

Resolution Number: 24-08-23-01

Minutes

July 29, 2024

Call to order:

Ms. Pierce, President, called the Board of Greene County Parks & Trails Park District Commissioners meeting to order for its regular session on July 29, 2024 at 9:03 a.m. Those in attendance included: Commissioner Jane Newton, Commissioner Rhett Rohrer, Greene County Administrator Brandon Huddleson, Events Manager Robin Gregory, Operations Manager Rick Inman, Greene County Parks & Trails Director Charles Frazier and Program Specialist Heather Beals.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Rohrer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Newton to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2024 meeting.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Rohrer, Newton and Pierce

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Payment of Expenses:

Ms. Newton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pierce to approve the payment of Miscellaneous expenses of the 0601 Park District Fund.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Rohrer, Newton and Pierce

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Buckeye Trail Re-Route:

Mr. Frazier mentioned a proposal from a Buckeye Trail representative to reroute the Buckeye Trail to avoid a section of the trail coming from Enon into Fairborn that follows some dangerous roads. They would reroute through Twin Towers Park and Pearl's Fen. The board agreed that this would be beneficial to trail users.

Agraria – Grant Request:

Mr. Frazier discussed a grant request from Agraria in Yellow Springs for \$48,000 to finish a project they started last year that the board already granted \$30,000 for.

Ms. Pierce made a motion, seconded by Ms. Newton to decline the grant request.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Pierce, Newton and Rohrer

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Bike Trail – Request for Business Signage:

Mr. Frazier received a letter requesting signage on the bike trail advertising their business. The board decided they will research other areas and revisit at a later time.

Staffing Changes:

Mr. Frazier discussed some staffing changes including filling the fiscal position, as well as a new maintenance position being filled in the next week. Intermittent campground interviews are underway and the addition of an intermittent ranger position has been agreed upon. Some intermittents have left for the year as well.

Fair:

The department has a booth for the week of the Greene County Fair and staff will be out each day to talk with people about the parks and events going on during the rest of the year.

Projects:

Mr. Inman updated the board on the current special projects within the park system.

1. Xenia-Jamestown Connector: The berm work is completed. Striping and intersection ADA ramps are the remaining items.



2. Narrows Building: The walk way replacement is completed. We are working on the painting, flooring and lighting. Meeting with contractor on landscape / brush removal.
3. Entrance Signs: All signs have been installed. The Glenn Thompson sign will not be installed until the ODOT Road project and the park has been restored.

Other Business:

• **Upcoming Events:**

- Aqua Adventure Camp – July 29th – August 2nd
- Monster Camp – July 29th – August 2nd
- Music in the Park – July 31st
- World of Imagination – July 31st
- Creek Trek – August 3rd
- Babbling Bunnies – Water Play – August 5th
- Critter Camp – August 5th – 9th
- Stroller Striders – Pearl’s Fen – August 7th
- Toddler & Me Hike – Narrows Reserve – August 8th
- Under the Sea – August 8th
- Music in the Park – August 9th
- Trivia Quest – August 9th
- Stained Glass – Sunflower – August 10th
- Touch a Truck – August 10th
- Grownups & Me – August 12th – 16th
- Protect your Skin – August 13th
- Wiggle Worms – Bubble Play – August 15th
- Reptile Safari – August 17th
- Greene Grasshoppers – Bubble Party – August 20th
- Homeschool Science Days – Geology – August 20th
- Western Day in the Park – August 21st
- Greene Trails Cycling Classic – August 22nd – 24th
- GTO Slip ‘n Slide Kickball – August 23rd

Comments:

Other items discussed:

Ms. Gregory mentioned that The Traveling Buckeyes, a couple that travel and visit campgrounds, did a blog about the campground and gave great reviews. They also advertised some of our programs and events.

Discussion was had about the new fund for Caesar Ford Campground and the amount of bookings the campground has had already.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to conduct, President Pierce adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m. The next regular scheduled monthly board meeting is set for August 26th.

Date: Aug 26, 2024 Submitted by: Charles Frazier
Charles Frazier, Director
Tobias J. Pierce Commissioner
Rhett Rohrer Commissioner
Jane Newton Commissioner