

FStark County Park District Park Board – Regular Meeting Minutes
Exploration Gateway at Sippo Lake Park, 5712 12th St. NW, Canton, OH 44708
April 5, 2022
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(AGENDA ITEM: 4)

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – The regular meeting of the Stark County Park Commission was called to order by Denise Freeland at 5:30 p.m.

A. Roll Call of Members

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert A. Fonte, Park Director
Daniel Moeglin, Executive Director/Secretary to the Board
Derek Gordon, Deputy Director
Barbara Wells, Financial Manager
Victoria Nickl, Staff Accountant
Justin Laps, Chief
Rick Summers, Operations Manager
Sarah Buell, Projects & Administration Manager
Steve Smith, Enterprises Supervisor
David Green, Education Manager
Emily Rindfleisch, Projects Assistant
Mark Walker, Mechanic

GUESTS PRESENT:

Michael Miller, Village of Brewster
Megan Summers

B. Adoption of Agenda

D. Regula 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, David Regula, Bill Bryan

2. STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

All present staff members introduced themselves by name and title

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WHEREAS, minutes from the March 1, 2022 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 March 1, 2022 Regular Park Board meeting as submitted.

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

DISCUSSION: None

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

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

WHEREAS, minutes from the March 4, 2022 Special 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 March 4, 2022 Special Park Board meeting as submitted.

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

DISCUSSION: None

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

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

WHEREAS, minutes from the March 10, 2022 Special 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 March 10, 2022 Special Park Board meeting as submitted.

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

DISCUSSION: None

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

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

WHEREAS, minutes from the March 22, 2022 Special 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 March 22, 2022 Special Park Board meeting as submitted.

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

DISCUSSION: None

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

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

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

WHEREAS, the monthly Financial Report and Summary Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2022 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 February 28, 2022 as submitted.

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

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

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

6. APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS AND BILLS

WHEREAS, copies of payroll and bills for the month of February 28, 2022 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 February 28, 2022 as submitted.

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

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

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

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Informational: Upcoming Events

DISCUSSION:

- B. Bryan mentioned great event attendance last year and wondered about this year's attendance
- R. Fonte noted there was a 160% increase in attendance, but has not checked on this lately
- R. Summers mentioned using the amount of trash collected as a measure of attendance
- R. Fonte stated the Parks has purchased trail traffic counters
- S. Buell said the last year for a count was in 2015 and, with only 5 trail traffic counters, it will be difficult to measure the traffic at all parks

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION: #22-04-037: Transition of Leadership

WHEREAS, the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners by Resolution#: 22-03-034 appointed Daniel J. Moeglin as the Executive Director of the Stark County Park District; and

WHEREAS, the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners desires to transfer all previously approved and authorized authority from Robert A. Fonte, Park Director, to Daniel J. Moeglin, Executive Director, to take effect immediately with the passage of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to transfer all previously approved and authorized authority (to include service as Secretary for the Board of Park Commissioners) from Robert A. Fonte, Park Director, to Daniel J. Moeglin, Executive Director, effective immediately with the passage of this resolution.

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

DISCUSSION:

- D. Freeland noted this resolution had been updated to include D. Moeglin's full name
- B. Wells stated there is no longer a need for bonds as the Parks is covered under Public Entities Pool (PEP) of Ohio's 'Faithful Performance' policy, so they will be canceled on April 8, 2022
- The Parks will also be updating the Board Constitution and By-Laws, and then they will be reviewed by Attorney William Morris

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

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

B. RESOLUTION: #22-04-038: Appointment of a Representative and an Alternate to the Stark County Regional Planning Commission

WHEREAS, the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners by Resolution: #14-01-006 entered into a Resolution of Cooperation with Stark County Regional Planning Commission (SCRPC); and

WHEREAS, the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners in accordance with said Resolution shall appoint a representative and an alternate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to appoint Daniel J. Moeglin, Executive Director, the Park District representative and Derek Gordon, Deputy Director, as the alternate.

