



**Minutes
Regular Meeting
Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Park District
May 25, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Park District, also known as the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Park District, was held at the Park Headquarters. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 A.M. with the following in attendance: Commissioners Haller, Tischer, Johnson, Mr. Stewart, Executive Director and Sarah Mantia, Business Manager. Notice of this meeting was sent to the Xenia Daily Gazette on January 6, 2023.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Tischer moved, Mr. Johnson seconded, and the minutes of the April 27, 2023 scheduled Regular Meeting were approved as delivered to all members in advance.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Tischer, Haller & Johnson

VISITORS

Local resident, Mr. Donovan Benson came with several questions regarding local athletics. Mr. Benson started by asking if it would be possible to organize an adult soccer league operating as an "Independent" league (as defined by the Park District's Athletic Policy) and to receive a reduced rental rate since no other teams would be using the fields at that time? Mr. Stewart said that since this would be a diversion from our existing policy it would require Board approval, and added that the spirit of the policy was designed specifically to ensure the community-based leagues were prioritized. Mr. Johnson had questions about the insurability of the adult league and how that would be handled. After further discussion Mr. Johnson said that his preference would be not to deviate from the policy, keep the established rate and move forward. Mr. Tischer added that it is important that the Park District remain consistent when rendering decisions. Mr. Haller inquired about the cost of rental for an Independent Organization? Ms. Mantia replied that it was \$100 per 2- hour block for an 11 v 11 size field. Mr. Stewart said that the District does not

charge fees for causal use or pick-up games. Mr. Johnson added that, however, once there are scheduled games/teams rotating in with uniforms, etc. at that point the Park District would consider that "Organized" as defined by the policy.

Mr. Benson's next question involved several calls inquiring about speculation that the Park District has intentions to move football out of Sackett Wright Park and asked if this was true? Mr. Stewart said that was false and he had heard the same rumor as well and questioned that perhaps Mr. Benson's presentation to Bellbrook City Council was misconstrued? Mr. Benson stated that one of the City Council members called him directly about this. Mr. Johnson said that he would encourage the City Council member in question to address a member of the Park Board for clarification next time there is a question. Mr. Haller stated this issue has never come up before this board and Mr. Tischer added that there was no truth to this at all. Mr. Stewart added that if Mr. Benson's proposed plan was to come to fruition that the Park District would actually be adding additional space for football on Park District owned property. Mr. Benson said that he assumed that this was the case but wanted to confirm since he was here. Mr. Benson said that he has yet to present to the School District and the Lion's Club and added that members of Bellbrook City Council were not aware that the City of Bellbrook actually owned a portion of Sackett Wright Park. Mr. Stewart asked Mr. Benson if he was optimistic about getting consensus from the other parties involved? Mr. Benson said that he felt that the School District would be the biggest obstacle. Mr. Stewart said that he also wanted to clarify that the concerns about the sanitary alignment were not that of the Park District's, but that of the City of Bellbrook's staff who maintain the sanitary infrastructure. Mr. Benson said that there are certainly other challenges such as funding, but felt confident that it could be accomplished, provided it could be done prior to his children aging out of the program. Mr. Stewart said to let him know if there was anything the Park District could do to help with this process.

FISCAL

Reallocation of Funds

Mr. Johnson moved, Mr. Haller seconded, and the Commission approved a motion to realign the 2023 Permanent Appropriations Resolution by modifying the following appropriations from one account to another within the General Fund:

From: 120-323-0000 Repairs & Maintenance	\$1000.00	
From: 120-420-2500 Maintenance Supplies	\$1000.00	
To: 120-322-0000 Garbage & Trash Removal		\$1500.00
To: 120-310-0000 Professional & Technical		\$500.00

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Tischer, Haller & Johnson

Approval of New Expenses

Mr. Haller moved, Mr. Johnson seconded, and the Commission approved a motion for the payment of expenses incurred from April 1 through April 30, 2023.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Tischer, Haller & Johnson

\$25,000 was moved from Money Market to Checking on 4/12, 4/14 and 4/25.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution of Necessity-0523

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Tischer, Haller & Johnson

Approval to Purchase Play Structure – Ron Kehl Park

Mr. Johnson moved, Mr. Haller seconded, and the motion was approved to purchase playground equipment for Ron Kehl Park for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Tischer, Haller & Johnson

ATHLETIC UPDATES – Mr. Johnson

Mr. Stewart provided an update on a proposed volunteer project to construct shade shelters at Sackett Wright Park. Mr. Stewart explained that the volunteers were in the process of gathering material and scheduling at time when the project would commence.

STAFF REPORTS

- Program staff continues collaboration with the library and local Girl Scouts for a Story Walk trail to be constructed at the park district headquarters.
- Representatives from the park district will be participating in both the Library Summerfest and the Little Miami Watershed River Festival.
- Trail repairs continue at Sweet Arrow Reserve including the replacement of several stream crossings.
- Flooding concerns near Bellbrock Park have been addressed by the maintenance team and volunteers.
- Site planning continues for Bieser Reserve in addition to exploring alternative funding sources.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to conduct, Commissioner Tischer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 AM.


Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Tischer, Haller & Johnson

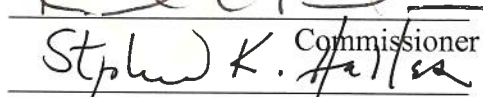
Submitted by:



Jeff Stewart, Executive Director



Commissioner



Stephen K. Haller
Commissioner