MINUTES OF THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

**Regular Monthly Meeting – October 5, 2022**

***CALL MEETING TO ORDER***

Park Commissioner Ben Yoder called the Park Board meeting to order on October 5, 2022, at 2:02 p.m. The meeting was held in the Park Office. Park Commissioners Wendy Monroe, and Jeff Blazey (arrived at 2:13 pm), Park Director Larry Easterly and Office Manager Shannon Aquino were also present.

## READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Yoder made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on September 21, 2022. Ms. Monroe seconded the motion. Motion carried with a majority voice vote.

Mr. Yoder made a motion to approve Resolution 22-07 Appropriation Modifications. Ms. Monroe seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Yoder made a motion to approve Resolution 22-08 Spending Authority for the Park Director. Mr. Blazey seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

# *OLD BUSINESS*

**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds –** Mr. Easterly spoke with the County and noted the District should be receiving their funds shortly. The District is expected to receive approximately $1.2 million – which has been earmarked for synthetic turf for (4) Armco Ballfields and renovations to Landen pond. In addition, engineer fees will be required for the projects and the District will be responsible for paying those fees. Mr. Yoder noted he received communication from Dave Young – Warren County Commissioner, regarding pickleball fields. This could be a project that could qualify for ARPA funds. Mr. Easterly noted the tennis courts (4 – Armco, 2 – Landen) accommodate pickleball and could use some cosmetic work. Mr. Yoder will respond to Mr. Young regarding whether ARPA money could be available to do some upkeep on the courts we currently have.

**Keevercreek Retention Pond –** Mr. Easterly noted he cleared most of the pond, leaving the one side untouched due to homeowner request. He noted it is going to be difficult to maintain, as there is thick shrubbery surrounding the pond – will likely clear a couple times a year. Mr. Easterly received a quote from ATAC regarding treating the pond, which came to $1,095 annually. Mr. Blazey’s concern was the chemicals used on the yards in the neighborhood – they are contributing to the pond’s algae problem so he didn’t know if treating it would help. Treatment wouldn’t start until spring 2023. Mr. Yoder wanted to hold off on making any decisions about treatment until then. Ms. Monroe wants to explore the possibility of how the District can get rid of the property – Mr. Easterly noted he would follow up with legal counsel.

**Soil and Water –** Mr. Easterly and Ms. Monroe met with the department and discussed the possibility of them relocating their offices to Armco Park. In addition, they also discussed a potential joint project with the District’s property on Drake Rd. Turtlecreek Township would like the District to allow them to create a 3.5 acre retention pond – to be used to fix drainage in a neighboring subdivision. However, it could be a great place for a wetland, which could possibly be funded by a Clean Ohio Grant. There was also mention of turning it into a working agriculture farm (no animals). Mr. Easterly expects to have a report addressing both issues from the Soil and Water department next week.

**Holiday in Lights at Armco –** Mr. Yoder signed the contract and the District is waiting on the Alleen Company to sign. Mr. Yoder also notified Warren County’s top management of the event as well as the Visitor’s Bureau.

###### *NEW BUSINESS*

## Capital Purchases over $10,000 – Mr. Blazey made a motion to allow the Park Director to purchase a ¾ ton pickup truck – estimate of $49,720, a Toro 4100 mower – estimate of $102,000, and (2) Finisher Mowers – estimate of $32,000 ($16,000 each). Mr. Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

## Hisey House – Mr. Easterly noted he has received complaints the House is not being maintained/cleaned. The House is too available to the public and is contributing to the messy state. He noted the District may need to change the locks to prevent issues going further.

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###### *ADJOURMENT*

Mr. Yoder made a motion to adjourn at 3:39 pm. Mr. Blazey seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 19, 2022 at 2:00 pm.