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

DISCUSSION:

- R. Fonte stated this is a routine resolution done yearly

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

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

C. RESOLUTION: #22-04-039: Appointment of Alternate(s) to Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS) Policy Committee

WHEREAS, the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners authorized signing a Resolution of Cooperation with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission with Resolution: #14-01-006; and

WHEREAS, the Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS) Policy Committee is a sub-division of the Stark County Regional Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the SCATS Policy Committee is comprised of county officials, mayors, a township representative and representatives from Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (SARTA), the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair and the Citizens' Advisory Council (CAC) Vice-Chair; and

WHEREAS, the SCATS Policy Committee is responsible for the basic non-technical policies, adopting the Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program and approving the budget; and

WHEREAS, the SCATS Policy Committee revised their policy to include the Stark County Park District as a member and designated the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners Chairperson as a voting representative to the SCATS Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, The SCATS policy allows for the appointment of an alternate(s) to attend meetings and vote on behalf of the designated voting member.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to appoint Daniel J. Moeglin, Executive Director, as first alternate to the Park Board Chairperson and to appoint Derek Gordon, Deputy Director, as second alternate to the Park Board Chairperson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to authorize the Daniel J. Moeglin, Executive Director to sign/execute any documents necessary for the continued membership to the Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS) Policy Committee.

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

DISCUSSION:

- R. Fonte stated this is a routine resolution done yearly, and that SCATS is a sub-committee under the Stark County Regional Planning Commission (RPC)

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

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

D. RESOLUTION: #22-04-040: Stark Council of Governments (SCOG) Representation

WHEREAS, the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners authorized an agreement to join Stark Council of Governments (SCOG) with Resolution: #99-014; and

WHEREAS, as a Member of the Stark County Council of Governments (SCOG) the Board of Park Commissioners is entitled to at least one (1) representative but no more than three (3) representatives; and

WHEREAS, if the Board of Park Commissioners appoints more than one (1) representative they must advise SCOG of the respective voting authority of the representatives in accordance with the "By Law of the Stark Council of Governments" as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to appoint Daniel J. Moeglin, Executive Director, as the Park District representative having full voting authority on behalf of the Stark County Park District and Derek Gordon, Deputy Director, a second representative of the Park District having full voting authority in the Executive Director's absence.

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

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

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

E. RESOLUTION: #22-04-041: Recommendation to Natural Resources Assistance Council

WHEREAS, the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners supported the nomination of Robert A. Fonte, Park Director, to the Natural Resource Assistance Council (NRAC) with Resolution: #01-08-087; and

WHEREAS, the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners supported the re-appointment of Robert A. Fonte, Park Director, to NRAC with Resolution: #02-08-092; and

WHEREAS, being a member of NRAC has been beneficial to the park district; and

WHEREAS, with the retirement of Robert A. Fonte, Director, the Board of Park Commissioners desires to have a representative to NRAC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to recommend Daniel J. Moeglin, Executive Director, to the Natural Resource Assistance Council representing the Park District.

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

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

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

F. RESOLUTION: #22-04-042: Acceptance of Donation: Stark County District Library

WHEREAS, the Stark County District Library-Perry Branch at the Exploration Gateway is undergoing renovations;

WHEREAS, Stark Parks staff expressed interest in a variety of millwork and furniture pieces (Exhibit A) that are no longer needed by the library.

WHEREAS, the Stark County District Library would like to donate a variety of millwork and furniture to further the life of these items for public use and for our continued partnership (Exhibit B).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to accept the donation of the variety of millwork and furniture pieces (Exhibit A) from the Stark County District Library to further the life of these items for public use and for our continued partnership (Exhibit B).

