

GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT  
December 6, 2008

The special meeting of the Geauga Park District Board was held on December 6, 2008 at The West Woods Nature Center, Russell Township, Ohio for the purpose of discussing park projects for 2009. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. Dr. Rzeszotarski presided as the Chair for the meeting. Board members Mr. McCullough and Mr. Leech were present.

Employees present:  
Tom Curtin, Executive Director  
Keith McClintock, Deputy Director

Visitors Present:  
No visitors

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. McCullough moved to adopt the agenda for the meeting.

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

Mr. McCullough	Yes
Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes
Mr. Leech	Yes

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

No minutes were presented for adoption at this time.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

No guests were present.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

Mr. McCullough stated that he had received notes from staff members thanking the Board for the annual raise and one-time compensation adjustment.

Mr. McCullough reported that he received a call from Abner Miller concerning the confiscation of his son's shotgun following a hunting violation on park property in Troy Township.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Curtin provided an update on the attendance figures for the Wild Nights Exhibit at The West Woods Nature Center. 7,088 visitors passed through the exhibit in November.

Mr. Curtin reported that Cobra Pipeline Company requested to continue a pipeline lease along Bridge Road in Middlefield Township under the railroad right-of-way owned by the park district. The Board directed Mr. Curtin to investigate compensation options for the lease.

Mr. Curtin reported that he met with Mary Samide (Gauga County Commissioner) and Bill Carroll and Lynn Garrity (The Trust for Public Lands) to discuss possible funding for the design of the next phase of The Maple Highlands Trail through the Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency (NOACA).

Mr. Curtin met with a private property owner (Mr. Dennis) regarding a trail easement through his property which will provide a connection from Frohring Meadows to Geauga Park District's Ellerin

property in Bainbridge Township. Mr. Leech asked if Mr. Curtin could investigate the possibility of including a right of first refusal for the easement area.

Mr. Curtin reported that he met with Bill Koons (South Russell Councilman) regarding the possibility of connecting trails from South Russell's Muggleton property to Geauga Park District's Frohring Meadows Park.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2009 Projects**

Mr. Curtin presented conceptual plans and budgets for the following projects slated for 2009:

- Walter C. Best Preserve improvement plans (including completion of a loop trail around the lake, pavilions and reconfiguration of the southern parking lot)
- Big Creek Park satellite park upgrades (MHT Spur parking area, Tupelo Pond parking area and Woodin Road Park parking area)
- Development of Camp Chickagami in Parkman Township
- Engineering studies for the ponds and waterways at Orchard Hills Park
- Bass Lake dam repairs
- Addition of a Romtek restroom at Bass Lake Preserve
- Linton Cascade pavilion and improvement plan at Big Creek Park

The Board agreed to proceed with the above-listed projects for 2009 with the exception of the Linton Cascade project which will be re-evaluated at a later time.

A copy of the proposed 2009 projects are on file in the Geauga Park District Planning Department.

The Board reviewed the 2008 Geauga County Plat Directory page-by-page and noted all Geauga Park District properties.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Curtin stated that there were no issues to be brought before the Board requiring an executive session.

### **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

There were no reports from committees of the Board.

### **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD**

There were no reports from officers and employees of the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

### **SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas G. Curtin, Executive Director

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Robert McCullough, President