

**GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 19, 2010**

The special meeting of the Geauga Park District Board was held on April 19, 2010 at The West Woods Nature Center, Russell Township, Ohio for the purpose of discussing a potential land acquisition project. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. President Robert McCullough was in the Chair. Board members Dr. Rzeszotarski and Mr. Leech were present.

Employees present:
Tom Curtin, Executive Director
Keith McClintock, Deputy Director
Paige Hosier, Marketing & Admin. Services Director
Paul Pira, Biologist

Visitors Present:
None

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Dr. Rzeszotarski moved to adopt the agenda for the meeting.

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

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

APPROVE OR AMEND MINUTES

No minutes were presented for adoption at this time.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

No guests were present.

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

No financial statements were presented.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

No vouchers were presented.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

No communications were presented.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OBSERVATORY PARK

Mr. McCullough stated the he would like to know more about the building proposed for Observatory Park. He believes that the Board should consider more geologic aspects/components. Mr. McCullough stated his concern that the Park Commissioners have

been more involved in past building projects. Dr. Rzeszotarski stated that he would like to see the plans for the building again. Mr. Leech suggested that Mr. Curtin review the plans with the Board at the May Board meeting.

WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS CONTRACT

Mr. Curtin presented the Windstream Communications contract for the Board’s review. Windstream will install virtual LAN service at a cost of \$15,000.00 for five locations (North Ops, Big Creek Park, The West Woods Nature Center and Swine Creek Reservation and the Geauga County Department of Information Technology (DOIT). Monthly recurring charges include \$220.00 per each Park District site and \$275 for the County DOIT site for total recurring charges of \$1,155.00 per month. The total contract amount is \$16,155.00.

The contract also specifies that a sixth site, Observatory Park, will be added at a date to be determined (but no later than June 2011) for an installation fee of \$5,000 to \$7,000, not to exceed \$7,000, and a monthly recurring charge of \$220.00 per month.

Mr. Curtin stated that he spoke with Park legal counsel, David Ondrey, concerning the contract language. In addition, Windstream’s legal counsel responded to the question regarding the Disclaimer and Warranties language, satisfactorily addressing Mr. Leech’s concerns on the lease language.

Mr. Leech moved to enter into a contract with Windstream to provide communication services, per the terms of the contract.

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

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

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FUNDS - ADDENDUM

Mr. Curtin reported that a previously approved resolution, “Request for Funds from Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)” (Reference: Resolution 44-09, *Gauga Park District Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2009, Book 7, Page 276*), only requested the “designated allocation” and did not specify the actual amount of funds being requested. The actual amount of funds is \$45,402.93.

As a result, the Board was asked to amend the resolution to include the sentence “the designated allocation of \$45,402.93.”

Dr. Rzeszotarski moved to amend Resolution 44-09, *Request for Funds from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)*, to include the sentence “the designated allocation of \$45,402.93.”

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Curtin stated that there is a potential land acquisition project to be brought before the Board requiring an executive session.

Mr. Leech moved to enter into Executive Session at 4:36 p.m. for the purposes of discussing a potential land acquisition project.

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

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

The Board returned from Executive Session at 5:18 p.m. There were no items brought forward for resolution.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

There were no reports from Committees of the Board.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD

The Board discussed setting a date for a Special Board meeting to discuss a personnel issue. It was agreed that the Board would meet on April 26, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at The West Woods Nature Center.

Mr. Curtin reported that Judge Henry will attend the Park Board meeting in May.

Mr. Curtin reported that Jann Glove has provided training for the Park District staff in the area of meteorology and astronomy. Mr. Curtin suggested entering into an agreement with Ms. Glove to provide further training and to help develop curriculum for Observatory Park. The Board agreed that Ms. Glove would provide a valuable service to the Naturalist staff. Mr. Curtin stated that an agreement would be presented at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Mr. Curtin informed the Board that he had received a request from the Great Lakes Science Center for a \$1,000 sponsorship to help defray the costs associated with the "Hubble" I-Max film. The Board suggested that the request be presented to the Geauga Park District Foundation.

Mr. Curtin reminded the Board that he would be on vacation the last two weeks of May.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 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