

GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES
September 20, 2005

The regular meeting of the Geauga Park District Board was held on September 20, 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 member Mark Rzeszotarski was present.

Employees present were:
Tom Curtin, Executive Director
Keith McClintock, Deputy Director
Les Bednar, Development Officer
Barb Emch, Executive Secretary
Cindy Ford, Marketing Assistant
Paige Hosier, Marketing Director
Diane Valen, Naturalist Services Director

Guests present were: Derrall W. Romine,
Great Lakes Geophysical, Inc.

Foundation Representatives: Mary Beth O'Neill
Jon Green
Dave Weibel
Joanne Wanstreet

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:

Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes
Miss Cope	Absent
Mr. McCullough	Yes

Miss Cope arrived at 3:35 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2005

Dr. Rzeszotarski moved that the minutes of August 9, 2005 be approved as amended.
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

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST

Les Bednar introduced Mary Beth O'Neill from the Geauga Park District Foundation.

**GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT
FINANCIAL STATEMENT MONTH ENDED
AUGUST 31, 2005**

GENERAL FUND		
BALANCE AUGUST 1, 2005		768,123.38
EXPENDITURES		1,822,106.81
Personnel	169,595.57	
Medicare	2,035.19	
Dental /Hospitalization	30,265.33	
PERS	22,619.72	
Transfer to Construction Fund	1,451,000.00	
Vouchers	146,591.00	

RECEIPTS		2,709,266.81
General:		
Real Estate Tax	2,684,176.57	
Fees:		
- Camping	10.00	
- Shelters	80.00	
- NAF Table Fees	50.00	
- Workshops - General - public program	30.00	
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	634.53	
Sales: Tree Tops	1,182.22	
Sales - Credit Cards	685.24	
(\$67.39 - Meyer Center, \$617.85 Tree Tops)		
Sales: Water Vending Machine Sales - TWW	36.00	
Other:		
Citation Disbursement	155.00	
Refunds- Other - Klyn Nursery, refund overpayment	217.50	
Donations:	76.00	
- Lanese, Birthday donation		
- Popcorn donation for movie night program		
Local Government Funds	5,679.47	
Interest earned	2,873.78	
Insurance Reimbursement	10,115.50	
Other Miscellaneous	2,215.00	
- Salvage value for truck and mower		
- State fair syrup entry reimbursement		
BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 2005		1,655,283.38
CONSTRUCTION FUND		
BALANCE AUGUST 1, 2005		1,376,198.96
EXPENDITURES		357,258.28
Vouchers	169,258.28	
Transfer to Retainage Fund	188,000.00	
RECEIPTS		1,456,042.17
Interest Earned	3,743.79	
Transfer from General Fund	1,451,000.00	
Donations	100.00	
- Powell, Observatory donation		
Royalties: Oxford Oil Co	334.69	
Royalties: Cedar Valley Energy	284.95	
Royalties: Great Lakes Energy	578.74	
BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 2005		2,474,982.85
RETAINAGE FUND*		
RECEIPTS		188,000.00
Transfer from Construction fund	188,000.00	
BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 2005		188,000.00

VOUCHER RESOLUTION NO. 27-05

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. 27-05.

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

Mr. Curtin reported that he received a report from the Auditor of the State of Ohio stating that Geauga Park District has once again received a clean audit thanks to the work of Sherry Bosworth, Business Affairs Director, Michele Pennell, Accountant, and the Audit Committee.

Mr. Curtin shared an article from the August 2005 issue of Glucose Magazine, an outdoor adventure sports magazine in northeast Ohio. The article listed the Ansel's Cave Trail at The West Woods as one of the ten best trails for running in northeast Ohio.

Keith McClintock reported that he received a card from Betsy Greene, whose land the Park District is purchasing in Russell Township. Ms. Greene stated that Brett Bellas, Park Manager, and Isaiah Shipman, Park Worker, were great ambassadors for the Park District when they took great care in removing from the property the large memorial stone dedicated to her daughter. The stone will be placed near a trail in The West Woods. Ms. Greene thanked the Park District for keeping its word.

TEMPORARY ACCESS AGREEMENT

CITY OF CHARDON

Mr. Curtin reported that the City of Chardon had approached the Park District several months ago to inquire about access along The Maple Highlands Trail near the South Street location for a sewer project. They need to gain access to a collection point behind some private property via The Maple Highlands Trail. The contractor for the City of Chardon would need to drive a tractor on the right-of-way and then off the trail to make excavation on the private property and then return at a later date to activate the valve. A Temporary Access Agreement was prepared and reviewed by Park District legal counsel. Mr. Curtin stated that this work will not interfere with the construction of The Maple Highlands Trail and the City of Chardon will repair any damage that occurs as a result of this access. All of the work is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2006.

