GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 14, 2009

The regular meeting of the Geauga Park District Board was held on September 14, 2009 at the Donald W. Meyer Center, Chardon, Ohio. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. President Robert McCullough was in the Chair. Board members Dr. Mark Rzeszotarski and Mr. John Leech were present.

Employees present:

Tom Curtin, Executive Director Keith McClintock, Deputy Director Kathy Hanes, Executive Secretary Sherry Bosworth, Business Affairs Director John Oros, Director of Operations Robin Pilarczyk, Human Resources Manager Robert Urban, Chief Ranger Aaron Young, Planning Director Visitors Present:

Steve Allenson, The Cargill Company Chief Deputy Scott Hildenbrand Sheriff Daniel McClelland

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

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

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

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2009

Dr. Rzeszotarski moved to adopt the minutes of August 11, 2009 as corrected.

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

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

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2009

Dr. Rzeszotarski moved to adopt the minutes of August 25, 2009 as written.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Tom Curtin introduced guests Steve Allenson of The Cargill Company and Sheriff Daniel McClelland and Chief Deputy Scott Hildenbrand of the Geauga County Sheriff's Department.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION, THE CARGILL COMPANY

Mr. McCullough presented a certificate of appreciation to The Cargill Company for their volunteer assistance with tree planting and their monetary donation for the trees.

RESOLUTION HONORING CHARDON ROTARY, RESOLUTION NO. 42-09

Keith McClintock read Resolution No. 42-09 honoring Chardon Rotary for the planning and construction of the pavilion at Mountain Run Station.

WHEREAS, Chardon Rotary was chartered in March 1965 and has been a leader in Geauga County for forty-four years;

WHEREAS, the Rotary International motto, Service Above Self, inspires members to provide humanitarian service, meet high ethical standards, and promote international good will;

WHEREAS, Chardon Rotary donated over \$30,000 of their own funds to help pay for the construction of a pavilion at Mountain Run Station;

WHEREAS, over 100 people and more than 15 businesses and civic groups donated countless volunteer hours in the planning and construction of Chardon Rotary Pavilion;

WHEREAS, the pavilion will provide a scenic setting for picnics and other gatherings; a place where visitors can experience the natural wonders of Geauga County;

WHEREAS, Chardon Rotary Pavilion is the embodiment of Service Above Self;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this twenty-first day of September, 2009, the Board of Park Commissioners expresses its deepest gratitude and appreciation to Chardon Rotary for the planning and construction of Chardon Rotary Pavilion.

The Resolution will be presented to the Rotary at the dedication ceremony on September 21, 2009.

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DECIMINED DATANCE ATCHOUGH 4 4000

Geauga Park District FINANCIAL STATEMENT MONTH ENDED

AUGUST 31, 2009

GENERAL FUND

| BEGINNING FUND BALANCE AUGUST 1, 200 | <u>09</u> | \$1,440,177.30 |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES | | \$1,167,815.21 |
| Personnel | 218,689.37 | |
| Medicare | 3,059.52 | |
| Dental /Hospitalization | 34,012.48 | |
| PERS | 31,505.35 | |
| Unemployment Transfers | 0.00 | |
| Worker's Compensation | 0.00 | |

