

**Regular Meeting Summary**  
**Centerville-Washington Park District**  
**April 8, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance: Commissioners Lee, Siefker, and Williams; Mrs. Kennard, Director; Mr. Feldmann, Development Manager; Mr. Carter, Operations Manager; Mrs. Marks, Program Manager; and Mrs. Smith, Business Manager. The Board approved the minutes of the March 11, 2013 work session and regular meeting and the March 18, 2013 special meeting.

***VISITORS***

Bill Kroger expressed his interest in the upcoming opening on the Board of Park Commissioners.

***FISCAL***

The Board reviewed and approved the March 31, 2013 Financial Report.

***NEW BUSINESS***

2013 Revised Appropriation Budget. The Board approved the 2013 Revised Appropriation Budget.

2013 Revised Appropriation Resolution. The Board approved the 2013 Revised Appropriation Resolution.

Intent to Sell Property by Internet Auction. The Board approved a motion to sell Park District personal property which is not needed for public use, is obsolete, or is unfit for the use for which it was acquired, by Internet auction using the GovDeals.com web site to sell all items "as is - where is," and allowing a minimum of fifteen days for public bidding.

***COMMISSIONER COMMENTS***

Ms. Siefker praised Chris Fife for the excellent job he did at the archery clinic. She said she likes that Oak Grove Park offers multiple uses for youth and adults. She said the archery range is great and thanked the staff for making it happen.

***STAFF REPORTS***

Mrs. Marks reported that 46 adults and 65 children attended Stroller Strength on Monday. She also announced that the Park District is helping with the Envirothon on April 16 in Brookville and Chris Fife is working with WAKE UP! DAYTON on the Earth Day event at Stubbs Park on April 20, 2013. Mr. Lee praised the youth volunteer flyer. He said he likes the idea of a challenge course and would prefer it to be a team-building facility. Ms. Siefker inquired about the Nordic pole trekking program and Mrs. Marks explained that it provides upper body conditioning while walking. Ms. Siefker suggested encouraging staff to participate in the Bike to Work Day program.

Mr. Carter reported that the operations staff has prepared the baseball diamonds for opening day and the soccer fields for the spring season. He said he expects to start the park mowing rotation on April 15, 2013. He added that the department started second shift operations on April 1, 2013. Mr. Williams recommended including park entrances in the turf naturalization plans and using a landscape designer for final plans. Ms. Siefker suggested adding pathways and making shade trees accessible. Mr. Lee reported that Five Rivers MetroParks is offering sustainable trail training and Mr. Carter replied that he has been in touch with their staff regarding training.

Mr. Feldmann reported that Choice One Engineering is preparing a NatureWorks and a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application for the shelter at Robert F. Mays Park. He announced that the Mays Park plan will go before the Washington Township Zoning Commission on April 16, 2013.

Mrs. Kennard announced that the Centerville Washington Foundation awarded the Park District a \$1,000 grant for accessible swings in the parks. She also announced that Five Rivers MetroParks is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an event at the Kettering Wintergarden at the Schuster Center on April 10, 2013. Mrs. Kennard reviewed Park District achievements during the three terms Mr. Williams served on the Board of Park Commissioners:

- Acquired five new parks – Divided Ridge, Stansel, Weatherstone, Trailways, and Robert F. Mays Parks
- Added more than 76 acres of open space.
- Developed four parks – Oak Grove, Forest Field-West, Waterbury Woods, and Weatherstone Parks
- Added ten playgrounds including the first nature playground
- Added seven picnic shelters
- Added four tennis courts, one football field, four baseball diamonds, twenty soccer fields, one lacrosse field, and two sand volleyball courts
- Added five multi-use paved trails
- Added two nature literature trails
- Added a skate park, dog park, and archery range
- Constructed the Grant Nature Nook
- Expanded Park District Headquarters
- Completed the master plan for the development of the Smith entrance to Bill Yeck Park

Mrs. Kennard thanked Mr. Williams for his service to the community and his support of the staff and announced that a spring snow crab tree will be planted in his honor at the commissioners grove in Bill Yeck Park.

Mr. Williams reviewed his nine years on the Board and said the time has moved quickly. He praised the expansion in the programming area and the development of the staff into management positions. He said he will miss working on projects with Mr. Feldmann. He praised the Yeck Family and Foundation as great assets to the community. He commended Mrs. Kennard for her dedication as the director and a community leader. He thanked Kim Birdseye, Maggie Weisman, and Harvey Smith for their leadership on the Board. Lastly, Mr. Williams said to look to the future and continue land acquisition, find supporters, and pass the next levy.

Ms. Siefker said it has been a pleasure to work with Mr. Williams and he has been a good leader on the Board.

Mr. Lee said Mr. Williams's time on the Board has been meaningful to him. He said he appreciates his dedication, willingness to work, architecture skills, and leadership.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.