Mr. McCullough made a motion to enter into a Temporary Access Agreement with the City of Chardon for their sewer project 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

AQUILLA/CLARIDON ROAD BRIDGE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

CITY OF CHARDON

Mr. Curtin presented the Bridge Maintenance Agreement with the City of Chardon that will address the long term maintenance issues regarding the Aquilla/Claridon Road Bridge on The Maple Highlands Trail. The City of Chardon is responsible for the repair and maintenance of the roadway. The Agreement states that the bridge will be inspected every year and the inspection report will be shared with the City of Chardon. We will update the City of Chardon with any repairs that take place. The document also contains a "hold harmless" clause for the City of Chardon. This is similar to an agreement negotiated for the bridge at Taylor Wells Road with

Claridon Township. Mr. Curtin reported that the Agreement has been approved by Park District legal counsel.

Mr. McCullough made a motion to enter into a Bridge Maintenance Agreement with the City of Chardon for the maintenance of the Aquilla/Claridon Road Bridge 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

DESCRIPTIONS OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Mr. Curtin distributed copies of a document showing two versions of the descriptions of the three Geauga Park District endowment funds established with the Cleveland Foundation: the Education Endowment Fund, the Unrestricted Endowment Fund, and the Stewardship Endowment Fund. Mrs. Bednar explained that the descriptions will be viewed by any donor accessing the Cleveland Foundation website to view all funds offered by the Cleveland Foundation. Mrs. Bednar reported that Michael Grzesiak, Cleveland Foundation Gift Planning Officer, suggested that the descriptions reflect the organization and its mission. Mrs. Bednar explained that there is no other information on The Cleveland Foundation website to tell the viewer about Geauga Park District and its mission. She is checking with the Cleveland Foundation marketing representative to determine if it is possible to include a link to the Geauga Park District website from these fund descriptions. The two versions represent a difference in style and tone and the Board was asked for their preference. One of the versions offered represented a straightforward, definitive description of each fund while the second version could be viewed as more descriptive and engaging. Mr. Curtin stated that he would like to see the Park District stand out. Discussion took place regarding the different versions and it was decided that a blend of the two may be appropriate. It was decided that each Board member along with Geauga Park District Foundation Trustees, Jon Green, Joanne Wanstreet and Dave Weibel, as well as Tom Curtin, Keith McClintock and Les Bednar review the descriptions and share changes and edits via email.

GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT FOUNDATION FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Les. Bednar gave the Board an update on the fall Friends Membership Campaign. She reported that 472 letters were sent for a total cost of Three Hundred Thirty Dollars and Forty Cents (\$330.40). Donations received to date total Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars (\$4,235.00) for the first two weeks of the campaign. The average cost per mailing is approximately Seventy Cents giving a net gain to date of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Four Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$3,904.60). Mrs. Bednar reports that compared to last year, we are seeing more one hundred (\$100.00) to two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250.00) gifts. Memberships will continue to come in through the end of this year.

PARK UPDATES

Mr. Curtin updated the Board on the following:

Wireless Communications System

Mr. Curtin reported that the Geauga County Emergency Management Agency has begun to install the hardware on the towers that will provide for wireless communication to our Operations Department satellite facilities. Within the next few weeks they will be putting up the send/receive equipment on our buildings.

Emergency Preparedness

Mr. Curtin reported that the Park District purchased two gasoline generators: one for the Meyer Center and one for The West Woods Nature Center. These generators are large enough to supply power to one room. They are portable and would be operated from outside the building.

The Maple Highlands Trail Central

Mr. Curtin stated that Taylor Wells Road opened on September 12, 2005. Mr. Curtin shared pictures of the Taylor Wells Road Bridge and reported that paving is completed on the trail between the Taylor Wells Road Bridge and the bridge over the Cuyahoga River. The next section to be paved is the area of the trail beginning at State Route 322 north to Stillwell Road.

Richland Engineering Ltd. is currently creating the construction drawings for the bridge at Aquilla/Claridon Road which will then be sent to Union Industrial Contractors, the bridge contractor. Mr. Curtin stated that it appears that Aquilla/Claridon Road will only need to be closed for approximately six (6) days for the bridge abutment work. The road will be open for evening traffic on those days. He said that we will do a media release and send another mailing to the residents with an update. Demolition of the bridge is complete and work will begin on the abutments once the drawings are complete.

