

Stark County Park District Park Board – Special Meeting Minutes
Exploration Gateway at Sippo Lake Park, 5712 12th St. NW, Canton, OH 44708
January 19, 2022
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(AGENDA ITEM: 3)

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – The special meeting of the Stark County Park Commission was called to order by Denise Freeland at 3:00 p.m.

A. Roll Call of Members:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Denise Freeland, Bill Bryan, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick, David Regula

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Barbara Wells, Finance Manager

Sarah Buell, Projects & Administration Manager

Corianne Kocarek, Clerk to the Board

GUESTS PRESENT:

Robert Wang, Canton Repository

B. Adoption of Agenda

D. Regula MOVED to adopt the agenda, which was SECONDED by R. Dublikar

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Denise Freeland, Bill Bryan, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick, David Regula

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION: #22-01-019: Jackson Tunnel Project 110429: Request to Proceed – Construction Estimate Change

WHEREAS, the Stark County Park District (SCPD) was allocated Seven Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Six Dollars (\$758,956.00) in Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS) Federal Funding for construction and inspection of the Jackson Connector Trail-Tunnel; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)'s original Ellis estimate for the local share of construction and inspection costs was Eight Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Fifty-Five Dollars and Seventy Five Cents (\$898,055.75); and

WHEREAS, ODOT Central Office has recently completed the state's estimate and due to recent price increases in paint, concrete and steel materials, the local share of the construction estimate has increased by Four Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$427,380.25) for a total local share of construction and inspection costs of One Million Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (\$1,325,436.00); and

WHEREAS, the total estimated construction and inspection costs for the Jackson Connector Trail-Tunnel is Two Million Eighty Four Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Two Dollars (\$2,084,392.00); and

WHEREAS, SCPD partners in the Jackson Connector Trail-Tunnel: Jackson Township Trustees and the Board of Education of the Jackson Local School District, will share equally in the increase and must commit in order for ODOT to let the project on schedule on March 17, 2022; and

• **Reference 13**

WHEREAS, SCPD has requested that the Jackson Township Trustees and the Board of Education of the Jackson Local School District commit to the updated share of the construction and inspection costs of Four Hundred Forty-One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twelve Dollars (\$441,812.00) from each partner for the Jackson Connector Trail-Tunnel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to allocate One Million Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (\$1,325,436.00) for the ODOT invoice, pending approval by the Jackson Township Trustees and the Board of Education of the Jackson Local School District for a funding commitment of Four Hundred Forty-One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twelve Dollars (\$441,812.00) from each partner for the Jackson Connector Trail-Tunnel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to authorize the Park Director, Robert A. Fonte to approve and execute the Local Public Agency (LPA) agreement for construction and inspection for the Jackson Connector Trail-Tunnel in the amount of Two Million Eighty Four Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Two Dollars (\$2,084,392.00) pending approval for legal form and sufficiency by Attorney William Morris.

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

DISCUSSION:

S. Buell stated that due to recent price increases in paint, concrete and steel materials, the local share of the construction estimate has increased from Central Office. The Park District is working with ODOT because we have a Transportation Alternatives (TA) grant. The process is that the initial estimate was given by the consultant ms Consultants and is entered into ODOT's ELLIS system. Before the project is let for construction, ODOT Central Office updates the estimate and invoices the project sponsor for their share. The Park District received that update last week and the local share of construction increased from \$898,055.75 to \$1,325,436.00. Construction costs for the project were to be split among the three partners. The project will bid March 17, 2022. If the low bid is higher than ODOTs estimate by over 10%, the bids can be thrown out and re-bid the or we can pay the difference and will need to decide this within one week. The partners have been cooperative but we are waiting on their boards' support to commit to the increase.

B. Bryan clarified that the difference between the total project cost of \$2,084,392.00 and the TA funds is the \$1,325,436.00 and the Park District is responsible for one-third of the \$1,325,436.00.

R. Fonte agreed with B. Bryan and stated that the project would not move forward until the Park District sends a check.

S. Buell stated that the Park District has also requested additional funding from Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS) for Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding. The Park District is also waiting to hear if a Clean Ohio Trail fund grant is being received for \$500,000.00.

R. Dublikar clarified that the Park District would write the check to ODOT for the \$1,325,436.00 and we would be reimbursed for \$441,812.00 from each partner.

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Denise Freeland, Bill Bryan, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick, David Regula

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED, to reconvene into Executive Session at 3:14 p.m. to consider the employment of a public employee.

D. Regula moved to adopt this motion, which was SECONDED by P. Quick

MOTION CARRIED on a roll call vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Denise Freeland, Bill Bryan, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick, David Regula

5. RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED to reconvene to Regular Session at 4:00 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Denise Freeland, Bill Bryan, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick, David Regula

6. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED to adjourn at 4:01 p.m. Next scheduled meeting: February 1, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the Exploration Gateway at Sippo Lake Park.

D. Regula MOVED to adjourn the meeting, which was SECONDED by B. Bryan

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

Voting Aye: Denise Freeland, Bill Bryan, Ralph Dublikar, Pat Quick, David Regula

APPROVAL DATE: February 1, 2022

ATTEST:

Denise Freeland, Chairperson
Stark County Park Commission

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

Corianne Kocarek/Clerk to the Board
Stark County Park District

- **Reference 15**