

Stark County Park District Park Board – Special Meeting Minutes
Teleconference Via Live Streaming
March 22, 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 10:00 am

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, Financial Manager

Sarah Buell, Projects & Administration Manager

Victoria Nickl, Clerk to the Board

Emily Rindfleisch, Alternate Clerk to the Board

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

B. Adoption of Agenda

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

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

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

**2. NEW BUSINESS: RESOLUTION: #22-03-035: Clean Ohio Trail Fund Grant Acceptance:
Jackson Connector Trail-Tunnel Under Fulton Road**

WHEREAS, the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners approved Resolution #21-02-019 authorizing the Park Director to apply for grant funding for a Clean Ohio Trails Fund (COTF) grant, administered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) for the Jackson Connector Trail-Tunnel Under Fulton Road Project; and

WHEREAS, the maximum grant funding available through the COTF is Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to accept the grant funds and execute the grant agreements with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the Jackson Connector Trail-Tunnel Under Fulton Road Project, in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to amend the 2022 Budget by an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) for the completion of the Jackson Connector Trail-Tunnel Under Fulton Road Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to authorize the Park Director to enter into a grant agreement with Ohio Department of Natural Resources and to sign/execute any paperwork necessary to complete the Jackson Connector Trail-Tunnel Under Fulton Road Project, pending approval by Attorney, William F. Morris for legal form and sufficiency.

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

DISCUSSION:

- B. Bryan asked B. Fonte to provide a summary update.
- B. Fonte said the Parks received the much-anticipated grant and would not need to request additional funds from the other partners to award the project, therefore we do not need approval from the partners involved. He is excited to move forward with this project.
- B. Bryan asked for an approximate date of construction.
- B. Fonte said construction will start in June 2022, with the goal of the project being finished before the next school year starts.

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

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

2. NEW BUSINESS: RESOLUTION: #22-03-036: Jackson Tunnel Project 110429: Request to Proceed

WHEREAS, the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners passed Resolution # 22-01-019 authorizing the Park Director to approve and execute the Local Public Agency (LPA) agreement for construction and inspection for the Jackson Connector Trail-Tunnel Project in the amount of Two Million Eighty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$2,084,392.00); and

WHEREAS, the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners passed Resolution # 22-03-029 authorizing the Park Director to approve and execute the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Final Participatory Legislation for the Jackson Connector Trail-Tunnel Project; and

WHEREAS, ODOT Central Office has publicly bid the project and the revised total construction and inspection estimates for the Jackson Connector Trail-Tunnel Project is Two Million Two Hundred and Four Thousand Thirty Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$2,204,030.45); and

WHEREAS, ODOT's revised construction and inspection estimate will require Stark Parks to contribute additional funds as directed by ODOT in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars and Forty Cents (\$142,289.40).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to allocate an amount not to exceed One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars and Forty Cents (\$142,289.40) for the revised construction and inspection of the Jackson Connector Trail-Tunnel Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to authorize the transfer of funds in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars and Forty Cents (\$142,289.40) from Project Unallocated (072.28.0000.65000) to Capital Outlay-Infrastructure (072.28.1013.65500) for the revised construction and inspection of the Jackson Connector Trail-Tunnel Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to authorize Robert A. Fonte, Park Director, to sign/execute the necessary paperwork to complete the Jackson Connector Trail-Tunnel Project.

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

DISCUSSION:

- B. Fonte mentioned that the contribution of additional funds is required by ODOT and that ODOT will be administering the project.

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

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

3. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED to adjourn at 10:04 am.

Next scheduled meeting: April 5, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Exploration Gateway at Sippo Lake Park.

R. Dublikar 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: April 5, 2022

ATTEST:

Denise Freeland, Chairperson
Stark County Park Commission

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

Victoria Nickl/Clerk to the Board
Stark County Park District