Affelder House

Rod Sharpnack, Operations Director, has met with the Russell Township Fire Department regarding the driveway/road requirements. Mr. Curtin reported that we need to get the contractors back on site to complete the electrical repairs.

Beartown Lakes Reservation

Lower Bear Lake Dam Improvements

The contract with Smolen Engineering Ltd. for the engineering and design of the repairs has been signed.

Frohring Meadows

The archeological survey with Mercyhurst Archeological Institute has begun. Mr. Curtin mentioned that John Blakeman from Meadow Environments LLC spoke to the staff at the last All-Staff Meeting about restoring prairies and was quite informative. He offered suggestions on how to handle the Canada Thistle problem at Frohring Meadows.

The Maple Highlands Trail North

Precision Mulching has applied the mulch/seed blend to the slopes near the First Energy towers. This work should be monitored to determine the effectiveness in establishing ground cover and eliminating erosion near the tower foundations. Mr. Curtin reported that we have sent a letter to Great Lakes Construction, Inc. regarding the fact that Geauga Park District holds Great Lakes Construction, Inc. responsible for the repairs to the north section of The Maple Highlands Trail and that we are requesting reimbursement in the amount of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00).

Mountain Run Station

The bio-retention trenches at Mountain Run Station are completed. Mr. Curtin reported that this project is at approximately 92% completion. The contractor is performing topsoil spreading and seeding. The punch list for the project is being developed.

Observatory Project

Mr. Curtin reported that the site inventory by the Natural Resource Department is continuing. A recommendation for a design firm will be presented later in this meeting.

Tracks n' Treads Program

Mr. Curtin reported that Robin Pilarczyk, Human Resources Manager, and Les Bednar, Development Officer, Paige Hosier, Marketing Director, and Cindy Ford, Marketing Assistant have been discussing this program with representatives from University Hospital Health System-Geauga Regional Hospital and the Geauga YMCA regarding this program. Those organizations seem interested and we should have an answer as to their participation by the October 2005 meeting of the Board.

Union Chapel

Mr. Curtin informed the Board that Sandy Wolfe, Park District Secretary, has been assisting with the painting of the Union Chapel on her own time along with Beverly Ash, who is associated with the Union Chapel located on Geauga Park District property in Newbury Township. Ms. Wolfe has been collecting acorns from the nearby century white oak tree and would like to start raising seedlings from these acorns to raise funds for maintenance of Union Chapel. Mr. McCullough added that this tree was planted in 1876 in celebration of the centennial of the United States and while they wanted to plant the tree in front of the chapel, it was actually planted on private property several houses north of Ms. Ash's residence on Ravenna Road. Miss Cope asked if we know how much money can be raised. Mr. Curtin replied that an amount was not known at this time and that Geauga Park District would just help to get the seedlings started. Dr. Rzeszotarski offered the idea of bringing in a well known person to speak at the Union Chapel to highlight the special history of that location. An event such as this would have to be kept small due the size of the building and limited parking but would go a long way to educating the public regarding this historic building. An event may be considered for the future.

Crossings and Access Agreements

The Maple Highlands Trail

Mr. Curtin stated that he is working with legal counsel to prepare a policy to govern requests for crossings with respect to agriculture and or developers. We have looked at sample policies from other park districts and agencies. The Midland County Michigan policy has been used as a template for other park districts. Mr. Curtin will keep the Board informed as this develops.

DONOR CULTIVATION TRIP

Diane Valen and Les Bednar have been discussing the idea of taking a group of nature lovers on a trip in 2006 as a donor cultivation opportunity and a way of building relationships with this segment of our supporters. Ms. Valen stated that people who live in Geauga County and who want to take these kinds of trips have to look to The Nature Conservancy or other such groups to sponsor them. Mrs. Bednar and Ms. Valen are thinking of offering a trip to the Wildflower Pilgrimage that takes place in late April in the Great Smoky Mountains. The related costs to the Park District would include the promotional and organizational materials as well as the trip costs for the accompanying staff members. Diane Valen has had extensive experience in leading such trips. This would not be considered a fundraiser but rather an opportunity to deepen relationships with those who are strong supporters of our mission. Dr. Rzeszotarski stated that this was an interesting concept and felt that it could be run through the Geauga Park District Foundation. Mrs. Bednar will take the idea to the next quarterly meeting of the Foundation Trustees.

