

**Stark County Park District Park Board – Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Sippo Lake Clubhouse**  
**August 7, 2019**  
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**(AGENDA ITEM: 3)**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – The regular meeting of the Stark County Park Commission was called to order by Andy Hayden at 2:05 p.m.

**A. Roll Call of Members:**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andy Hayden, Bill Bryan, Denise Freeland, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert Fonte, Director  
Barbara Wells, Financial Manager  
Corianne Kocarek, Clerk to the Board  
Sarah Buell, Administration and Projects Manager  
Dani McGuinness, Human Resources Manager  
Dave Pildner, Education Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

Robert Fay, Village of Hills and Dales  
Bruce DiPietro, Village of Hills and Dales  
Mark Samolczyk, Mayor, Village of Hills and Dales  
James Conley, Village of Hills and Dales  
Aletha Carver, Village of Hills and Dales  
Virginia Kolasky, Village of Hills and Dales  
Marlene & Joe Toot, Village of Hills and Dales

**B. Adoption of Agenda**

D. Freeland MOVED to adopt the agenda as amended, which was SECONDED by B. Bryan

**DISCUSSION:**

None

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Andy Hayden, Bill Bryan, Denise Freeland, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

R. Fay deferred to Mayor, Mark Samolczyk. M. Samolczyk is representing the residents of the Village of Hills and Dales, they would like to hear more about the Tam O'Shanter Master Plan. The residents wanted to be sure that the Park Board saw the letter that was sent dated July 26, 2019 and that it was included in the Master Plan for Tam O'Shanter Park

R. Fonte responded that it was sent to the Park Board and will be included in the comments with the text of the Master Plan report

**3. STAFF PRESENTATION – Dave Pildner, Education Manager**

- D. Pildner shared with the Park Board an update on the Education Department and the need to keep programming fresh and always have new ideas from the programmers
- New programming this year:
  - Examples include a Ga Ga pit – an arena for kids to play Ga Ga ball and is used for many activities including Summer Camps, Hover Ball Archery for use with programming and event booths
  - Earth Day Open House: held at Sippo Lake Exploration Gateway with many conservation-themed

• **Reference 73**

- activities, in partnership with Canton South High School vocational students to create “Philup, the Recycle fish”, over 250 attended
- Leprechaun Look-See: taught young children about habitats and finding signs of animal life through finding leprechauns, over 500 attended
- Date Night: 1920’s Murder Mystery theme, held at the Quail Hollow Park Manor House, 36 attended (maximum number), will plan to do another this fall and even next year
- History Camp: took place over two days – one at Quail Hollow Park and another day in Magnolia, partnered with the Magnolia Historical Society, 22 attended. The attendees were able to visit the Bank of Magnolia, Taggarts for ice cream as well as the newly opened Kemp Blacksmith Shop
- Wildlife Rehab Camp: target audience was teens (trying to get more to spend time in our parks), 10 attended, trained them so they could volunteer at our Wildlife Conservation Center at Sippo Lake Park
- “Sippie”, the Sippo Lake Monster: built in house by Education department staff, instituted a big marketing push to generate interest, looking to expand next year for an April Foods Day event
- Bee Programming: to be held at Quail Hollow Park on August 17, currently have two colonies of bees on site, programming done in partnership with our Ranger Captain Laps
- Animal Enrichment Programs: three programs planned for 2019, Wildlife Conservation Center/Education Animals’ food is packed into an ingredient and attendees can (Watermelon Party in June, Ice Pie Social in August and Pumpkin Palooza in October)
- Update: Mindfulness Walk – partnership with Stark Parks and StarkMHAR (Stark Mental Health and Recovery), the Walk opened to the public on June 1, 2019 and the total budget was \$20,000 (\$10,000 from Stark Parks and \$10,000 from StarkMHAR), it is one mile in length and has 10 mindful activity stations. We will be applying for an award through OPRA
- OhioBio: temporary exhibit in the Canalway Center at the Exploration Gateway with a goal to educate the public about how human activity over the last 200 years has affected animal populations in Ohio. Visitors will get a species card at the front desk and there will be a series of panels that take visitors on a journey through time (1803 to present), periodically, visitors will slide their species card into a slot to see what their animals population was like at that particular time in our history. The last section will give the user choices for the future and reveal possible outcomes based on their decisions
- The future staffing needs in Education – the completion of planning and construction work at “satellite” locations like Quail Hollow, Fry Family Park, and Tam O’Shanter means we will need to assess additional staffing specifically for those locations
- The future staffing needs in Enterprises – in order to continue to diversify our revenue streams – we are looking into a dedicated event planner position, and business plans to current pricing structures of existing and new services

