

Stark County Park District Park Board – Regular Meeting Minutes
Exploration Gateway Rooms A & B (Lower Level)
Wednesday, November 4, 2020
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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 Denise Freeland at 2:02 p.m.

A. Roll Call of Members:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Denise Freeland, Bill Bryan, Pat Quick, Andy Hayden (arrived at 2:33 p.m.), Ralph Dublikar (excused absence)

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert A. Fonte, Park Director/Secretary to the Board
Corianne Kocarek, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board
Barb Wells, Financial Manager
Talula Waiter, Natural Resources Manager
Stephon Echague, Wildlife Care Supervisor

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

B. Adoption of Agenda

B. Bryan MOVED to adopt the agenda, which was SECONDED by P. Quick

DISCUSSION:

None

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Denise Freeland, Bill Bryan, Pat Quick

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. STAFF PRESENTATION: Stephon Echague, Wildlife Care Supervisor and Talula Waiter, Natural Resources Manager

T. Waiter stated the Natural Resources Department Mission: Dedicated to the conservation and management to native wildlife and their habitat through research, education, and quality animal care.

S. Echague presented an update to the Park Board regarding the Wildlife Conservation Center:

- Essential Goals:
 - Offer quality wildlife educational experience
 - Offer quality care to all animals
 - Employ trained, friendly, and knowledgeable staff to provide excellent service
- Services:
 - Care for injured, sick, and orphaned native wildlife
 - Native Wildlife Education
 - Human/animal conflict
 - Live animal trap loans
 - Native wildlife on display

- *Reference 90*

- WCC in 2020: A Year of Pandemics!
 - Rabbits and Hemorrhagic Disease
 - Opossums and Hepatitis
 - Squirrels and Viral Pneumonia
 - Raptors and West Nile Virus
 - Feeder Colonies and Mite Infestation
- Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease RHDV2
 - Highly contagious virus that peaks in the spring
 - Common in domestic rabbits
 - Must quarantine for 5 days
 - Symptoms include lethargy, seizures, bleeding from mouth/nose, and sudden death
 - Treatment: supportive care
- Opossum Bacterial Hepatitis
 - High Salmonella/E. Coli
 - Occurs in nature
 - Must quarantine
 - Symptoms include bloat, pale gums/skin, loss of appetite, and sudden death
 - Treatment: antibiotic and supportive care
- Viral Pneumonia
 - Highly contagious
 - Occurs in nature
 - Must quarantine
 - Symptoms include runny noses, heavy breathing, sneezing, and loss of appetite
 - Treatment: antibiotic and supportive care
- West Nile Virus
 - Contracted by an infected mosquito bite
 - Common in avian species but not limited to
 - Symptoms include lethargy, emaciation, ectoparasites, and not flying/standing
 - Treatment: supportive care
- Mite Infestation
 - Mite eggs normally occur in dry goods (poultry, bird seeds, even newspaper)
 - Commonly occurs during summer months
 - Kills off colonies
 - Can be prevented by keeping dried goods in the freezer
- Animal Intakes 2019 vs. 2020
 - Total Animal Intakes: 2020 – 1,188, 2019 – 2,075
 - Mammals: 2020 – 671, 2019 – 1,216
 - Herps: 2020 – 55, 2019 – 74
 - Birds: 2020 – 462, 2019 – 785

T. Waiter updated the Park Board on the following regarding Land and Wildlife Management:

- Prairie/Grassland Restoration – Tam O’ Shanter, Fry and Zimber Ditch
- Forest Restoration – 242 trees planted at Tam O’ Shanter, staff fertilized and watered throughout the summer and only lost 1 tree
- Invasive species management – Tam O’ Shanter and Sippo, Garlic Mustard and Canada Thistle
- Petros Park – Poison Hemlock
- Community Event and Programs – hosted local university for college classes, the classes helped to pull invasive and install native plants. Held the hunting blind lottery, there were no fishing derbies this year
- Water Quality to collect baseline information
- Bioswale Installations – Fry Park – were supposed to have Sandy Valley High School help but the

- **Reference 91**

plants were delivered in May (during COVID), so staff installed. Using the model at the Wildlife Conservation Center for the retention basin at Tam O'Shanter

- Spotted Turtle Surveys – at the Donzelli property with category 2 and 3 wetlands. Summit MetroParks have been working with Spotted Turtles. We have a tank at the Wildlife Conservation Center ready to display the turtles. The Park District needs to have a management plan approved by the Division of Wildlife before we can begin the program. Dr. Riggs chose us to display 5 confiscated turtles

S. Echague added that Wildlife Rehabilitator, V. Shanower recently presented at the virtual Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association Conference (OWRA)

DISCUSSION:

D. Freeland asked where the turtles were confiscated from?

S. Echague was not exactly sure, but thought from the Cleveland area

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

WHEREAS, minutes from the October 6, 2020 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 October 6, 2020 Regular Park Board meeting as submitted.

