

**Regular Meeting Summary
Centerville-Washington Park District
March 14, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance: Commissioners Birdseye and Weisman; Mrs. Kennard, Director; Mr. Carter, Operations Manager; Mr. Feldmann, Development Manager; Mrs. Castillo, Program Manager; and Mrs. Smith, Business Manager. The Board approved the minutes of the February 14, 2011 work session and regular meeting.

VISITORS

Kathy Majeski, President of the Oak Creek South Garden and Women's Club, said that members of her organization believe the wetland at Oak Creek South Park is an eyesore and questioned why it was constructed at the park. Mrs. Kennard explained that the pond was not healthy and an engineer recommended converting it to a natural stream to improve aquatic health. She further explained that the native plants were planted purposely and will take some time to look good. She said the wetland will also help cleanse the runoff from the street. Ms. Weisman said that the Park District is balancing a responsibility to the environment with the appearance of the park. Mr. Birdseye reported that a public meeting was held to present the plans prior to the construction. He directed Mr. Carter to review with J.F. New their plans for the maintenance of the area as they have that responsibility for five years per an agreement with the Ohio EPA.

FISCAL

The Board reviewed and approved the February 28, 2011 Financial Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Action. The Board approved the hiring of the following:

Operations Technician I:

Scott Lucas

Seasonal Operations Technician I:

Alex Munch

Seasonal Operations Technician II:

Don Bartley

Jeff Kunst

Ann Millionig

2011 Softball Umpire Services. The Board approved a motion to contract with Moraine Tourney Umpires for umpire services for the 2011 Park District Adult Softball Leagues for a total amount not to exceed \$5,520.

Ten-Year Plan. The Board approved a motion revising the ten-year plan for the operation, maintenance, and development of the parks in the District for the next operating levy period, 2009-2018.

Mr. Kimball Birdseye's appointment to the Board of Park Commissioners expires May 8, 2011. Anyone interested in being considered for this appointment should submit correspondence of this interest no later than 4:30 P.M. Friday, March 25, 2011, to Montgomery County Common Pleas Court, ATTN: Nancy E. Brookshire, Human Resources Officer, 41 North Perry Street, Room 383, Dayton, Ohio 45422.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Birdseye said he was impressed with the Eco-Crew strategic plan and meeting minutes. He also praised Mrs. Kennard for her work on the ten-year plan.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Feldmann reported that the headquarters building expansion is nearly complete.

Mr. Carter reported that the youth athletic leagues are anxious to start playing but most of the fields are too wet to play on so some teams are practicing on parking lots. He said the Park District has contracted with a cleaning service for the headquarters building. He also reported that operations staff is nearing completion on the construction of an observation deck along the bluebird meadow at Bill Yeck Park.

Mrs. Castillo reported that she received forty-one resumes for the recreation coordinator position. She said she sent questionnaires to the top candidates.

Mrs. Smith reported that the state auditor will commence the audit of the financial records from 2009 and 2010 on Monday, March 21, 2011 and the pre-audit meeting is scheduled for 8:00 A.M. that day. She also reported the receipt of about \$250,000 in real estate taxes which puts the total to date slightly ahead of 2010. Mrs. Smith announced that Bookkeeper Nancy Howitt is retiring effective June 17, 2011.

Mrs. Kennard reviewed key points from the Eco-Crew strategic plan including both operations and programming elements. She reported that recycling has been expanded to all athletic facilities, shelters, and offices and trash pickup will be monitored. She recommended reinvesting cost savings into other green initiatives. Mrs. Kennard reported that a nature play area will be created at Grant Park near the Nature Nook. She said that Boy Scout Troop 516 Venturing Crew has volunteered to help with the clearing and building. She announced that Governor Kasich will be presenting his state budget proposal tomorrow and she will be reviewing it for its effect on the Park District.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.