**DISCUSSION:**

B. Bryan asked what OPRA stood for again?

D. Pildner answered, the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**WHEREAS**, minutes from the July 3, 2019 Regular Park Board meeting have been submitted for review.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to approve the minutes from the July 3, 2019 Regular Park Board meeting as submitted.

P. Quick MOVED to adopt this resolution, which was SECONDED by R. Dublikar

**DISCUSSION:**

None

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Andy Hayden, Bill Bryan, Denise Freeland, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick

## 5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

**WHEREAS**, the monthly Financial Report and Summary Financial Reports for the period ending June 30, 2019 have been submitted to the Board for review.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to approve and accept for audit the Financial Reports and Summary Financial Reports for the period ending June 30, 2019 as submitted.

D. Freeland MOVED to adopt this resolution, which was SECONDED by P. Quick

### DISCUSSION:

P. Quick asked about the cost of employee benefits, are they high?

B. Wells answered they include a payment for workers compensation in the amount of \$36,000, and are based on the payroll from the previous year and are billed once per year

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Andy Hayden, Bill Bryan, Denise Freeland, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick

## 6. APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS AND BILLS

**WHEREAS**, copies of payrolls and bills for the periods ending June 30, 2019 were submitted for the Board's review in accordance with Resolution #98-133.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to approve and accept for audit the payrolls and bills for June 30, 2019 as submitted.

P. Quick MOVED to adopt this resolution, which was SECONDED by R. Dublikar

### DISCUSSION:

A. Hayden inquired about line 273 regarding the security at the Market Tunnel

R. Fonte stated that since it was a matter of security, he would answer A. Hayden's question during executive session

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Andy Hayden, Bill Bryan, Denise Freeland, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Informational:** Upcoming Events

### DISCUSSION:

None

B. **Informational:** Canal Fulton Active Transportation & Connectivity Plan (Exhibit A)

### DISCUSSION:

A. Hayden stated that the plan looks good, there were many entities with input outside of the Park District

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### A. RESOLUTION: #19-08-055: Pre-Disaster Mitigation FEMA-DR-4098-OH-Increment 6 – Revised

**WHEREAS**, the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners approved Increment 1 of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation FEMA-DR-4098-OH in an amount not to exceed Seven Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Five Dollars (\$742,875.00) with Resolution #14-10-067; and

- **Reference 75**

**WHEREAS**, the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners approved Increment 2 of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation FEMA-DR-4098-OH in an amount not to exceed Seven Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$758,125.00) with Resolution #15-04-025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners approved Increment 3 of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation FEMA-DR-4098-OH in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Five-Hundred Dollars (\$322,500.00) with Resolution #15-05-037; and

**WHEREAS**, the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners approved Increment 4 of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation FEMA-DR-4098-OH in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$332,088.00) with Resolution #16-09-046; and

**WHEREAS**, the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners approved Increment 5 of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation FEMA-DR-4098-OH in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Sixty Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$160,270.00) with Resolution #17-02-022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners had previously agreed to apply for the full application of Increment 6 of the Hazard Mitigation Grant FEMA-DR-4098-OH in an amount not to exceed Two Million Six Hundred Ninety Five Six Hundred Six Dollars (\$2,695,606.00) as directed by Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA) with Resolution #19-04-034; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA) has requested the previously accepted resolution be revised to show that the grant funding program is Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program FY-2017-CFDA 97.047 and not Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP); and

**WHEREAS**, the cost share breakdown of the grant is Seventy Five Percent (75%) Federal, Twenty-Five percent (25%) Local for a total Local share in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars and Seventy Five Cents (\$336,950.75), conditioned on the City of North Canton, Stark County Commissioners and Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District agreeing to amend their agreements to cover the local match required in its entirety.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to accept Increment 6 of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program FY-2017-CFDA 97.047 in an amount not to exceed Nine Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Five Dollars (\$976,665.00).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to designate Robert A. Fonte, Park Director, as agent and authorize the Park Director (agent) to sign/execute any paperwork necessary to complete the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program FY-2017-CFDA 97.047.