TEMPORARY BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 28-05

Dr. Rzeszotarski moved the adoption of the following Resolution No. 28-05:

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, 2006; 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 M limitation:
General Fund

\$6,909,800.00

	<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 May 6, 1986	.70	\$893,700.00
Current expense levy authorized by voters on November 3, 1992	1.00	\$1,660,900.00
Current expense levy authorized by voters on November 7, 1995	1.00	\$1,934,100.00
Current expense levy authorized by Voters on November 7, 2000	1.00	\$2,421,100.00

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:

Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes
Miss Cope	Yes
Mr. McCullough	Yes

SODA CONSTRUCTION, INC.
CHANGE ORDERS NOS. -7, 8 & 9

Mr. Curtin presented three change orders for The Maple Highlands Trail project. Change Order No. 7 constitutes an increase of the contract with Soda Construction, Inc. due to the idling of equipment during last winter's construction season. Mr. Curtin added that we were able to negotiate the amount down by fifty percent. However, the construction company was able to provide invoices to show an increase of expenses in the amount of Twenty Six Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Five Dollars and Forty-Eight Cents (\$26,245.48) due to the idle equipment.

Mr. McCullough made a motion to approve Change Order No. 7 to the contract with Soda Construction, Inc. for an increase of Twenty Six Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Five Dollars and Forty-Eight Cents (\$26,245.48) 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

Change Order No. 8 represents an increase in the contract with Soda Construction, Inc. for the erection of shoring for the demolition of the Aquilla/Claridon Road Bridge which was required in order to maintain emergency traffic and a decrease for non-performance of the fire retardant on the bridge for a net increase of Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Two Dollars and Seventy-Eight Cents (\$18,602.78).

Mr. McCullough made a motion to approve Change Order No. 8 to the contract with Soda Construction, Inc. for an increase of Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Two Dollars and Seventy-Eight Cents (\$18,602.78) 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

Change Order No. 9 represents an increase of twenty-eight days (28) to the contract with Soda Construction, Inc. extending the contract to July 28, 2006 due to weather delays.

Dr. Rzeszotarski made a motion to approve the extension of the contract with Soda Construction, Inc. by twenty-eight days (28) 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

MARK HAYNES CONSTRUCTION

CHANGE ORDERS NOS. 2, 3 & 4

Mr. Curtin presented three change orders for the contract with Mark Haynes Construction for the Mountain Run Station project. Change Order No. 2 represents a decrease of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred and Two Dollars (\$13,602.00) due to non-performance of various items.

Mr. McCullough made a motion to approve Change Order No. 2 for a decrease of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred and Two Dollars (\$13,602.00) for the contract with Mark Haynes Construction 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 represents a decrease of Thirty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$34,760.00) for non-performance due to the fact that additional stone was not required as a good stone base was found on the Mountain Run Station property.

Mr. McCullough made a motion to approve Change Order No. 3 for a decrease of Thirty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$34,760.00) for the contract with Mark Haynes Construction 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

Change Order No. 4 deals with an increase of Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$13,484.13) for undercutting and soil stabilization in the parking area.

Mr. McCullough made a motion to approve Change Order No. 4 for an increase of Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$13,484.13) for the contract with Mark Haynes Construction 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

Mr. Curtin added that the Mountain Run Station project is at ninety-two percent (92%) completion and that there will not likely be any additional change orders. The contract amount with Mark Haynes Construction with all change orders is in the amount of Three Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred and One Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$382,801.13).

MARK HAYNES CONSTRUCTION
PAYMENT REQUEST NO. 1

Mr. Curtin presented a payment request for Mark Haynes Construction in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$299,372.92) and is based upon work completed to date.

Mr. McCullough made a motion to approve Payment Request No. 1 to Mary Haynes Construction in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$299,372.92).

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

OBSERVATORY PHASE 1 DESIGN FIRM SELECTION

The Board was informed that proposals were received from six design firms for Phase 1 of the Observatory Project. Of the six firms that submitted, three were invited to make a presentation of their qualifications for the project. The three firms who made presentations were:

Floyd Brown Group/ Environmental Design Group
Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann Associates, Inc.
Behnke Associates, Inc.

Mr. Curtin made the recommendation that the firm of Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann Associates, Inc. be considered for the project. References were checked and positive responses were received with respect to working with this firm.

