



**Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Bellbrook-Sugar Creek Park District  
May 27, 2021**

**Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Bellbrook-Sugar Creek Park District, also known as the Bellbrook-Sugar Creek 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. Tischer moved, Mr. Ackerman seconded, and the minutes of the April 22, 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**

Greg Gallagher-Sugar Creek Township

Mr. Gallagher had questions relating to the maintenance cost of athletic based parks as opposed to nature parks. Mr. Stewart explained that typically natural areas are significantly less expensive to maintain than athletic complexes due to maintenance and material costs for these facilities. Mr. Gallagher commented that since the play structure was removed by the school district (Eagle Land) that a playground would be a nice amenity at Sackett Wright Park. Mr. Stewart agreed but explained by the challenge has been that most of this facility is located within a floodway/flood plain it would be difficult to sustain a mulch based surfacing in that environment. Mr. Stewart said options for a play structure would either be erecting it on the former site of Eagle Land (on the school district property) or utilizing unitary surfacing which can be quite costly. There was additional discussion about constructing a zero depth pool facility (splash pad) but board members explained that the construction, maintenance and legacy cost would be unworkable with the park districts current funding. Mr. Gallagher asked if there was a way to increase the accessibility to the quad baseball field area. A suggestion was made to see if the City would be open to extending the parking area around the small structure owned by the City or installing steps leading from school district property. Mr. Stewart said that he would look into some of those options. Mr. Johnson stated that the main purpose of implementing the Athletic Advisory Committee was to engage the various user groups, gather input and provide feedback to both the park board and the athletic leagues as it relates to the improvement of existing facilities and future development.

## **Fiscal**

### **Approval of New Expenses**

Mr. Tischer moved, Mr. Johnson seconded, and the Commission approved a motion for the payment of expenses incurred from April 1 through April 30, 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 4/5 and 4/28.

## **New Business**

### **Public Records Policy**

Mr. Johnson moved, Mr. Tischer seconded, and the Commission approved a motion for revisions to the Public Records Policy.

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

## **Old Business**

Athletics – Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson provided the following highlights from the 5/21 Athletics Advisory Committee meeting:

- Research the feasibility of skinning several of the baseball/softball fields.
- Fencing/backstop repair & painting
- Suggestion of adding sun shades to dugout areas of ball fields
- Flag football request to move bleachers to sidelines
- Recommendation to oversee football field
- Communication between BSA and park district maintenance crew and miscellaneous field maintenance requests
- Possibility of BSA camps/clinics this summer
- Lion's potential plans of Fall baseball leagues

Staff Reports – Mr. Stewart

- Park District continues collaboration with Greene County Public Library and will be offering several programs this year
- Site preparation continues for Petrikis Park upgrades
- Many hours have been committed to athletic field preparation for upcoming season
- Speed tables have been installed at Sackett Wright Park
- Brookview demolition on track to commence in June
- Meetings with Sugarcreek Township Trustee to discuss veterans memorial concept
- Morris Reserve grant funded improvement going to bid in June

**Executive Session**

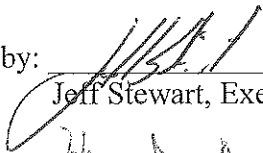
Mr. Johnson moved, Mr. Tischer seconded, and a motion was approved to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing staff issues and land acquisitions.


Mr. Tischer reconvened the meeting.


**Adjourn**

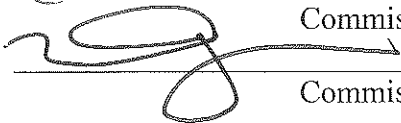
There being no further business to conduct, Commissioner Ackerman adjourned the meeting at 8:50AM.

Submitted by:

  
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Jeff Stewart, Executive Director

  
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