B. Bryan MOVED to adopt this resolution, which was SECONDED by D. Freeland

**DISCUSSION:**

R. Fonte stated that a revision in the original resolution #19-04-034 was requested by the state of Ohio, as we had identified the incorrect fund referenced

S. Buell further stated that it was funded through Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) not, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HGMP)

P. Quick asked if the terms and match were still the same

S. Buell answered, yes

MOTION CARRIED on a roll call vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Andy Hayden, Bill Bryan, Denise Freeland, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick

**B. RESOLUTION: #19-08-056: Updated Logo Policy (Exhibit B)**

**WHEREAS**, it was determined by the Park Director that a Logo Policy be updated; and

**WHEREAS**, the Logo Policy was adopted previously by the Park Board with Resolution #08-09-081; and

**WHEREAS**, the updated Logo Policy was presented to the Park Board at the July Board meeting held on July 3, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the updated policy is attached as Exhibit B.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to adopt the updated Logo Policy as attached in Exhibit B.

P. Quick MOVED to adopt this resolution, which was SECONDED by D. Freeland

**DISCUSSION:**

None

MOTION CARRIED on a roll call vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Andy Hayden, Bill Bryan, Denise Freeland, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick

**C. RESOLUTION: #19-08-057: Updated Disaster Recovery Plan Policy (Exhibit C)**

**WHEREAS**, it was determined by the Park Director that a Disaster Recovery Plan Policy be updated; and

**WHEREAS**, the Disaster Recovery Plan Policy was adopted previously by the Park Board with Resolution #07-12-092; and

**WHEREAS**, the updated Disaster Recovery Plan Policy was presented to the Park Board at the July Board meeting held on July 3, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the updated policy is attached as Exhibit C.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to adopt the updated Disaster Recovery Plan Policy as attached in Exhibit C.

D. Freeland MOVED to adopt this resolution, which was SECONDED by B. Bryan

**DISCUSSION:**

A. Hayden stated that the Recovery Team is identified

R. Fonte stated that we have only had one incident over the last twenty year

MOTION CARRIED on a roll call vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Andy Hayden, Bill Bryan, Denise Freeland, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick

**D. RESOLUTION: #19-08-058: 3-Year Extension of Stark County Undivided Local Government Fund (ULGF) Alternative Funding Formula Agreement for 2020 through 2022**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Stark County Park District, County of Stark, State of Ohio, met in regular session on August 7, 2019, commencing at 2:00 p.m., at the Sippo Lake Clubhouse, 5300 Tyner Street, Canton, Ohio with the following members present:

Andy Hayden, Bill Bryan, Denise Freeland, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick

The Secretary advised the Board that the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

R. Dublikar moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-08-058

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE EXTENSION OF AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD FOR APPORTIONING THE STARK COUNTY UNDIVIDED LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND FOR 2020 THROUGH 2022; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT

• **Reference 77**

WHEREAS, the Stark Council of Governments (SCOG) has represented the mutual interests of all Stark County political subdivisions in areas of health, safety and welfare such as the Crime Lab, METRO, fire safety programs and communications issues for over two decades; and

WHEREAS, SCOG has been funded pursuant to an alternative formula agreement for the apportionment of undivided local government tax funds under Chapter 5747 of the Ohio Revised Code by a majority vote of SCOG's membership from 1989 through 2019; and

