MINUTES OF THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

**Special Meeting – November 28, 2022**

***CALL MEETING TO ORDER***

Park Commissioner Ben Yoder called the special meeting to order on November 28, 2022, at 1:04 pm. The meeting was held in the Warren County Commissioner’s Office. Park Commissioners Wendy Monroe and Jeff Blazey, Park Director Larry Easterly, Office Manager Shannon Aquino, County Administrator Tif Zindel, Assistant County Administrator Martin Russell, and County Auditor Matt Nolan were also present.

## PARK DISTRICT UPDATE

Mr. Yoder gave an update on the District – noting the previous Office Manager had resigned and the District is now contracting with Shannon Aquino to provide accounting/administrative tasks. Ms. Zindel discussed the changes to the local government funds received by the District – that it increased in 2017 to help provide the District more consistent funding. She and Mr. Russell noted they would like to see what projects have been completed by the District with the extra funds received. Because of the change in personnel and having more support, Mr. Yoder mentioned the intention of the District to bring in a CEO. He and Ms. Monroe noted the District is looking for a specific skillset with regards to this position (with the first priority of creating a new Park master plan) and the current Park Director would be freed up to focus on operations. Mr. Blazey responded that he would still like for the District to complete the Park master plan before hiring a CEO. Mr. Russell added he felt the District was on the right path and felt before any additional funding requests were discussed, the District should have a few more years to make changes. Ms. Monroe reiterated that it is not the intention of the District to ask for increased funding at this time. Ms. Zindel noted she would inform the Warren County Commissioners of today’s meeting and provide a summary of the items discussed.

###### *ADJOURMENT*

Mr. Yoder made a motion to adjourn at 2:12 pm. Mr. Blazey seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 7, 2022 at 2:00 pm.