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

DISCUSSION:

- B. Bryan asked for a summary of this resolution
- R. Fonte stated that, due to the Library's renovation, there was some furniture to be disposed
- D. Gordon described the furniture as heavy-duty shelving that was no longer useful to the Library, so they decided to offer it to Operations, and Operations agreed to re-use this furniture

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

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

G. RESOLUTION: #22-04-043: Obsolete Equipment

WHEREAS, Rick Summers, Operations Manager, and Mark Walker, Mechanic, recommend to scrap a piece of equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Aquatic Plant Harvester (MISC-3, Serial #LV039) is obsolete and inoperable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to authorize Rick Summers, Operations Manager, to scrap the Aquatic Plant Harvester (MISC-3, Serial #LV039) which is obsolete and inoperable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to authorize the removal of the Aquatic Plant Harvester (MISC-3, Serial #LV039) from the Stark County Park District insurance and inventory.

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

DISCUSSION:

- R. Fonte stated that this resolution was done a year ago by the Board but it had lapsed
- D. Regula asked what is a plant harvester
- M. Walker replied that it is a ‘weed’ harvester that is used in the lake, much like a pontoon boat with paddles
- R. Fonte called it a “lawnmower for the lake;” it is not practical anymore and is expensive to maintain
- D. Regula asked if young people are hired to mow the parks
- R. Summers replied that it has been difficult to find a temporary staffing company to partner with for mowing services
- D. Regula asked if all new employees are required to undergo safety training/programs
- R. Summers replied that employees are required to train with a Crew Leader until deemed proficient, and that they also undergo standard eye, ear, helmet, chainsaw chaps, etc. training
- B. Bryan asked if Operations reviews OSHA lost-time stats
- R. Summers replied that Human Resources tracks this data and B. Wells stated there has been no lost time this year
- D. Regula asked how hard the Parks are on their equipment
- M. Walker replied that Operations is hard on all of their equipment as none of the equipment in use is meant for such heavy-duty operations

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

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

H. RESOLUTION: #22-04-044: 2022 Department Project Revisions – Equipment Purchases

WHEREAS, the 2022 Project List & Budget was approved by the Stark County Park District Board of Commissioners by resolution #22-02-022 on February 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Operations Departmental Projects includes three (3) separate projects for equipment purchase; and

Project #13 – Sickle Bar Attachment
Approved Budget = \$9,450.00

Project #14 – Swing Boom Mower
Approved Budget = \$10,077.00

Project #15 – Brush Hog for Skid Steer
Approved Budget = \$7,133.00

WHEREAS, Rick Summers, Operations Manager, started the purchasing process for the equipment and the previous approved budgets/quotes for the sickle bar attachment, swig boom mower, and the brush hog for the skid steer have incurred price increases; and

WHEREAS, the quotes for the chipper were below the budget and Rick Summers, Operations Manager, is recommending reallocating an amount not to exceed Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) from the Chipper Project keeping the operations departmental projects within budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to reallocate an amount not to exceed Seven Thousand Dollars from the Chipper Project to the Sickle Bar Attachment Project, the Swing Boom Mower Project, and the Brush Hog Project.

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

DISCUSSION:

- B. Bryan asked if Operations submits a list of what equipment is needed each year
- R. Summers replied that yes, a project list is submitted in the Fall, but by the February Board meeting when such list is reviewed and approved, the quotes and prices for equipment often change
- M. Walker noted that the sickle bar attachment is a “game changer” due to its 12-foot reach, while the swing boom mower attachment has only a 9-foot reach

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

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

I. RESOLUTION: #22-04-045: City of Alliance and Kenmore Construction Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): Trail Crossing at Mahoning Valley Trail

WHEREAS, the Kenmore Construction Co. Inc., a contractor of the City of Alliance, desires to cross the Mahoning Valley Trail as part of a Wastewater Treatment Plan Construction Project; and

WHEREAS, the Stark County Park District seeks to limit the location of the trail-crossing and limit the time the trail will be closed set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding attached as Exhibit C; and

WHEREAS, Stark County Park District, the City of Alliance, and Kenmore Construction seek to ensure the safety of park patrons and long-term sustainability of the Mahoning Valley Trail surface.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to authorize Daniel J. Moeglin, Executive Director, to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding attached as Exhibit C and allow Kenmore Construction to complete the City of Alliance’s Wastewater Treatment Plan Construction Project by crossing the Mahoning Valley Trail in Alliance.