WHEREAS, a meeting of the general membership of SCOG was held on June 4, 2019, for the purpose of reviewing the current alternative formula agreement which is a professionally, independently prepared "Decennial Review of Methods for Apportioning 2010 through 2019 Funds" and the Allocation and Executive Committees recommended the continuation of the alternative method for the period 2020 through 2022; and the general membership unanimously adopted the recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE STARK COUNTY PARK DISTRICT, COUNTY OF STARK, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Pursuant to Section 5747.53 and Chapter 5747 of the Ohio Revised Code, which authorizes the County Budget Commission to apportion the Undivided Local Government Fund under an alternative method or on a formula basis, the Board of Park Commissioners of the Stark County Park District hereby approves the continuation of the Alternative Method for apportioning the Stark County Undivided Local Government Fund which was approved in 2009, for the period 2020 through 2022. Approval is further granted for the Stark County Budget Commission to apportion the 2020 through the 2022 Stark County Undivided Local Government Funds according to the Alternative Method; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board, is authorized to correct any typographical errors discovered herein during or after the pendency or passage of this RESOLUTION, and is further authorized, in conjunction with the advice of additional Legal Counsel, to correct any ministerial or de minimis errors that do not substantially alter the intended results or numerical total sums of this RESOLUTION, during or after the pendency or passage of this RESOLUTION. Corrected copies are to be sent to all official recipients; and,

• **Reference 78**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were conducted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Park Commissioner P. Quick seconded the motion and upon a roll call the vote resulted as follows:

Andy Hayden – Aye  
Bill Bryan – Aye  
Denise Freeland – Aye  
Ralph Dublikar – Aye  
Pat Quick – Aye

Adopted: August 7, 2019

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

STATE OF OHIO

SS:

COUNTY OF STARK

I, Corianne Kocarek Clerk of the Board of Park Commissioners of Stark County Park District, Stark County, State of Ohio, in whose custody and control the files and records of said Board are required by the laws of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the original Resolution now on file, and that the foregoing has been compared by me with said original Resolution, and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof.

WITNESS my signature this 7th day of August 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk of the  
Board of Park Commissioners of Stark County Park  
District of Stark County, State of Ohio

**E. RESOLUTION: #19-08-059: Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS) Minerva Bridge Grant Application**

**WHEREAS**, the Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS) is accepting applications for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TA) grants for the fiscal year budgets 2025-2026; and

**WHEREAS**, eligible projects are being considered for pedestrian and bicycle enhancements, historic, scenic and environmental projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCATS grant would provide Eighty Percent (80%) of Right-of-Way and construction project costs; and

**WHEREAS**, acceptance of such grants by the Stark County Park District would be contingent on funds being appropriated after the time of the grant award with expenditures by the Stark County Park District not beginning before SCPD budget year 2020; and

• **Reference 79**

**WHEREAS**, The Stark County Park District desires to build a bridge over the Sandy Creek in Minerva to connect the Nickel Plate Trail to the existing Minerva Connector Trail; and

**WHEREAS**, The Stark County Park District applied for funding in 2019 and did not receive funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Stark County Park District intends to resubmit the documents from 2019 updated to reflect current dates with an additional Five Percent (5%) added to estimated costs; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to authorize the Park Director to apply for the following SCATS Transportation Alternatives Program grant for the Minerva Connector Bridge in the amount of Four Hundred Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Fifty One Dollars and Fifty Eight Cents (\$430,551.58), requiring Stark County Park District match of One Hundred Fifty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Three Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$156,993.15) for a total estimated cost of Five Hundred Eighty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Forty Four Dollars and Seventy Three Cents (\$587,544.73).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Stark County Park District Board of Commissioners to authorize the Park Director to sign any documents necessary to apply for the SCATS Transportation Alternatives Program grant.

D. Freeland MOVED to adopt this resolution, which was SECONDED by B. Bryan

**DISCUSSION:**

R. Fonte stated that we are on the list for future consideration, but need to re-apply for the next round of funding

MOTION CARRIED on a roll call vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Andy Hayden, Bill Bryan, Denise Freeland, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick

**F. RESOLUTION: #19-08-060: Magnolia Flouring Mills – Fire Suppression System**

**WHEREAS**, the current fire suppression system compressor is in danger of failing at the Magnolia Flouring Mills; if it fails, it could freeze the system in the winter; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined the cost of Fire Department Connection (FDC) Signs, Air Compressor and Air Maintenance device will not exceed Five Thousand Thirty One Dollars (\$5,031.00).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to authorize a transfer of funds in the amount not to exceed Five Thousand Thirty One Dollars (\$5,031.00) for the FDC Signs, Air Compressor and Air Maintenance device for the fire compression system at the Magnolia Flouring Mills from the Project Fund-Unallocated (072.28.0000.65000) to Capital-Outlay Buildings (072.28.1062.65200).