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| Transfer to Land Improvement Fund | 750,000.00 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Vouchers | 130,548.49 |
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| REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES | |
|--|------------------|
| General Tax Collections | |
| - Real Estate Tax | 2,762,487.81 |
| - State Reimburse Tax | 27,915.50 |
| - Personal Property Tax | 0.00 |
| - State Reimbursed Personal Property Tax | 0.00 |
| Grants | 0.00 |
| - Grants - OJP Vest Grant | 0.00 |
| Investment Income | 313.69 |
| Gifts & Donations | 110.00 |
| - Exhibit donation - TWW Donation box (\$80) | 110.00 |
| - General donation - Bissell (\$5) | |
| - In Memory donations - Russell (\$25) | |
| | |
| <u>Fees</u> - Programs - Schools - Out-of-county | 0.00 |
| - Camping | 160.00 |
| - Shelters | 50.00 |
| - Canoe and Kayak | 25.00 |
| - Bid Plans | 0.00 |
| - NAF Table Fees | 0.00 |
| Facility Room Usage | 0.00 |
| - Lodge heat fee | 75.00 |
| Administrative Fees - From GPD Foundation | 0.00 |
| | 0.00 |
| - Maple Table Fees Workshops Groops | 0.00 |
| - Workshops - Greens Workshops - General - Public program | 120.00 |
| - Workshops - General - Public program Workshops - Son Bushet | 0.00 |
| Workshops - Sap Bucket | 230.00 |
| - Programs - General - Public Program Programs - Sugaring | 0.00 |
| | 0.00 |
| Workshops - Bluebird Workshops - Trout Coming | |
| Workshops - Trout Carving | 0.00 |
| Sales Temporis Transpures MC | 122.13 |
| - Tapper's Treasures - MC - Tree Tops - TWW | |
| • | 1,127.26 0.00 |
| Syrup SalesCredit Card - All facilities | 741.09 |
| | |
| Water Vending Machine Sales - TWWArtwork Commission | $0.00 \\ 0.00$ |
| | 0.00 |
| Other Receipts Agricultural Land Use Bridge Biels | 0.00 |
| - Agricultural Land Use - Briggs, Rick | 0.00 |
| - Tax reimbursement - Exempt property, Brede | 0.00 |
| - Agriculture Land use - Marsic, Soltis, Petersen, Briggs | 0.00 |
| - Swine Creek house - Harry | 400.00 |
| - Scott - Krehlik House | 0.00 |

2,802,976.19

| - Burton Wetlands house- Kolar | 400.00 | |
|---|---|--------------|
| - Hyde house - McKinnon | 400.00 | |
| Krehlik House Rental | 0.00 | |
| - Chickagami house - Mast | 400.00 | |
| Jury Duty payment - S. Wohlken | 0.00 | |
| Recycled Metal & Aluminum-Hollis Dye | 0.00 | |
| - Citation Disbursement | 651.00 | |
| - Parking Ticket Collections | 30.00 | |
| - Recycling Proceeds | 0.00 | |
| - Refunds- Other - Dominion East Ohio taxes paid | 0.00 | |
| - Local Government Funds | 7,057.07 | |
| Insurance Reimbursement | 0.00 | |
| - Auction Proceeds (computer equipment, copier) | 146.00 | |
| - Miscellaneous Receipts | 14.64 | |
| Public Records Request - Public (\$.90) | | |
| Refund overpayment - Sears (\$13.74) | | |
| ENDING FUND BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 2009 LAND IMPROVEMENT FUND | | 3,075,338.28 |
| BEGINNING FUND BALANCE AUGUST 1, 2009 | | 3,078,885.04 |
| EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES | | 15,884.36 |
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| Vouchers | 15.884.36 | |
| Vouchers REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES | 15,884.36 | 751,861,44 |
| REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES | 15,884.36 509.89 | 751,861.44 |
| REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES <u>Investment Income</u> | 509.89 | 751,861.44 |
| REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES Investment Income Transfer from General Fund | | 751,861.44 |
| REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES Investment Income Transfer from General Fund Transfer from Retainage Fund | 509.89 750,000.00 | 751,861.44 |
| REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES Investment Income Transfer from General Fund Transfer from Retainage Fund Gifts & Donations | 509.89 750,000.00 0.00 | 751,861.44 |
| REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES Investment Income Transfer from General Fund Transfer from Retainage Fund | 509.89 750,000.00 0.00 0.00 | 751,861.44 |
| REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES Investment Income Transfer from General Fund Transfer from Retainage Fund Gifts & Donations Grants | 509.89 750,000.00 0.00 0.00 | 751,861.44 |
| Investment Income Transfer from General Fund Transfer from Retainage Fund Gifts & Donations Grants - Affelder Trust Interest | 509.89 750,000.00 0.00 0.00 | 751,861.44 |
| REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES Investment Income Transfer from General Fund Transfer from Retainage Fund Gifts & Donations Grants - Affelder Trust Interest Royalties - Oxford Oil Co - Swine Creek property | 509.89 750,000.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 | 751,861.44 |
| REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES Investment Income Transfer from General Fund Transfer from Retainage Fund Gifts & Donations Grants - Affelder Trust Interest Royalties - Oxford Oil Co - Swine Creek property - Cedar Valley Energy - Hehmeyer property | 509.89 750,000.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 | 751,861.44 |
| REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES Investment Income Transfer from General Fund Transfer from Retainage Fund Gifts & Donations Grants - Affelder Trust Interest Royalties - Oxford Oil Co - Swine Creek property | 509.89 750,000.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 227.80 648.08 | 751,861.44 |
| Investment Income Transfer from General Fund Transfer from Retainage Fund Gifts & Donations Grants - Affelder Trust Interest Royalties - Oxford Oil Co - Swine Creek property - Cedar Valley Energy - Hehmeyer property - Great Lakes Energy - Hart property | 509.89 750,000.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 227.80 648.08 35.78 | 751,861.44 |
| Investment Income Transfer from General Fund Transfer from Retainage Fund Gifts & Donations Grants - Affelder Trust Interest Royalties - Oxford Oil Co - Swine Creek property - Cedar Valley Energy - Hehmeyer property - Great Lakes Energy - Hart property - Cedar Valley Energy - Sunnybrook property - Burton | 509.89 750,000.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 227.80 648.08 35.78 0.00 | 751,861.44 |
| Investment Income Transfer from General Fund Transfer from Retainage Fund Gifts & Donations Grants - Affelder Trust Interest Royalties - Oxford Oil Co - Swine Creek property - Cedar Valley Energy - Hehmeyer property - Cedar Valley Energy - Sunnybrook property - Cedar Valley Energy - Sunnybrook property | 509.89 750,000.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 227.80 648.08 35.78 0.00 0.00 | 751,861.44 |
| Investment Income Transfer from General Fund Transfer from Retainage Fund Gifts & Donations Grants - Affelder Trust Interest Royalties - Oxford Oil Co - Swine Creek property - Cedar Valley Energy - Hehmeyer property - Great Lakes Energy - Hart property - Cedar Valley Energy - Sunnybrook property - Burton - Power Gas - Farley property | 509.89 750,000.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 227.80 648.08 35.78 0.00 0.00 439.89 | 751,861.44 |
| Investment Income Transfer from General Fund Transfer from Retainage Fund Gifts & Donations Grants - Affelder Trust Interest Royalties - Oxford Oil Co - Swine Creek property - Cedar Valley Energy - Hehmeyer property - Great Lakes Energy - Hart property - Cedar Valley Energy - Sunnybrook property - Burton - Power Gas - Farley property In Lieu Fees - Silver Creek | 509.89 750,000.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 227.80 648.08 35.78 0.00 0.00 439.89 | 751,861.44 |