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

DISCUSSION:

None

MOTION CARRIED to approve the minutes on a vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Denise Freeland, Bill Bryan, Pat Quick

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

WHEREAS, the monthly Financial Report and Summary Financial Report for the period ending September 30, 2020 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 Report and Summary Financial Report for the period ending September 30, 2020 as submitted.

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

DISCUSSION:

B. Bryan asked if the grant money was still coming in?

R. Fonte answered yes, we have asked for a few extensions

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Denise Freeland, Bill Bryan, Pat Quick

6. APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS AND BILLS

WHEREAS, copies of payroll and bills for the month of September 2020 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 payroll and bills for September 30, 2020 as submitted.

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

DISCUSSION:

D. Freeland asked about line 417

B. Wells answered it was for Fry Park and educational work in the Visitor Center

B. Bryan asked if there will be any drops with revenues?

R. Fonte stated that generally the last thing to drop is property tax, but we can see a drop with businesses

- **Reference 92**

closing. Early next year we will know if we need to make an adjustment

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

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

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Informational: Upcoming Events

DISCUSSION:

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION: #20-11-070: Wildlife Conservation Center Note Sale Transfer

WHEREAS, the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners previously approved the Wildlife Conservation Note with Resolution #20-04-024; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Manager recommends paying down Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) and issuing a new note in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the interest rate on the note will be determined after the quotes are received; and

WHEREAS, a transfer is needed from the General Fund for an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$320,000.00) for principal, interest and legal fees; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2020 budget in an amount not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$1,320,000.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to authorize a new note in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to transfer an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$320,000.00) from 072.28.0000.6500 Project Fund Unallocated to 072.28.0000.82100 (Transfers Out) for principal, interest and legal fees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to transfer an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$320,000.00) from 072.28.0000.82100 (Transfers Out) to 529.28.0000.72100 (Transfers In) for principal, interest and legal fees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to amend the 2020 Budget by an amount not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$1,320,000.00) for the Wildlife Conservation Center Note.

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

DISCUSSION:

None

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

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

B. RESOLUTION: #20-11-071: Wildlife Conservation Center Note Sale – Squire Patton Boggs, LLP

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Stark County Park District, County of Stark, State of Ohio, met in regular session on November 4, 2020, commencing at 2:00 p.m., at the Exploration Gateway, 5712 12th Street NW, Canton, Ohio with the following members present:

Andy Hayden Denise Freeland
Bill Bryan 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.

Bill Bryan moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-11-071

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PARK DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT NOTES, SERIES 2020B, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF CERTAIN TAXES AUTHORIZED TO BE LEVIED IN THE PARK DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING AND IMPROVING LANDS OF THE PARK DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, at the election held on April 28, 2020 and pursuant to Section 1545.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, the electors of this Park District authorized a renewal tax levy at the rate of 1.00 mill to be levied on all of the taxable property situated in this Park District for a period of eight consecutive years beginning with the 2020 tax year for the purpose of acquisition, planning, development, operation, maintenance and protection of the park system; and

WHEREAS, that renewal tax levy will be first levied and extended on the Park District's 2020 tax list and duplicate for collection in calendar year 2021 and will continue to be levied and extended on the tax list through tax year 2027 for last collection in calendar year 2028; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 20-04-029 adopted on April 29, 2020, a note in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,300,000, dated May 7, 2020, was issued for the purpose of construction of a new Wildlife Conservation Center, which note will mature on December 4, 2020 (the "Outstanding Notes"); and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined to issue new notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000, to retire, together with other amounts available to the Board, the principal amount of the Outstanding Notes on their maturity date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Stark County Park District, County of Stark, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. It is hereby declared necessary, in anticipation of the collection of certain taxes authorized to be levied in the Park District as hereinbefore recited and the issuance of any subsequent refunding obligations, that this Board may determine to issue from time to time for the same purpose notes of the Stark County Park District, in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000, for the purpose of acquiring and improving lands of the Park District. Those notes, subject to the terms and conditions herein contained, shall be issued in one installment.