P. Quick MOVED to adopt this resolution, which was SECONDED by R. Dublikar

**DISCUSSION:**

None

MOTION CARRIED on a roll call vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Andy Hayden, Bill Bryan, Denise Freeland, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick

**G. RESOLUTION: #19-08-061: Grant Acceptance: Feed a Bee**

**WHEREAS**, the Stark County Park District applied for a grant through the Bayer of North America Bee Care Program for pollinator forage at Fry Family Park in December of 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Stark County Park District was awarded grant funds in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the grant award acceptance is due by August 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Feed a Bee project total is Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Five Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$14,755.12); and



**WHEREAS**, the Stark County Park District is responsible for match in the amount of Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Five Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$9,755.12); and

**WHEREAS**, the Stark County Park District has already expended Nine Thousand Two Hundred Forty Seven Dollars and Fourteen Cents (\$9,247.14) towards the match in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, to allocate an amount not to exceed Five Hundred and Seven Dollars and Ninety Eight Cents (\$507.98) from Net Project Dollars Available for the remaining match.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners accepts the grant award from Bayer North America and amend the 2019 Budget in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to authorize the allocation of the funds in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred and Seven Dollars and Ninety Eight Cents (\$507.98) from Net Project Dollars Available for the remaining match.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, authorize the transfer in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Five Hundred and Seven Dollars and Ninety Eight Cents (\$5,507.98) from the Project Fund-Unallocated (072.28.0000.65000) to Other Allocations-Miscellaneous-Special Projects (072.28.1012.67118) to complete the Feed a Bee project.

B. Bryan MOVED to adopt this resolution, which was SECONDED by D. Freeland

**DISCUSSION:**

B. Bryan stated that we underestimate bees – they are very positive

A. Hayden stated that he is seeing a trend with bees and law enforcement

B. Bryan stated that the City of Akron has a program to give vacant lands within the City to beekeepers

V. Kolasky asked if the Park District was looking for beekeepers

R. Fonte answered that if we have interest, please direct them to us

V. Kolasky asked if our Ranger Captain harvests the honey

R. Fonte stated that he does on his own, but is unsure of the plans for the bees at Quail Hollow

MOTION CARRIED on a roll call vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Andy Hayden, Bill Bryan, Denise Freeland, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick

**H. RESOLUTION: #19-08-062: 2019 Project List & Budget-Fry Family Park Revision**

**WHEREAS**, the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners approved the Fry Family Park Project as part of the 2019 Project List & Budget with Resolution #19-02-018; and

**WHEREAS**, the bids were received for the Phase II Sitework including the driveway with alternates one (1) – Rear Patio, two (2) – Water Feature through three (3) – Phase III Parking Lot; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Park Director to award the base bid and alternate one (1) and alternate (2) for a total project cost of Two Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Twenty One Dollars (\$288,521.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the Fry Family Park budget has a remaining available balance of Two Hundred Sixty Thousand One Hundred Sixty Five Dollars and Seventy Seven Cents (\$260,165.77) remaining on the 2019 Project List & Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Park Director to allocate an amount not to exceed Twenty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Five Dollars and Twenty Three Cents (\$28,355.23) from the Net Project Dollars Available to the Fry Family Park project on the 2019 Project List & Budget to fully fund the cost of the Phase II Sitework including the driveway with alternates one (1) – Rear Patio and two (2) – Water Feature.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to authorize the allocation of the funds in an amount not to exceed Twenty Eight Thousand Three Hundred

Fifty Five Dollars and Twenty Three Cents (\$28,355.23) from the Net Project Dollars Available to the Fry Family Park project on the 2019 Project List & Budget to fully fund the cost of the Phase II Sitework including the driveway with alternates one (1) – Rear Patio and two (2) – Water Feature.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to authorize the transfer of Twenty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Five Dollars and Twenty Three Cents (\$28,355.23); from Project Fund Unallocated (072.28.0000.65000) to Capital Outlay-Improvements Other than Buildings (072.28.1013.65300) for Phase II Sitework including the driveway with alternates one (1) – Rear Patio and two (2) – Water Feature which makes a total of Two Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Twenty One Dollars (\$288,521.00) available for this project.