VOUCHER RESOLUTION NO. 39-09

The Board asked for clarification on a few of the voucher items. All questions were answered satisfactorily.

Mr. Leech moved to adopt Voucher Resolution No. 39-09, a copy of which is on file in the Park District office.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Mr. Curtin shared the following communications with the Board:

- A letter received from University Hospitals thanking the Park District for hosting a display at the UH Family Health and Safety Day.
- A note from Kenston Schools thanking the Park staff for assisting with the school's administrative retreat held at The West Woods.
- A check in the amount of \$1,000.00 received from the Cleveland Astronomical Society to be used toward the refurbishment of Nassau Observing Station.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CHANGE IN AGENDA

In the interest of time, Mr. Curtin asked to revise the agenda so that the Sheriff's Department could speak to the Board regarding the Communications Proposal. The Board agreed by unanimous consent.

COMMUNICATIONS PROPOSAL

Sheriff McClelland and Chief Deputy Hildenbrand were present to address the Board's concerns regarding the proposed siting of a communications tower at Frohring Meadows. The structure would be a 300' freestanding tower (no guy wires) on a footprint of 150' x 150' adjacent to the CEI right-of way. The tower would provide radio coverage for our safety forces within areas with limited or no reception on the western end of the county.

The Board's primary concerns are: a) public perception b) the fact that the Board voiced opposition to the CARE issue (power line down The Maple Highlands Trail) and c) potential impacts to the neighbors.

If the Board does not allow a lease on Frohring Meadow property, the Sheriff's Department will move the tower ~300' to the west and erect it on private property (at a greater cost to the taxpayers). Because the Geauga County Commissioners would own the tower, the Sheriff's Department will seek a letter from them requesting that the Park District allow the tower to be located on park property. No action was taken; however, the Board agreed that a special meeting may be necessary to act on the proposal prior to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

PARK UPDATES

Erroneous Lawsuit

The Park District was erroneously named as a defendant in a lawsuit filed by a mortgage company. Mr. Curtin informed the Board that Geauga Park District is no longer named in the lawsuit.