Section 2. The notes shall bear interest at a single rate per year not to exceed 5% per year, payable at maturity, until the principal amount is paid or provided for, with such rate of interest to be fixed by the Park Director in his certificate awarding the notes at private sale in accordance with Section 4 hereof (the "Certificate of Award"); shall be dated as of the date of their issuance; shall mature one year from the date of issuance, provided that the Park Director may, if it is determined to be necessary or advisable to the sale of the notes, establish a maturity date that is any date not later than one year from the date of issuance by setting forth that date in the Certificate of Award; and shall be issued in such numbers and denominations as shall be requested by the purchaser thereof and approved by the Park Director of this Board, provided that the entire principal amount may be represented by a single note.

• **Reference 94**

Section 3. The notes shall be signed by at least three members of this Board, provided that two of those signatures may be a facsimile; shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America or in Federal Reserve funds of the United States of America at the main office of a bank or trust company with an office in Ohio selected by the Park Director and determined by him to be such that the payment at that bank or trust company will not endanger the funds or securities of the Park District and that proper procedures and safeguards are available for that purpose (the Paying Agent); and shall express upon their faces, in summary terms, the purpose for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to this Resolution. If agreed to by the original purchaser, the Notes shall be prepayable in whole or in part without penalty or premium at the option of the Park District at any one or more times prior to maturity (each a Prepayment Date) as provided in this Resolution. Prepayment prior to maturity shall be made by deposit with the Paying Agent of the portion of the principal amount of the Notes to be prepaid on the Prepayment Date, together with interest accrued on such amount to the Prepayment Date. The Park District's right of prepayment shall be exercised by mailing a notice of prepayment, stating the Prepayment Date, the amount to be prepaid and the name and address of the Paying Agent, by certified or registered mail to the original purchaser and to the Paying Agent not less than seven days prior to the Prepayment Date. If money for prepayment is on deposit with the Paying Agent on the Prepayment Date following the giving of that notice, interest on the principal amount prepaid shall cease to accrue on the Prepayment Date. The Park Director may request the original purchaser to use its best efforts to arrange for the delivery of the Notes at the designated office of the Paying Agent for prepayment, surrender and cancellation.

Section 4. The notes shall be awarded and sold at private sale for not less than the principal amount thereof in accordance with Sections 1, 2 and 3 hereof; and the Park Director is hereby authorized and directed to determine the interest rate that the notes will bear in accordance with Section 2 hereof, to make any other designations required in connection therewith and herewith and to deliver the notes, when executed, to said purchaser upon payment of such purchase price. The Park Director, the Secretary of this Board and any member of this Board, as appropriate, are each authorized and directed to sign any transcript certificates, financial statements and other documents and instruments and to take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to consummate the transaction contemplated by this Resolution. The proceeds from the sale of the notes, except any premium and accrued interest, shall be paid into the proper fund and used for the purpose for which the notes are being issued under the provisions of this Resolution and are hereby appropriated for that purpose. Any premium or accrued interest received from such sale shall be transferred to the bond retirement fund of the Park District to be applied to the payment of the principal and interest of the notes in the manner provided by law.

Section 5. This Board covenants that it will use, and will restrict the use and investment of, the proceeds of the notes in such manner and to such extent, as may be necessary so that (a) the notes will not (i) constitute private activity bonds, arbitrage bonds or hedge bonds under Sections 141, 148 or 149 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code) or (ii) be treated other than as bonds to which Section 103 of the Code applies, and (b) the interest on the notes will not be an item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code.

This Board further covenants that (a) it will take or cause to be taken such actions that may be required of it for the interest on the notes to be and remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, (b) it will not take or authorize to be taken any actions that would adversely affect that exclusion, and (c) it, or persons acting for it, will, among other acts of compliance, (i) apply the proceeds of the notes to the governmental purpose of the borrowing, (ii) restrict the yield on investment property, (iii) make timely and adequate payments to the federal government, (iv) maintain books and records and make calculations and reports and (v) refrain from certain uses of those proceeds, and, as applicable, of property financed with such proceeds, all in such manner and to the extent necessary to assure such exclusion of that interest under the Code.