D. Freeland MOVED to adopt this resolution, which was SECONDED by R. Dublikar

**DISCUSSION:**

R. Fonte stated this is for the continuation of the Fry renovation and keeping it all moving. Most of the money was in the project, except for approximately \$28,000. We'll also be paving the parking lot utilizing Ohio Parks and Recreation Association (OPRA) Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) money

MOTION CARRIED on a roll call vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Andy Hayden, Bill Bryan, Denise Freeland, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick

## 9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. 2019 Project List and Budget

**DISCUSSION:**

None

B. Director's Report

**DISCUSSION:**

D. Freeland inquired about the meeting regarding trail connections in Louisville

R. Fonte stated this is the continuation of the Stark Electric Railway trail from Canton to Louisville

P. Quick inquired about the Strengthening Stark conference call

R. Fonte stated that it was a positive response and that they would work with us as a positive partner and are aware of our value

B. Bryan asked about the Crystal Springs trailhead on the Towpath

R. Fonte answered that it is a Stark County engineer project with the storm sewer outlet at that point. We will close the trail and detour to the Olde Muskingum trail so they can continue work in the area. The County Commissioners own the land

R. Fonte provided the Park Board an update on the following:

Stark Community Foundation accounts: Park Endowment: \$24,229.65; Wildlife Building Endowment: \$14,030.50 + \$500,000 estate pledged

Emergency Repairs that the Park Board approved in July – there was an error in the material quote of \$21.50/ton versus the actual \$22.50/ton – we are reducing the total tons from 1,000 to 955. We will not exceed the total authorized amount of \$21,500

## 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**BE IT RESOLVED**, to adjourn into Executive Session at 2:51 p.m. to consider the purchase of property for public purposes.

B. Bryan moved to adopt this motion, which was SECONDED by R. Dublikar

MOTION CARRIED on a roll call vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Andy Hayden, Bill Bryan, Denise Freeland, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick

• **Reference 82**

## 11. RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reconvene to Regular Session at 3:14 p.m.

B. Bryan MOVED to adopt this resolution, which was SECONDED by P. Quick

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Andy Hayden, Bill Bryan, Denise Freeland, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick

### I. **RESOLUTION: #19-08-063: Natural Resource Advisory Council (NRAC) Grant Application for Hoover Farm**

**WHEREAS**, grant funding is available from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund program for the acquisition of open space and site improvements in Stark County; and

**WHEREAS**, grant applications must be submitted to the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) through Stark County's Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) no later than August 16, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of the grant program include supporting comprehensive open space planning, protecting habitat, preservation of water quality, linkages to open spaces, enhancement of economic development that rely on recreation and ecotourism, and enhancement of educational opportunities to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, land acquisitions that achieve the goals of the grant program are eligible for funding on lands previously acquired through the program; and

**WHEREAS**, the park district is recommending one (1) project for funding of land acquisition under the grant program if a purchase agreement is received prior to the grant submission deadline of August 16, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the request for the Hoover Farm totals One Million Nine Hundred Two Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$1,902,840.00) for the land acquisition; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant funds available in this round of NRAC funding are approximately One Million Two Hundred Eighty Five Thousand and Three dollars (\$1,285,003.00); and

**WHEREAS**, a Twenty-Five Percent (25%) match is required for the grant in the form of cash, labor and/or in-kind contributions for a minimum match of Six Hundred Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars (\$617,837.00) for a total project amount of One Million Nine Hundred Two Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$1,902,840.00) which will consist of Four Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ten Dollars (\$475,710.00) from the owner and One Hundred Forty Two Thousand One Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars (\$142,127.00) from the Park District; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to authorize the Park Director to submit an application for a grant to OPWC for land acquisition at the Hoover Farm if a purchase agreement is received prior to the August 16, 2019 deadline, totaling a grant request of One Million Two Hundred Eighty Five Thousand and Three dollars (\$1,285,003.00) with an estimated match of Six Hundred Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars (\$617,837.00) which will consist of Four Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ten Dollars (\$475,710.00) from the owner and One Hundred Forty Two Thousand One Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars (\$142,127.00) from the Park District and to sign any documents necessary to complete the project.