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

DISCUSSION:

- S. Buell stated that they need to repair the trail to pre-existing conditions and ensure the trail doesn’t get torn up

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

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

J. RESOLUTION: #22-04-046: Easement and Right-of-Way Services: Ohio Power Company

WHEREAS, it has been determined the Ohio Power Company desires an easement and right-of-way license (Exhibit D) for current and future energy or communications purposes from the Stark County Park District for Parcel No. 5280423, south of Martindale Road and part of the Middle Branch Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Stark County Park District will agree to Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) as full compensation for the easement and right-of-way (Exhibit E).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to authorize the easement and right-of-way agreement (Exhibit D) with Ohio Power Company for Parcel No. 5280423, south of Martindale Road and part of the Middle Branch Trail in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) (Exhibit E).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to authorize Daniel J. Moeglin, Executive Director, to sign/execute the necessary paperwork to complete the easement and right-of-way agreement.

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

DISCUSSION:

- B. Bryan asked where this easement is located
- S. Buell responded that it is located on Martindale

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

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

K. RESOLUTION: #22-04-047: 2022 Project List & Budget Revision: Crystal Springs Trailhead Improvements and Grant Acceptance

WHEREAS, the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners approved Resolution #21-12-080 authorizing the Park Director to apply for grant funding for trailhead improvements and historical interpretation at Crystal Springs Trailhead; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio & Erie Canalway Association (OECA) has approved Fifty Percent (50%) of our original request for a grant award of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the revised project costs (Exhibit F) for trailhead improvements and interpretation at Crystal Springs Trailhead is Seventy Six Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Eight Dollars (\$76,178.00); and

WHEREAS, OECA requires a Sixty-Seven Percent (67%) or 2:1 funding match for each project which equates to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the match funds will be made up of Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Two Dollars (\$23,822.00) with in-kind labor and donated equipment and Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Eight Dollars (\$26,178.00) in park funds for a total match of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00); and

WHEREAS, OECA has indicated their willingness to phase this project and accept an additional request for consideration in 2023 with no guarantee that our request will be funded at that time

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to accept the Twenty Five Thousand Dollar (\$25,000.00) grant conditioned on the Ohio & Erie Canalway Association accepting the revised budget attached as Exhibit F for the Crystal Springs Trailhead Improvements Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Stark County District Board of Park Commissioners to amend, certify and appropriate the 2022 Budget by an amount not to exceed Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) from the Ohio & Erie Canalway Association for the complete of the Crystal Springs Trailhead Improvements Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Stark County District Board of Park Commissioners to authorize the allocation of Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Eight Dollars (\$26,178.00) from the Project Fund-Unallocated for the cash funds to complete of the Crystal Springs Trailhead Improvements Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to authorize Daniel J. Moeglin, Executive Director, to enter into a grant agreement with Ohio & Erie Canalway Association and to sign/execute any paperwork necessary to complete the Crystal Springs Trailhead Improvements Project pending approval by Attorney, William F. Morris for legal form and sufficiency.