The Park Director, the Secretary of this Board, or any member of this Board having responsibility for issuance of the notes is hereby authorized (a) to make or effect any election, selection, designation (including specifically designation or treatment of the Notes as “qualified tax-exempt obligations”), choice, consent, approval, or waiver on behalf of this Board with respect to the notes, as the Board is permitted to or required to make or give under the federal income tax laws, for the purpose of assuring, enhancing or protecting favorable tax treatment or status of the notes or interest thereon or assisting compliance with requirements for that purpose, reducing the burden or expense of such compliance, reducing the rebate amount or payments or penalties, or making payments of special amounts in lieu of making computations to determine, or paying, excess earnings as rebate, or obviating those amounts or payments, as determined by that officer, which action shall be in writing and signed by the officer, (b) to take any and all other actions, make or obtain calculations, make payments, and make or give reports, covenants and certifications of and on behalf of the Board, as may be appropriate to assure the exclusion of interest from gross income and the intended tax status of the notes, and (c) to give one or more appropriate certificates of the Board for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings for the notes, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the Board regarding the amount and use of all the proceeds of the notes, the facts, circumstances and estimates on which they are based, and other facts and circumstances relevant to the tax treatment of the interest on and the tax status of the notes.

Each covenant made in this Section with respect to the notes is also made with respect to all issues any portion of the debt service on which is paid from proceeds of the notes (and, if different, the original issue and any refunding issues in a series of refundings), to the extent such compliance is necessary to assure exclusion of interest on the notes from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and the officers identified above are authorized to take actions with respect to those issues as they are authorized in this Section to take with respect to the notes.

Section 6. The proceeds from the sale of the notes in an amount not exceeding their principal amount are hereby appropriated for the purpose for which the notes are issued; any proceeds of the notes in excess of their principal amount shall be deposited in the bond retirement fund of the Park District. The amount to be received from the sale of the refunding bonds or notes anticipated by the notes herein authorized and any excess funds resulting from the issuance of the notes, shall, to the extent necessary, be used for the retirement of the notes at maturity, together with interest thereon, and are hereby pledged for such purpose.

Section 7. During the year or years while the notes are to run, the 1.00 mill levy approved by the electors of the Park District on April 28, 2020, anticipated by the notes and described in the preambles to this Resolution, shall be and the same is hereby levied on all the taxable property in the Park District at least to the extent required to pay principal of and interest on the notes and any refunding notes or bonds. That tax is a direct tax which shall be annually not less than that which would have been levied if the long-term refunding bonds had been issued without the prior issuance of the notes, which is the interest and sinking fund tax required by Section 11 of Article XII, Ohio Constitution. That tax shall be and is ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers, in the same manner and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of said years are certified, levied, extended and collected. To the extent required for the payment of the notes and any refunding notes or bonds, that tax shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. This Board covenants that it will levy that tax for collection in each of the years the notes or any refunding notes or bonds are outstanding, and the funds derived from that tax in an amount required to pay the principal of and interest on the notes or any refunding notes or bonds, shall be placed in a separate fund that shall be a bond retirement fund, which, together with all interest collected on the same, shall be irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the notes or any refunding notes or bonds in anticipation of which they are issued, when and as the same fall due. The

- **Reference 96**

proceeds of the anticipated tax levy are to be applied to the extent required to the payment of the principal of and interest on the notes or any refunding notes or bonds as they come due. The amounts of the annual proceeds of the anticipated tax levy required to pay that principal and interest in each year are deemed to be appropriated to pay that principal and interest and shall be so applied; this Board covenants that it will give effect to that appropriation, to the extent stated above, in resolutions it hereafter adopts appropriating money for expenditure or encumbrance in each of the years in which the notes or any refunding notes or bonds mature.

Section 8. It is determined that all acts, conditions and things necessary to be done precedent to and in the issuing of the notes in order to make them legal, valid and binding special obligations of the Park District have happened and have been done and performed in regular and due form as required by law and that the amount of indebtedness to be incurred by the issuance of the notes does not exceed any limitation of indebtedness as fixed by law.

Section 9. The Secretary of this Board is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Auditor and the Treasurer of Stark County.

Section 10. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 11. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Denise Freeland seconded the motion.

Upon roll call on the adoption of the resolution, the vote was as follows:

Andy Hayden – aye Denise Freeland – aye
Bill Bryan – aye Pat Quick – aye

The foregoing is a true and correct excerpt from the minutes of the meeting on November 4, 2020, of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Stark County Park District, showing the adoption of the resolution hereinabove set forth.

Dated: November 4, 2020

Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners,
Stark County Park District, Ohio

DISCUSSION:

B. Wells stated the note is due December 4, 2020. That is why we are quoting the note now, rather than at the December meeting. The Park Board will get the final information next month to sign.

