

**Sandusky County Park District
Board of Park Commissioners Meeting
September 18th, 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 September 18th, 2024 at 9:30AM.

Roll Call

Commissioner Lawrence called the meeting to order at 9:44 am. Mrs. Warden conducted the roll call showing Commissioners Fails and Lawrence were present, Director Andrew Brown and Administrative Supervisor-HR Coordinator Christina Warden was in attendance. Commissioner Moore had an excused absence.

Recognition of Visitors/Public Participation/Correspondences:

Visitors – None

(1) Motion to accept minutes of the August 21st, 2024 Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Fails, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and passed unanimously with a vote of 2-yes and 0-no.

Finances

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

Expenditures were approved as presented.

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

Departmental Reports

Copies of Operations and Programs Reports are included in the Proceedings of the Board of Park Commissioners Journal.

Administrative Report

Clyde Economic Development and Sandusky County Economic Development's "Project Lodge" preliminary discussion regarding a rail spur and the possible impacts on the North Coast Inland Trail.

Additionally, we will be meeting with the Sheriff's Office to discuss an agreement that would allow for them to write citations under park code and to discuss ways to improve safety in the parks.

New Business

(3) Agreement with North Coast Strategy Group: The enclosed Agreement with the North Coast Strategy Group (NCSG) authorizes them to represent the Park District in our efforts to secure federal funding for the completion of the Fremont Rotary Lodge.

Currently, a Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) earmark in the amount of \$859,000 appears in the introduced version of the subcommittee's federal appropriations bill (S. 4690). The request was

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submitted by US Senator Sherrod Brown and moved forward by the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, FDA and Related Agencies.

This project has not been included in the House version of the House subcommittee's appropriations bill (H.R. 9027). Like the Senate, the House runs a parallel process that allows congressional members to request Community Project Funding be set aside for specific projects in their states. As these two bills move forward through the competitive process, it will be important to secure and maintain additional support for the Park District's project. The fees associated with the agreement are \$2,500 per month up to a max of \$15,000, based on an initial 6-month term. A motion to authorize the Director to enter into an Agreement was made by Mr. Fails, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and passed unanimously with a vote of 2-Yes, 0-No.

(4) Resolution 2024-34: Purchase of John Deere Gator UTV from Ag-Pro Companies Streaker Tractor: Operations Supervisor Jeff Miller has been working with local suppliers to identify suitable equipment that is included in state purchasing contracts. Jeff is recommending the purchase of the following equipment from Ag-Pro Companies of Gibsonburg, Ohio: John Deere Gator XUV835M HVAC 2024 Model Year Utility Vehicle. The State Purchase Contract # is: OH STS515 and the price of the UTV is \$27,716.62. A motion to approve Resolution 2024-34 was made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Fails and passed unanimously with a vote of 2-Yes, 0-No.

Board Initiated Business:

Telephone pole in front of DWM Sign – check into moving.


(5) Adjournment: Next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.; Fremont Rotary Lodge, Don W. Miller Memorial Park. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lawrence.

With no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:30 am.


Board of Park Commissioners


George B. Moore


Bradford J. Lawrence


James B. Fails


Andrew Brown, Director/Secretary


Date