P. Quick MOVED to adopt this resolution, which was SECONDED by B. Bryan

**DISCUSSION:**

MOTION CARRIED on a roll call vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Andy Hayden, Bill Bryan, Denise Freeland, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick

• **Reference 83**

**J. RESOLUTION: #19-08-064: Natural Resource Advisory Council (NRAC) Grant Application for Petros Lake Park, Magnolia Flouring Mills, and Fry Family Park**

**WHEREAS**, the Purchase Agreement for the Natural Resource Advisory Council (NRAC) Grant Application authorized by Resolution #19-08-064 is not in hand; and

**WHEREAS**, the deadline for the NRAC Grant is noon on August 16, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director has recommended an alternative application for the NRAC Grant be authorized in the event a signed purchase agreement is not obtained in time to file the Grant Application authorized by Resolution #19-08-064; and

**WHEREAS**, grant funding is available from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund program for the acquisition of open space and site improvements in Stark County; and

**WHEREAS**, grant applications must be submitted to the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) through Stark County's Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) no later than August 16, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of the grant program include supporting comprehensive open space planning, protecting habitat, preservation of water quality, linkages to open spaces, enhancement of economic development that rely on recreation and ecotourism, and enhancement of educational opportunities to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, site improvements that achieve the goals of the grant program are eligible for funding on lands previously acquired through the program; and

**WHEREAS**, the park district is recommending three projects for funding of site improvements under the grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, the request for Petros Lake Park totals Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for the restoration of the prairie and trail improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the request for the Magnolia Flouring Mills totals Four Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Three Dollars (\$485,003.00) for the improvement of the parking lot and access to the mill as well as an upgrade to the bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the request for Fry Family Park totals Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) for the reforestation of seventy (70) acres of land in accordance with the master plan for this park; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant funds available in this round of NRAC funding are approximately One Million Two Hundred Eighty Five Thousand and Three dollars (\$1,285,003.00); and

**WHEREAS**, a Twenty-Five Percent (25%) match is required for the grant in the form of cash, labor and/or in-kind contributions for a minimum match of Four Hundred Twenty Eight and Three Hundred Thirty Four Dollars (\$428,334.00) for a total project amount of One Million Seven Hundred Thousand Thirteen and Three Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars (\$1,713,337.00); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to authorize the Park Director to submit an application for a grant to OPWC for site improvements at Petros Lake Park, Magnolia Flouring Mills, and Fry Family Park totaling a grant request of One Million Two Hundred Eighty Five Thousand and Three dollars (\$1,285,003.00) with a match of Four Hundred Twenty Eight and Three Hundred Thirty Four Dollars (\$428,334.00) and to sign any documents necessary to complete the project if the conditions to submit the NRAC Grant authorized by resolution #19-08-063 are not met.

B. Bryan MOVED to adopt this resolution, which was SECONDED by R. Dublikar

**DISCUSSION:**

MOTION CARRIED on a roll call vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Andy Hayden, Bill Bryan, Denise Freeland, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick

• **Reference 84**

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

**BE IT RESOLVED** to adjourn at 3:17 p.m. Next scheduled meeting: August 7, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Sippo Lake Clubhouse.

B. Bryan MOVED to adjourn the meeting, which was SECONDED by P. Quick

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Andy Hayden, Bill Bryan, Denise Freeland, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick

**APPROVAL DATE:** September 4, 2019

ATTEST:

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Andy Hayden, Chairperson  
Stark County Park Commission

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Robert A. Fonte, Director/Secretary to the Board  
Stark County Park District

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Corianne Kocarek/Clerk to the Board  
Stark County Park District

- **Reference 85**