MOTION CARRIED on a roll call vote as follows:

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

• **Reference 97**

C. RESOLUTION: #20-11-072: Project Additions for Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Funding

WHEREAS, the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners approved the Request of Funds from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Designation of Projects for Ohio Parks District Roadwork Fund FY 2020-2021 through the Ohio Parks & Recreation Association (OPRA) with Resolution #19-05-047; and

WHEREAS, ODOT requires a list of projects for the two year period be submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Stark County Park District recommended the parking lot at Deer Creek and the parking lot at the Fry Park Visitor Center for paving funds; and

WHEREAS, funds are remaining in the 2020-2021 allocation after the completion of the Deer Creek and Fry Park Visitor Center parking lots in the amount of Eighty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars and Sixty One Cents (\$89,292.61); and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Operations Manager to fund the maintenance of parking lots at Petros Lake Park and Walborn Reservoir with the remaining funds; and

WHEREAS, a cost for the maintenance through the state bid system has been determined to be Eighty One Thousand Dollars (\$81,000.00); and

WHEREAS, a balance of Eight Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Two Dollars and Sixty One Cents (\$8,292.61) would remain in the allocation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to reallocate Eighty One Thousand Dollars (\$81,000.00) to the maintenance of Petros Lake Park and Walborn Reservoir Parking lots from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) funds.

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

DISCUSSION:

- R. Fonte stated the projects addition are the Walborn Parking lot and entrance of Petros Lake Park
- A. Hayden asked what was being done at the entrance of Petros Lake Park
- R. Fonte stated it was to repair a low spot that holds water at the entrance

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

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

D. RESOLUTION: #20-11-073: 2020 Tam O'Shanter Menu and Pricing

WHEREAS, the 2020 Tam O'Shanter Menu and Pricing is attached as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to adopt the 2020 Tam O'Shanter Menu and Pricing attached as Exhibit A.

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

DISCUSSION:

- B. Wells stated we need to have pricing in place prior to holding any events at Tam O'Shanter. The liquor control board is inspecting tomorrow
- R. Fonte stated that the Park District is trying to protect the license until we can get a vendor to run it under contract
- A. Hayden asked about cut off times for serving alcohol
- B. Wells stated there are no Sunday sales and we are governed by any state laws

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Denise Freeland, Bill Bryan, Quick, Andy Hayden

- **Reference 98**

9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. 2020 Project List & Budget

DISCUSSION:

None

B. Director's Report

R. Fonte stated the following regarding updates to the written report:

- The October 19 meeting with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) was regarding the right-of-way of the design and friendly sale for the Minerva Bridge
- The October 22 was about additional funding from Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS) for the Jackson Tunnel project

A. Hayden gave a kudos to the marketing department regarding recent social media posts. He further asked about the Iron Horse Trail and how it connects to Deer Creek Reservoir.

R. Fonte stated the Iron Horse Trail connects with the Mahoning Valley Trail through Earlys Hill Park and extends through the Mount Union Campus to Cenfield

R. Fonte further stated he just returned back from vacation and he stopped on his way back at a park in North Carolina to view some adventure structures recommended for the adventure course at Tam O'Shanter

A. Hayden asked how he came across the vendor in North Carolina

R. Fonte stated that the company was one that was phone interviewed and he coordinated visiting on his way back from vacation

D. Freeland asked what types of things they had

R. Fonte stated climbing, zip lines, huge swing, and giant jungle gym. The visit gave him a good framework for what we can afford to put in versus the footprint. We will work closely with Visit Canton to make sure we are not duplicating/in competition with any other plans in the area, specifically the Hall of Fame Village

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED, to adjourn into Executive Session at 2:56 p.m. to consider the purchase of property for public purposes.

D. Freeland moved to adopt this motion, which was SECONDED by B. Bryan

MOTION CARRIED on a roll call vote as follows:

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

11. RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED to reconvene to Regular Session at 3:01 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED to adjourn at 3:02 p.m. Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Exploration Gateway at Sippo Lake Park.

D. Freeland MOVED to adjourn the meeting, which was SECONDED by P. Quick

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Denise Freeland, Bill Bryan, Pat Quick

APPROVAL DATE: December 1, 2020

ATTEST:

Andy Hayden, Chairperson
Stark County Park Commission

• **Reference 99**

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

Corianne Kocarek/ Clerk to the Board
Stark County Park District

- ***Reference 100***