

**GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – WORK SESSION
October 15, 2013**

A Special Board Meeting of the Geauga Park District Board of Commissioners was held on October 15, 2013 at Big Creek Park, The Meyer Center. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. President James Patterson was in the Chair. Commissioners Michael Petruziello and Nicholas Fischbach were present.

Employees Present:

Thomas Curtin, Executive Director
Anna McDonald, Executive Secretary
Robin Pilarczyk, Human Resources Director
Aaron Young, Planning Director
Michele Pennell, Chief Financial Officer
Vicky Liptak, Graphic Designer

Guests:

Tom & Diane Jones, A Wind in the Woods Farm

President James Patterson called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Patterson confirmed that this meeting has been advertised and that it meets the open law meeting requirements.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Patterson requested a motion to remove the Bylaws Review from the Agenda.

Mr. Petruziello moved to approve the Agenda with the removal of Bylaws Review.

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

Mr. Fischbach	Yes
Mr. Petruziello	Yes
Mr. Patterson	Yes

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Tom and Diane Jones of A Wind in the Woods Farm were present at the meeting.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mitigation Credits

Mr. Patterson asked Mr. Curtin to give a review of the request for additional mitigation credits to complete the Maple Highlands Trail projects. Previously, the Army Corp of Engineers required the Park District to purchase 2.2 mitigation credits. Due to the agreement we have with the Pine Brook

Mitigation Bank the Park District could purchase the credits for \$12,600.00. Upon further review the Army Corp. required the Park District to buy 8.8 wetland credits, then revised their findings and again advised that 2.2 creation credits are needed. The Pine Brook Mitigation Bank does not sell creation credits, so the 2.2 credits would have to be purchased at a cost of \$28,000.00 each from the Trumbull Mitigation Bank for a total cost of \$61,600.00.

There were discussions regarding why the Park District was required to purchase mitigation credits when the construction of the Maple Highlands Trail is along the railroad right-of-way and on the definition of wetlands.

Mr. Patterson moved to approve the purchase of 2.2 wetland creation mitigation credits from the Trumbull Mitigation Bank at a cost of \$61,600.

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

Mr. Fischbach	Yes
Mr. Petruziello	No
Mr. Patterson	Yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION - ROLL CALL

Mr. Fischbach moved to go into Executive Session at 1:20 p.m. for the purpose of a personnel issue. Mr. Petruziello seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Fischbach	Yes
Mr. Petruziello	Yes
Mr. Patterson	Yes

The Board returned from Executive Session at 1:43 p.m. and brought the following item forward:

The Board requested that they be provided with a breakdown on the amount of fuel being used by our Operations and Ranger Departments and anything else that could be attributed to the rise in fuel usage. In addition, the Board requested a breakdown of diesel fuel versus gasoline usage and a comparison of prior years and current year fuel usage and costs.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

There were no reports from Committees of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE

It is declared that notification of this meeting and any business conducted therein by the Geauga Park District Board of Commissioners was in compliance with Ohio's Sunshine Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas G. Curtin, Executive Director

James F. Patterson, President