Mr. McCullough made a motion to approve the Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann Associates, Inc as the design firm for the Observatory Project.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Curtin stated that the Board had asked that we go out to bid for legal services. Eileen Smith, Administrative Assistant, headed up the project and created a matrix of the bid proposals that were received. Mr. Curtin distributed a copy of the matrix to the Board members. He stated that Thrasher Dinsmore and Dolan had the best rates among all bids received at One Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$155.00) per hour for non-litigation and One Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$165.00) per hour for litigation. Mr. Curtin stated that all firms seem to have similar services. Ullmer & Berne LLP has a higher hourly rate at Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per hour but is willing to offer a flat fee and has done work with Lake Metroparks and Cleveland Metroparks. Mr. Curtin stated that the Board does not need to take any action at this time as our current legal counsel contract takes us through December 2005. The proposals will be given further review and a recommendation made later this year.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE CHANGE

Mr. Curtin explained that the Internal Revenue Service and the United States Treasury Department have enacted a mileage reimbursement increase from September 1 through December 31, 2005 to the amount of Forty-Eight and One-Half Cents (\$.485) per mile. Our practice has been to pay reimbursement according to the guidelines established by the Internal Revenue Service. Mr. Curtin asked for a temporary increase to Forty-Eight and One-Half Cents (\$.485) per mile to our mileage reimbursement rate.

Miss Cope made a motion to approve the temporary increase of the mileage reimbursement rate to Forty-Eight and One-Half Cents (\$.485) per mile for the time period of September 1 through December 31, 2005.

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

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

2006-2007 BIENNIUM ALLOCATION

RESOLUTION NO. 29-05

Mr. Curtin explained that the Ohio Department of Transportation is asking park districts to do something new this year. They are asking that each park district pass a resolution for the 2006-2007 Biennium Allocation stating that the funds will be spent in 2006.

Mr. McCullough made a motion to approve the following Resolution No. 29-05:

WHEREAS, The Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation, in accordance with ORC 5511.06, has approved discretionary funding for the ODOT-Geauga Park District Road Improvement Allocation for the 2006-2007 Biennium.

WHEREAS, under specific agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association (OPRA) is serving as the management liaison for the Ohio Department of Transportation.

WHEREAS, a funding distribution formula approved by the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation based upon motor vehicle registrations within each county allocates Forty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Forty-One Dollars (\$45,441.00) to the Geauga Park District for the 2006-2007 Biennium.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Park Commissioners of Geauga Park District, Geauga County, Ohio that:

Section 1: Geauga Park District hereby requests the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Project Coordinator approval to receive the allocated amount of Forty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Forty-One Dollars (\$45,441.00) for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Park District Highway Funds and;

Section 2: Any costs greater than the allocated amount of Forty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Forty-One Dollars (\$45,441.00) for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Park District Highway Funds, in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation will be paid in full by the Geauga Park District and;

Section 3: The funds will be used for construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair and maintenance of Park District drives or roads in accordance with ORC 5511.06.

Section 4: The proposed projects will be initiated with the current 2006-2007 fiscal years.

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

Mr. Curtin commented that the funds will be used to purchase stone for the entrance drive for the Observatory.

EDP CONSULTANTS INC.
REQUEST FOR STREAM MITIGATION

Mr. McClintock reported that the Park District has been approached by EDP Consultants, Inc. on behalf of a client requesting 160 feet of stream mitigation with Geauga Park District associated with the Motto property residential project in Chagrin Falls, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

Mr. McCullough made a motion to accept a monetary fee of Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00) to be used for the Silver Creek Phase II restoration project from EDP Consultants, Inc.

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

GEOPHYSICAL TESTING PROPOSAL

Mr. Curtin explained that we received a request from Great Lakes Geophysical, Inc. to do a geophysical survey in search of possible reserves of oil and or natural gas on the Scout Camp property in Parkman Township. Mr. Derrall Romine, Permit Agent with Great Lakes Geophysical, Inc. presented a map showing the location in question. Mr. Romine explained that the surveying is done mostly on foot, however ATV's may be used and every attempt is made not to cause damage to the property. The drill crew uses portable backpack equipment and a small three inch drill. The testing is usually completed in one day.

Dr. Rzeszotarski stated that the Park District is not interested in establishing any wells at this time, but wondered how the Park District could benefit from this type of survey. Mr. Curtin suggested that we could charge a fee for this type of survey. Dr. Rzeszotarski added that it may be helpful to know the mineral content of the property for the benefit of Park administrators in the future. He stated that we should gather more information and determine what the dollar value might be for permitting this type of surveying or testing work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCullough moved to go into Executive Session at 5:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing land acquisition 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 took a break from 5:25 p.m. to 5:35 p.m.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 5:35 p.m.

The first meeting of the Geauga Park District Endowment Fund Trustees took place from 5:35 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. 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.

The Board took a break from 6:45 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.

Mr. McCullough moved to go into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing 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 7:20 p.m.

No action was taken.

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