

**Sandusky County Park District
Board of Park Commissioners Meeting
August 21st, 2024 Regular Meeting
9:30am at Fremont Rotary Lodge, Don W. Miller Memorial Park
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The Board of Park Commissioners met at Fremont Rotary Lodge, Don W. Miller Memorial Park on August 21st, 2024 at 9:30AM.

Roll Call

Commissioner Moore called the meeting to order at 9:30 am and conducted the roll call showing Commissioners Fails and Moore, and Lawrence were present, Director Andrew Brown and was in attendance. Administrative Supervisor-HR Coordinator Christina Warden had an excused absence.

Recognition of Visitors/Public Participation/Correspondences:

Visitors – None

(1) Motion to accept minutes of the July 17th, 2024 Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Fails and passed unanimously with a vote of 3-yes and 0-no.

Finances

(2) A motion to approve the financial reports was made by Mr. Fails, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and passed unanimously with a vote of 3-yes and 0-no.

Expenditures were approved as presented.

Credit Card Report: Credit card report was available at the meeting.

(3) Resolution 2024-32: Accepting Tax Amounts & Rates for 2025: This annual resolution has been prepared by the Sandusky County Auditor, accepting the tax rate for 2025. The projected tax income is a little less than \$50k more than last years estimated income. A motion to approve Resolution 2024-32 was made by Mr. Fails, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and passed unanimously with a vote of 3-Yes, 0-No.

Audit Committee Report: Nothing to report at this time.

Departmental Reports

Copies of Operations Report are included in the Proceedings of the Board of Park Commissioners Journal.
Program Report Missing.

Unfinished Business

Turnpike Bridge Replacement & NCIT Update: Enclosed is a letter from Park District Attorney Ladd Beck detailing the latest update on the lawsuit between the Netcher Family and the Ohio Turnpike Commission (OTC). Basically, Netcher rejected the Turnpike Commission's offer to purchase the land to construct the replacement bike trail. The OTC then filed a lawsuit to take the Netcher property by eminent domain. Netcher then filed a response disputing the constitutional right to take the property by eminent domain and filed a restraining order to stop the project. That restraining order was denied by the court and Netcher promptly filed an appeal.

New Business

(4) Authorizing Director to Execute an Agreement with Lake Erie Cooperative Weed Management

Area: The enclosed Land Owner Cooperative Agreement with the Lake Erie Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) is for 5 years of invasive species management at Decoy Marsh. The invasive species management is through aerial application in wet and difficult areas to access. This agreement is contingent upon final approval of the NAWCA grant. A motion to authorize the Director to execute the agreement was made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Fails and passed unanimously with a vote of 3-Yes, 0-No.

(5) Park Rules Update: Recently the SCUBA Concessionaire has been having issues with Dive Instructors bringing their own air-fill trailers to White Star. The Park District does not allow solicitation in the parks via park rules already however, this would clarify the rules regarding air fills and allow us to post signage with the Park Code on the sign, which would help deputies with enforcement. A motion to approve Park Rules was made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Fails and passed unanimously with a vote of 3-Yes, 0-No.

(6) Resolution 2024-33: Declaring Surplus Equipment: The items listed in the attached resolution are no longer useful to the district. This resolution declares the items surplus and authorizes disposal/transfer of the items. Such declaration and disposal complies with the State of Ohio's laws and Park District policies. A motion to approve Resolution 2024-33 was made by Mr. Fails, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and passed unanimously with a vote of 3-Yes, 0-No.

Maintain Our Parks Levy Committee: Barry Luse, long-time Treasurer has decided to retire from the position. We would like to thank him for his decades of dedicated service. With that bring said, Rick Holland, CPA, has agreed to be the next treasurer for the Committee.

Board Initiated Business:

Board Member Mr. Lawrence asked about mowing the prairie at DWM. He stated that he has been receiving complaints that it has started to look like weeds and asked if mowing would be good for management and curb-appeal? Director Brown said that he would talk to staff about it.

Mr. Fails stated that he thought he saw a Tree of Heaven in the DWM Park area and that it would need removed.

(7) Adjournment: Next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.; Fremont Rotary Lodge, Don W. Miller Memorial Park. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Fails, seconded by Mr. Lawrence.

With no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:14 am.

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Absent
George B. Moore

Bradford J. Lawrence
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James B. Fails
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AB
Andrew Brown, Director/Secretary

9/18/24
Date