Landscape Improvements

The Operations Department will begin landscaping improvements in mid-September at The Affelder House.

Bass Lake Preserve

Repair to the dam at Bass Lake Preserve and construction of the restroom is near completion.

A public input meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Bass Lake Lodge to discuss the new shelter at Bass Lake Preserve.

Big Creek Park

Improvements to the parking lots at Big Creek Park (Woodin Road Park, Tupelo Pond and The Maple Highlands Trail Spur) are complete.

Swine Creek Reservation

Construction of the new restroom is nearing completion.

Walter C. Best Wildlife Preserve

The restroom and shelter will be delivered the end of September.

Bridge Inspections

Bridge inspections will be conducted in October.

Chickagami Park

Improvements to Chickagami Park are complete and the dam has been removed.

Geauga Park District Dam Inventory

The dam inventory is underway.

Headwaters Park

Camping improvements (five tent pads and one lean-to) are complete.

Chardon Rotary Pavilion

The Chardon Rotary Pavilion at Mountain Run Station will be dedicated on Monday, September 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Orchard Hills Park

URS Corporation has started design work on Orchard Hills Park.

Sunnybrook Preserve

A one-year walkthrough is scheduled for November 2009.

Geauga County Fair

Attendance at the Geauga Park District fair building totaled 17, 131.

Trail and Shelter Names

Mr. Curtin asked the Board to consider names for the horse trails at Headwaters Park and also the shelter at Chickagami Park. They decided to name the horse trail at Headwaters the "Maple Bridle Trail." The Board suggested the Park staff provide recommendations for names for the shelter at Chickagami Park.

The Affelder House

Artwork has been hung on the walls at The Affelder House.

Frohring Meadows Observation Wildlife Blind

Mr. Curtin distributed a sample design for a wildlife observation blind at Frohring Meadows. The Board suggested that a simple wall with slots be constructed to save on maintenance and construction costs.

Observatory Park

Mr. Curtin presented the Board with the newest architectural renderings for Observatory Park. The new design will provide more public space and increase accessibility of the restrooms.

Alcohol Usage on Park Property

The Board discussed alcohol usage on park property and if there was a need to change the Park District's policy. Robert Urban, Chief Ranger, explained that the Park District has had very few problems with alcohol usage. In 2009, there were three alcohol-related complaints (two were for consumption of alcohol outside of the shelter; the other complaint was unfounded.) He also noted that during the past five years, only 34 alcohol-related complaints were filed, mainly for consumption outside of the shelter. None of the complaints were for drunk and disorderly conduct.

The Board reviewed additional data and policies from law enforcement and other park districts. After discussing the issue and reviewing the information provided, the Board agreed that there is no reason to change Geauga Park District's current policy of allowing alcohol in park shelters and lodges. The Executive Director will continue to issue special permits for permission to serve alcohol at park-sponsored events.

Swine Flu Vaccine

The Board was asked if they would be willing to pay for the swine flu vaccine for all staff if it becomes available. The Board agreed and also stated that the "regular" flu shot should be made available to all park employees as has been done in the past.

ACCESS AGREEMENT

The Board was presented with an access agreement which allows Robert MacAdam King, a private landowner, to continue maintaining the northern portion of a lot on Walnut Ridge Road. The property is adjacent to Orchard Hills Park and would enhance the Park's emergency access to Orchard Hills Park if needed. The agreement was prepared by the Park District's legal counsel, David Ondrey.

Dr. Rzeszotarski moved to accept the access agreement between Geauga Park District and Robert MacAdam King.

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

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

Mr. McCullough signed the agreement on behalf of the Board.

GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT FOUNDATION

The Board commented that the *Celebration of Stars Donor Event* on 9/12 went very well and thanked the staff for the good job planning and hosting the event.

The next Foundation meeting will be held on September 24, 2009.

CONTRACT REVIEW

Pursuant to Article XII of the Geauga Park District by-laws, the Planning Department provided the Board with the construction costs and change orders for park projects prior to the meeting.

