



Minutes
Regular Meeting
Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Park District
April 22, 2021

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 Ackerman, Tischer, Johnson and Mr. Stewart, Executive Director. Notice of this meeting was sent to the Xenia Daily Gazette on January 12, 2021.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ackerman moved, Mr. Johnson seconded, and the minutes of the March 25, 2021 scheduled Regular Meeting were approved as delivered to all members in advance.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Ackerman, Tischer & Johnson

Visitors

Forrest Greenwood – City of Bellbrook

Mr. Greenwood introduced himself as a longtime resident of the City and a current member of Bellbrook City Council and an avid user of the Park District's resources. Mr. Greenwood asked if the Park District had any plans in the future of making meeting minutes available on the Park District's website. Mr. Stewart explained that the agency was in the process of reconfiguring its website to be able to offer these documents to the public in that medium. Mr. Greenwood also asked about the meeting time. Mr. Tischer explained that for many years the Park District had held monthly meetings at 7pm but the time was posing a challenge for residents with children involved in athletics and would prefer to meet in the mornings, thus the reason for meeting in the morning. Mr. Tischer went on to say that he was open to modifying the time, but had concerns since most comments stem from issues regarding athletics and the impact it may have on those residents.

Greg Gallagher-Sugarcreek Township

Mr. Gallagher introduced himself as a resident of Sugarcreek Township and involved in the Wee Eagles football program. Mr. Gallagher expressed concern and had questions about the Park Board's reluctance to work with the Bellbrook Lion's Club for the construction of baseball fields on Park District owned property. Mr. Tischer explained that he had met with a representative from the Lion's (John Dorn) on several occasions to work out basic details of the agreement and from his perspective felt that the meetings went well. However, as the negotiations continued the

Lion's Club declined to provide indemnity and proper insurance to the Park District for the project to move forward. Mr. Tischer said that there were several other issues relating to the agreement that needed to be addressed, but was most concerned about the liability exposure to the Park District and the residents. Mr. Gallagher asked if the Park District had insurance. Mr. Tischer said that the Park District does carry insurance but would require that contractors carry insurance as well. Mr. Ackerman commented that he would like to see a timeline established for the project if it was to move forward in 1 year increments. Mr. Gallagher asked about term limits. Mr. Tischer said that there are not term limits. Mr. Stewart said that he was hopeful that both sides could come to an agreement and could possibly explore some alternatives to the current public/private arrangement. Mr. Gallagher asked if there would be any possibility of creating a second entrance/exit at Sackett Wright Park. Mr. Stewart said he would take a look at it but cautioned that it could possibly reduce the amount of usable field space.

Fiscal

Reallocation of Funds

Mr. Ackerman moved, Mr. Johnson seconded, and the Commission approved a motion to realign the 2021 Permanent Appropriations Resolution by modifying the following appropriations from one account to another within the General Fund:

From:	120-420-2600 Turf & Tree	2200.00	
To:	120-730-2200 Improvement – Sackett Wright		2200.00

Vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Ackerman, Tischer & Johnson

Supplemental Revenue

Mr. Johnson moved, Mr. Ackerman seconded, and the Commission approved a motion for a Supplemental Revenue notification to be sent to the Greene County Auditor to inform of additional funding to be received from the Ohio Public Works Commission.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Ackerman, Tischer & Johnson

Approval to Purchase Equipment

Mr. Tischer moved, Mr. Ackerman seconded and the motion was approved to purchase One (1) New/Unused (2021 Chevrolet Silverado MD (CK56043) 4WD Crew Cab Work Truck, KE Rose 11' Stainless Steel Dump for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Ackerman, Tischer & Johnson

Approval of New Expenses

Mr. Tischer moved, Mr. Ackerman seconded, and the Commission approved a motion for the payment of expenses incurred from March 1 through March 31, 2021.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Ackerman, Tischer & Johnson

Transfer of Funds

\$25,000 was moved from Money Market to Checking on 3/9 and 3/31.

\$160,509.41 was moved to Land Acquisition Fund from checking and \$481,476.97 was moved to Money Market from checking on 3/24 for levy funds received.

New Business

Seasonal Employment

Mr. Johnson moved, Mr. Tischer seconded, and the Commission approved a motion to authorize the hiring of the following seasonal positions:

Seasonal Program Assistant (3) – Part Time

Seasonal Maintenance Technician (3) – Part-Time/Full-Time

Salary range for the above positions will be between \$9.00 and \$14.00 per hour depending on position and experience.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Ackerman, Tischer & Johnson

Club Ohio Soccer Fees

A request to permit a Club Ohio teams that do not meet the Park District's residency qualifications to lease a 9v9 Park District managed field at Washington Mill Park for 3 games at a rate of \$50.00 per game was denied. This team consists of 4 residents of Bellbrook/Sugarcreek Township.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Nays: Ackerman, Tischer & Johnson

Athletics Advisory Committee

Mr. Tischer moved, Mr. Ackerman seconded, and the motion was approved for the establishment of an Athletics Advisory Committee for the purpose of promoting the interests of the recognized athletic organizations to the Board of Park Commissioners, unified in a common mission to provide organized athletic opportunities to youth of the local community.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Ackerman, Tischer & Johnson

Revision to By-Laws

Mr. Tischer moved, Mr. Johnson seconded, and the motion was approved to adopt the revised bylaws for the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District. Before the bylaws take effect, the board shall provide for a notice of their adoption to be published once a week for two consecutive weeks.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Ackerman, Tischer & Johnson

Resolution No. 042221

A Resolution to Make a Recommendation to the Court of Common Pleas for the Appointment of Incoming Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District Commissioner.

WHEREAS, the City of Bellbrook, Sugarcreek Township and the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District entered into a Memorandum of Understanding, (MOU), in May of 2020, providing clear guidelines for the appointment of members to the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District Board of Commissioners beginning with the 2020 appointment and each year thereafter; and

WHEREAS, also in accordance with the terms of the MOU, representatives from each of the jurisdictions participated in interviews of the candidates on April 6-7, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the interviews, the members present from the parties concluded that Mr. Raymond Tischer, III was the best candidate to endorse for consideration of the Court to reappoint to the upcoming term of Commissioner for the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District.

Now, Therefore, the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District Hereby Resolves:

Section 1. The Commissioners for the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District does hereby concur with the consensus of the interviewing parties and recommends to the Court of Common Pleas for Greene County to appoint Mr. Raymond Tischer, III to the upcoming term of Commissioner for the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District with an appointment date of May 10, 2021.

Section 2. That the Executive Director is hereby directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the City of Bellbrook, Sugarcreek Township, and the Court of Common Pleas for Greene County.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force forthwith.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Ackerman & Johnson
Abstained: Tischer

Old Business

Athletic Updates – Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson met with the recognized athletic organizations to discuss the importance of collaboration and to obtain feedback on how the Park District can better serve the leagues. Mr. Johnson received several suggestions which he will pass along to staff to pursue.


Staff Updates – Mr. Stewart

- Speed bumps scheduled to be replaced at Sackett Wright Park
- Met with Jim Schnider with Trail Works to discuss the history of the Spring Valley connector bike path
- Provided update on the Brookview demolition
- Sara Mantia presented a concept plan for the Sensory Sound Path project at Petrikis Park
- All staff scheduled for CPR recertification
- Overview provided of programming events


Adjourn

There being no further business to conduct, Commissioner Ackerman adjourned the meeting at 9:45AM.


Submitted by:



Jeff Stewart, Executive Director



Commissioner



Commissioner



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