

GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Emergency Board Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2014

The emergency meeting of the Geauga Park district Board was held August 12, 2014 at The West Woods Nature Center, Newbury Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 a.m. President Mary Ruth Shumway was in the Chair. Commissioner Brian Johnston was present. Commissioner Louis Mucci was not in attendance.

President Mary Ruth Shumway called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

GPD EMPLOYEES

John Oros, Interim Director
Anna McDonald, Executive Secretary
Paige Orvis, Marketing & Administrative Services Director
Robin Pilarczyk, Human Resources Director

GUESTS

Ken Schmidt, Hambden Township
Jewel Kennedy, Auburn Township
Karen Dribben, Novelty
Ed Buckles, Troy Township
James Wohlken, Burton Village
Jane McCullum, Newburn Township
Phil Gingrich, Parkman Township
Frank & Jacqueline Samuel, Burton
Kathy Flora, Thompson
Frank Jacobson, South Russell
Kathryn Hanratty, Chardon Twp.
Debbi Mayo, Chardon
Kathleen Webb, Munson
John Augustine, Parkman Twp.

Commissioner Johnston addressed the reason for the meeting. He stated that the Board was informed that the Budget Commission, comprised of the County Auditor, Treasurer and Prosecutor, may possibly try to suspend a Park levy this morning based on the fact that the Park District is rolling over too much money in its reserve account. Commissioner Johnston explained that the Park District retains a large amount of money in the reserve account for viable land acquisitions that require access to large amounts of money in a short time frame.

Commissioner Johnston stated that the Park Commissioners will be asking the Budget commission to temporarily suspend the 1986 levy to protect the Park District's interests and to show that the Park District is fiscally sound.

The Board partook in dialogue with guests regarding reasons, consequences and legality of the suspension of a levy.

Commissioners Shumway and Johnston requested that Interim Director John Oros draft a letter to the Budget Commission requesting an opinion on the legality of suspending a levy, to be delivered to the Budget Commission prior to the Park District's meeting with the County Budget Committee, scheduled for 9:30 a.m. today.

Mr. Johnston made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Mrs. Shumway seconded the motion and after roll-call voice vote, the motion passed 2-0.

Mrs. Shumway	Yes
Mr. Johnston	Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 a.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,

John Oros, Interim Director

Mary Ruth Shumway, President