Dr. Rzeszotarski asked Aaron Young, Planning Director, if there were any projected cost over-runs. Mr. Young indicated that there were not.

2010 BUDGET, RESOLUTION NO. 40-09

Dr. Rzeszotarski moved the adoption of Resolution No. 40-09, 2010 Budget.

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, 2010; 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 | | \$7,312,006.00 |
|--|------------------|----------------------|
| | Maximum Rate | County Auditor's |
| | Authorized To Be | Estimate of Yield of |
| | Levied | Levy |
| Current expense levy authorized by voters on | | |
| November 8, 2005 | .70 | \$943,766.00 |
| Current expense levy authorized by voters on | | |
| November 3, 1992 | 1.00 | \$1,756,721.00 |
| Current expense levy authorized by voters on | | |
| November 7, 1995 | 1.00 | \$2,046,991.00 |
| Current expense levy authorized by voters on | | |
| November 7, 2000 | 1.00 | \$2,564,528.00 |
| | | |
| Total levies outside 10 mill limitation | 3.70 | \$7,312,006.00 |

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

The Board was asked to approve Dave Simko and John Janoch as nominees for the Geauga Park District Foundation Board for a three-year term, effective September 14, 2009.

Mr. Leech made a motion to approve Dave Simko and John Janoch as nominees for the Geauga Park District Foundation Board.

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

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

The Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Simko and Mr. Janoch for their willingness to serve as trustees on the Foundation Board.

2010 FEE SCHEDULE, RESOLUTION NO. 41-09

Mr. Curtin reviewed the current fee schedule for out-of-county reservations for camping, shelters, lodges, and rental of the Cherry Room at the Meyer Center and the Oak Room at The West Woods. The current fee schedule is as follows:

| Description | Current Fee |
|--|------------------------------|
| Camping | \$ 20.00 per site, per visit |
| Picnic Shelter | \$ 60.00 |
| Lodge Building | \$100.00 per session |
| Lodge with heat | add \$25.00 per session |
| (mandatory from 10/15 through 4/1)* | _ |
| Room fee for Oak and Cherry Rooms | \$100.00 |
| Indoor programs – Naturalist speaker fee | \$100.00 |
| Outdoor programs – minimum fee | \$ 25.00 |

^{*}heat fee mandatory for in-county residents as well

The Board also reviewed the current Ranger Department fee schedule:

| Description | Current Fee |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Parking Fine | \$ 10.00 |
| Handicapped Parking Fine | \$ 25.00 |

Dr. Rzeszotarski made a motion to keep the reservation and Ranger Department fee structure the same for 2010.

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

| Dr. Rzeszotarski | Yes |
|------------------|-----|
| Mr. McCullough | Yes |
| Mr. Leech | Yes |

<u>AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUNDS, RESOLUTION NO. 43-09</u>

Mr. Curtin presented Resolution No. 43-09, Authorization to Apply for Clean Ohio Conservation Funds, which will cover a portion of the costs associated with the acquisition of Welton's Gorge Preserve.

WHEREAS, the proposed Welton's Gorge Preserve project would protect important habitat for native plant and animal species, offer scenic views and opportunities for passive recreation, and preserve high quality streams that, in turn, benefit the Cuyahoga River; and;

WHEREAS, Geauga Park District intends to apply to the Clean Ohio Conservation Program to cover a portion of the costs associated with this land acquisition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director of Geauga Park District is hereby authorized to apply to the Ohio Public Works Commission for Clean Ohio Conservation Program funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director is further authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

ADOPTED, this fourteenth day of September, 2009, by the Geauga Park District Board of Park Commissioners.

Mr. Leech moved to adopt Resolution No. 43-09, Authorization to Apply for Clean Ohio Conservation Funds.

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

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

<u>AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR PARK ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUNDS, RESOLUTION NO. 44-09</u>

Mr. Curtin presented Resolution No. 44-09, Request for Park Road Improvement Funds from the Ohio Department of Transportation. The funds are administered through the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association (OPRA) and can be used to cover the cost of materials and labor for construction, repairs, reconstruction or maintenance of public vehicular access roads.

