

**Regular Meeting Summary
Centerville-Washington Park District
June 9, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. with the following in attendance: Commissioners Lee, Monahan, and Sánchez; Mrs. Kennard, Director; and Mrs. Smith, Business Manager. The Board approved the minutes of the May 12, 2014 work session and regular meeting.

FISCAL

The Board reviewed and approved the May 31, 2014 Financial Report and voucher list.

NEW BUSINESS

Creating Community Connections Implementation Committee Reappointment. The Board approved a motion to reappoint Richard Feldmann to a three-year term as citizen representative on the Creating Community Connections Implementation Committee.

The Board noted the hiring of the following:

Hidden Meadows Day Camp Counselor
Elizabeth Bertolini
Kathleen Jentoft

Summer Recreation Program Leader
Alyssa Quigley Meghan Hedge
Jaclyn Wood Haley Brown

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mrs. Sánchez presented ARC and PBR brochures with ideas for bike facilities in the parks.

Mr. Lee suggested enhanced horizontal features at the skatepark and a bike challenge course. Mrs. Kennard reported that skatepark improvements are scheduled for 2015 in the ten-year plan. Mr. Lee thanked the youth athletic groups for donating to the Yes For Parks levy committee and Mrs. Kennard reported that the committee sent thank you letters to all donors. Discussion followed regarding keeping the levy committee in place allowing the youth athletic groups to donate annually for upcoming levy campaigns.

Mr. Monahan said he supports a bike facility. He inquired about the Park District hiring a green consultant. Mrs. Kennard reported that the Park District had an energy audit performed at park headquarters and had earned the Green Business Certification. She added that additional CWPD facilities will also be audited and the goal is for the Bill Yeck Park education building to be LEED certified. She also noted the addition of solar tubes and automatic lights at the group shelters. Mr. Monahan suggested staff use a checklist to include green options in plans for new facilities to which Mrs. Kennard responded that green options are included in current planning procedures.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Financial Highlights:

- General fund expenditures in May included substantial payments to Jess Construction for Mays Park development, Dryden Builders for the Iron Horse shelter construction, and Burns Construction for the Smith house renovation.
- The Park District electricity supplier contract with First Energy Solutions at \$0.065/kwh expires in July and the FES renewal rate was quoted at \$0.0738. Dawn Osif has secured a reduced rate of \$0.0639/kwh from Direct Energy for the next 33 months.
- Interest income in May included 6 months interest payments on two \$245,000 certificates of deposit.
- The Park District received the 2014 first half homestead/rollback funds totaling \$303,000 from the State of Ohio today.

Administration Highlights:

- The grand opening of the third nature literature trail in the district will take place Saturday, June 14 at 10 A.M. at Bill Yeck Park – Rooks Mill entrance. Owl Alexander's Tree Trek is in collaboration with the Washington-Centerville Public Library and is fully funded through a generous donation by the William and Dorothy Yeck Family Foundation.
- The final official results of the 0.9 mill park levy on the ballot May 6, 2014 are:
 - Total number of votes cast: 8,333
 - For the tax levy: 5,765 (69.2%)
 - Against the tax levy: 2,568
- All staff recently completed first aid/CPR/AED training along with classes on personal protective equipment and bloodborne pathogens. All full-time and part-time staff will also complete fire extinguisher safety training.

Program Highlights:

- The major Park District summer children's programs started today, with more than 187 children playing in the parks at the Summer Recreation Program and 57 children exploring Grant Park at the Hidden Meadows Day Camp.
- Fitness programs, tennis instruction, and tennis leagues bring nearly 300 people to the parks weekly throughout the summer months to participate in active programs.
- The Park District will host the Americana Festival children's play area at the Activity Center Park on July 4. Free games and events are available for all ages.

Operations Highlights:

- The spring soccer season has come to a close with over 650 games played at Oak Grove Park and the summer will be busy with tryouts and camps.
- Sealcoating planned for this year includes Schoolhouse and Yankee Park parking lots, Yankee Park tennis courts, and Iron Horse and Black Oak Park multi-use trails.
- Tim Pifer has recently completed the requirements to advance to the Operations Technician III position.
- The Park District continues to treat approximately 60 ash trees at Schoolhouse Park to prevent destruction by the emerald ash borer. To date most of the trees appear to be healthy and thriving with little evidence of the borer activity.

Development Highlights:

- Robert F. Mays Park construction is moving along with the reshaping of mounds and general grading of the new park.
- Flora Excavating continues work on the parking lot at Bill Yeck Park – Smith entrance, and Kossler Electric has been awarded the contract to install lighting at the parking lot and entrance drive.
- A historic study is being conducted by Professional Archaeological Services Team at the future Holes Creek Trail site.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.