	1.00	\$1,971,359.00
Current expense levy authorized by Voters on November 7, 2000	1.00	\$2,465,793.00
Total levies outside 10 mill limitation	3.70	\$7,043,930.00

And be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of this Board be and he is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

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

Dr. Rzeszotarski asked if this budget could accommodate the costs if the Park District chose to conduct sharpshooting. Mr. Curtin replied that the budget could still be adjusted in November. Dr. Rzeszotarski stated that he would like to see an estimate of the costs for sharpshooting.

WALTER C. BEST DAM CLEARING PROJECT BID

Mr. Curtin reported that the following two bids were received for the dam clearing project at Walter C. Best Preserve:

Clemson Excavating	\$36,380.00
Trax Construction	\$85,000.00

Mr. Curtin recommended that the bid of Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$36,380.00) from Clemson Excavating be accepted. All references have been checked. The budget for the project was Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00). The contractor will remove the trees, restore the earthen embankment and seed the area. Mr. McCullough asked when the project will begin. Mr. McClintock stated that the contractor will start with the clearing of trees in October. The trees will be ground and the area seeded in the spring.

Dr. Rzeszotarski made a motion to award the bid for the Walter C. Best dam clearing project to Clemson Excavating in the amount of Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$36,380.00) 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

SODA CONSTRUCTION INC.
CHANGE ORDER NO. 16

Mr. Curtin presented Soda Construction Inc. Change Order No. 16 for approval. The change order represents a ten-day extension of time due to the weather with a new completion date of October 9, 2006.

Dr. Rzeszotarski made a motion to accept Soda Construction Inc. Change Order No. 16. Miss Cope seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	No
Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes

DEER HUNTING PROPOSAL

Miss Cope asked if the proposal for sharpshooters for this hunting season could be worked out. Mr. Curtin replied that it would not be possible for this fall but perhaps it could be worked out for the first part of 2007. He stated that sharpshooting is conducted at night and in some cases silencers must be used. Dr. Rzeszotarski suggested giving consideration to sharpshooting in a park parcel different from the ones approved for bow hunting. Mr. McClintock commented that even with the offer of Linda O'Brien and Bebe Ober to harvest forty deer, the actual costs could exceed our current estimates. Cost information will be gathered and presented at the October Board meeting where the group's proposal will be discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCullough moved to go into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing land acquisition.

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 7:20 p.m.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Departmental reports from the Supervisors were submitted for the month of August 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 7:20 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