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners (the Board) for Geauga Park District has need for improvement of public park roadways owned and maintained by the Park District in Geauga County; and

WHEREAS, the Park District was created in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 1545 and owns or holds, at a minimum, a 15-year lease of eligible parkland for roadwork funding and has adequate, available resources for the construction and maintenance of requested park road improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Park Districts Roadwork Fund is provided by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for such purposes as authorized by Ohio Revised Code 5511.06, and is coordinated by the Ohio Parks & Recreation Association (OPRA); and

WHEREAS, the Board understands the requirements for receiving such funds and agrees to comply with the OPRA Policy dated April 13, 2007 and amended on November 7, 2008 by the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association (OPRA) Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Park Commissioners of Geauga Park District requests the designated allocation from the Ohio Parks Districts Roadwork Fund, along with any remaining balance of funds in accordance with the following stipulations:

- 1. Funds can be used for materials and labor necessary for construction or reconstruction of park drives, park roads, new or replacement bridges, park access roads and parking lots. The funds also may be used for the purchase and hauling of materials for the improvement, repair and maintenance of park drives, park roads, park access roads, and parking lots, and rental of labor and equipment. Force account labor costs (charges by park district employees or associates) are ineligible. Ineligible costs include bikeways and items such as shelter houses, wells, pumps, restrooms facilities, park buildings, etc. All projects must be associated with public vehicular access to be eligible for funding. Funds may be used for eligible construction costs, including construction engineering (i.e. testing and inspection) of LET projects.
- 2. The Park District will pay all costs incurred over the appropriated allocation and, also, for all costs associated with design, environmental studies and documents, and right-of-way activities. Any deviation from the guidelines regarding environmental studies or roadway design requires the written approval of ODOT.
- 3. Geauga Park District Director Thomas G. Curtin is designated as the contact person for the local arrangements to sign all documentation on behalf of the Board of Park Commissioners.

ADOPTED, this fourteenth day of September, 2009, by the Geauga Park District Board of Park Commissioners.

Mr. Leech moved to adopt Resolution No. 44-09, Authorization to Apply for Park Road Improvement Funds.

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

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

2010 BUILDING CLOSURES

Mr. Curtin asked the Board to consider the proposed building closure dates for the Donald Meyer Center and The West Woods Nature Center.

April 4, 2010 Easter Sunday

Friday, November 26, 2010 The day after Thanksgiving

*Christmas 2010 falls on a Saturday; therefore, per Geauga Park District Personnel Policy, the holiday will be observed on Friday, December 24th and all buildings will be closed.

Mr. Leech moved to approve the building closure dates for 2010.

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

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

2010 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board was presented with the Board meeting schedule for 2010. The schedule is as follows:

| Date | Location |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| January 12, 2010 | Donald W. Meyer Center |
| February 9, 2010 | Donald W. Meyer Center |
| March 9, 2010 | Donald W. Meyer Center |
| April 13, 2010 | Donald W. Meyer Center |
| May 11, 2010 | Donald W. Meyer Center |
| June 8, 2010 | Donald W. Meyer Center |
| July 13, 2010 | Donald W. Meyer Center |
| August 10, 2010 | Donald W. Meyer Center |
| September 14, 2010 | Donald W. Meyer Center |
| October 12, 2010 | Donald W. Meyer Center |
| November 9, 2010 | Donald W. Meyer Center |
| December 14, 2010 | Donald W. Meyer Center |

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

The Board was asked to declare a 2007 Ingersoll Rand Air Compressor and a desk chair as surplus property. The 2007 Ingersoll Rand Air Compressor will be sent to the Geauga County Auction.

Mr. Leech moved to declare a 2007 Ingersoll Rand Air Compressor and a desk chair as surplus property. Dr. Rzeszotarski seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

COMMISSIONERS' TIME

There were no items brought forward for discussion.

The Board took a break at 5:24 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ROLL CALL

Dr. Rzeszotarski moved to go into Executive Session at 5:41 p.m. for the purpose of discussing land acquisition. There were no personnel items to be discussed.

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

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

The Board returned from Executive Session at 5:51 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

Departmental Reports

Departmental reports for the month of August were submitted to the Executive Director and a summary sheet was forwarded to the Board in their packets prior to the Board meeting.

Status of Grievance Hearing

Mr. Curtin reported that a meeting was held with the Ranger Department and that an agreement was reached in regard to overtime pay and compensatory time, thus avoiding arbitration.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 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, |
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| Thomas G. Curtin, Executive Director |
| Robert McCullough, President |