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

DISCUSSION:

- B. Bryan asked the location of this trailhead
- R. Fonte replied that it is on the Towpath Trail, part of the Ohio & Erie Canalway with "Towpath Stories," and is a historic bridge that will have interpretive signage
- B. Bryan said this is a fantastic idea

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

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

L. RESOLUTION: #22-04-048: Mindfulness Walk Dedication

WHEREAS, the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners committed to partnering with Stark Mental Health and Recovery (SMHAR) on the construction, marketing and signage of the Mindfulness Walk at Petros Lake Park with Resolution # 19-03-028; and

WHEREAS, the Stark County Park Board of Park Commissioners desires to honor Robert A. Fonte for his twenty-seven (27) years of dedicated service, serving as Park Director for the Stark County Park District; and

WHEREAS, the Stark County Park Board of Park Commissioners proposes that the walk be dedicated as the “Robert A. Fonte Mindfulness Walk” and be designated with a plaque (Exhibit G) at the walk site; and

WHEREAS, SMHAR is in support of the dedication; and

WHEREAS, the approved 2022 Project List & Budget includes sufficient funds in the Park & Trail Amenities & Signage Project for the plaque designating the walk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to officially dedicate the Mindfulness Walk at Petros Lake Park as the “Robert A. Fonte Mindfulness Walk”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to approve the use of the Park & Trail Amenities & Signage Project listed on the 2022 Project List & Budget to purchase and install a plaque (Exhibit G) in Robert A. Fonte’s honor at the site of the Mindfulness Walk at Petros Lake Park.

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

DISCUSSION:

- R. Fonte expressed his thanks and appreciation for this honor

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

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

9. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

A. 2022 Project List & Budget

B. Director’s Report

- R. Fonte stated that there is land being offered to the Parks
 - The first donation is through an estate and consists of 1 mile of land in Washington Township that lies along a railroad
 - The second donation is through Joseph J. Sommer’s estate (1/4th of his estate), of which the value is not yet known
 - These donations cannot yet be accepted until the rules of the trusts are followed, and they will come through Friends of Stark Parks
 - A resolution will be needed for Executive Director Daniel Moeglin to authorize this acceptance

RESOLUTION: #22-04-049: Release and Refunding Agreement-Joseph J. Sommers Remainder Unitrust

WHEREAS, the Stark County Park District has been gifted a donation through Joseph J. Sommers’ Charitable Remainder Unitrust upon his passing; and

WHEREAS, Huntington Private Bank served as the trustee of the Joseph J. Sommers’ Charitable Remainder Unitrust; and

WHEREAS, due diligence requires the Stark County Park District to review the provisions of the Unitrust as well as the statements of the trust regarding assets and transactions, receipts and disbursements, while Huntington Private Bank has served as trustee; and

WHEREAS, a Release and Refunding Agreement is needed for Huntington Private Bank’s distribution of the Unitrust upon termination; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stark County Park District Board of Park Commissioners to authorize Daniel J. Moeglin, Executive Director to a sign the Release and Refunding Agreement pending approval to legal form and sufficiency by William Morris, Esq.

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

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

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

- R. Fonte also gave an update on the eagle nest and provided photos for viewing
- R. Fonte stated the transition is going well and is excited to turn over the keys to the new Directors
- D. Moeglin thanked R. Fonte for a smooth transition, and appreciates his insights
 - The overall plan is to wrap up day-to-day interaction with R. Fonte by April 8th, 2022, and he and D. Gordon will consult with R. Fonte via phone when necessary
 - His and D. Gordon’s strategy will be to “divide and elevate;” they will be meeting with the managers of each department in the next two weeks
 - His focus is on continuous improvement
- D. Gordon stated he is looking forward to meeting all the managers soon and thanked R. Fonte for his hospitality
- B. Bryan asked if the next Board meeting could be in the Canalway Center, to which both R. Fonte and B. Wells replied no, because that area is not a rentable space

10. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED to adjourn at 6:25 pm. Next scheduled meeting: May 3, 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 P. Quick

MOTION CARRIED on a vote as follows:

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

APPROVAL DATE: May 3, 2022

ATTEST:

Denise Freeland, Chairperson
Stark County Park Commission

Daniel Moeglin, Executive Director/Secretary to the Board
Stark County Park District

Victoria Nickl/Clerk to the Board
Stark County Park District