



**Minutes
Regular Meeting
Bellbrook-Sugar Creek Park District
June 23, 2022**

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 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 13, 2022.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Haller moved, Mr. Tischer seconded, and the minutes of the May 26, 2022 scheduled Regular Meeting were approved as delivered to all members in advance.

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

VISITORS

Coleen Sanford and Donny Benson representing the Bellbrook Soccer Association and Wee Eagles athletics, respectively.

Ms. Sanford expressed concern that Club Ohio, an independent soccer organization was in violation of Park District policy, specifically for conducting unscheduled, organized practices/games on field space reserved by BSA and without compensation to the Park District. Ms. Sanford said the incident occurred on 6/9 and involved Chris Bethel, a Club Ohio coach and his team. Ms. Sanford also recalled an incident earlier in the season involving a Club Ohio team managed by Alberto Gonzalez and Tony Peh for refusing to vacate a field reserved by BSA and required the intervention of a Park District Board Member (Mike Johnson) for the Club Ohio Team to comply. Ms. Sanford said that several of the children affiliated with BSA were harassed at school the following day by Club Ohio players over the incident. Mr. Benson expressed concern that this could occur with the football program with little or no consequences for the violators. Ms. Sanford also had concerns about potential liability exposure for the Park District due to Club Ohio not securing proper insurance policies for the Junior and Academy teams. Ms. Sanford recommends in the future that the Park District contact Jen Fickett at the Ohio Soccer Association to confirm that the insurance policy that Club Ohio presents the Park District actually covers the Junior and Academy programs. Mr. Stewart thanked Ms. Sanford for the

information and explained that enforcement can be a difficult task for this type of behavior without the benefit of dedicated rangers. Mr. Stewart explained that the agency prioritizes satisfying the local Recognized organizations and will review the existing policy to see what options we may have to help with situations like this going forward. Mr. Johnson that the spirit Park District's policy was about balance and an attempt to serve as much as the population as possible, however the behavior that was described has been relayed to him on other occasions and what he has personally experienced has him questioning if the existing policy format allowing organizations based outside of the community is still a viable option. Mr. Johnson expressed gratitude to both Ms. Sanford and Mr. Brenson for their time and assured both that their comments would be taken into consideration.

FISCAL

Approval of 2023 Budget

Mr. Johnson moved, Mr. Haller seconded, and the Commission approved a motion to accept the 2023 budget as presented.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Tischer, Haller & Johnson

Reallocation of Funds

Mr. Johnson moved, Mr. Haller seconded, and the Commission approved a motion to realign the 2022 Permanent Appropriations Resolution by modifying the following appropriations from one account to another within the General Fund:

From: 110-380-0000 Insurance & Bonding	\$1456.00	
To: 120-430-0000 Small Tools		\$1000.00
To: 110-313-0000 UAN Fees		\$456.00

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Tischer, Haller & Johnson

Approval of New Expenses

Mr. Johnson moved, Mr. Haller seconded, and the Commission approved a motion for the payment of expenses incurred from May 1 through May 31, 2022.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Tischer, Haller & Johnson

\$25,000 was moved from Money Market to Checking 5/10, 5/12 and 5/24.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 062322 – NatureWorks

Mr. Tischer moved, Mr. Johnson seconded and the Commission approved a motion to authorize Jeff Stewart, Executive Director to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Tischer, Haller & Johnson

OLD BUSINESS

Alcohol Policy

Mr. Haller moved, Mr. Tischer seconded and the Commission approved a motion to direct Jeff Stewart, Executive Director to submit to the Park District's legal council any amendments, potential changes to park rules and conduct a final review of the proposed policy involving the use of alcohol at special events.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Tischer, Haller & Johnson

Athletic Updates – Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson reiterated some of the concerns that had been brought to the Commissioners attention by representatives for the Bellbrook Soccer Association and Wee Eagles. Mr. Johnson stated that a sentiment of growing frustration among the Recognized Organizations has become more prevalent with Club Ohio not adhering to the Park District's Athletic Field Use policy. In addition Mr. Johnson expressed concern about the resources expended by Park District staff to manage the situation. Mr. Johnson stated punitive actions will need to be considered going forward in addition to potential modifications to the existing Athletic Field Use policy to remedy the situation.

STAFF REPORTS

- Program staff continues to review options to offset rising print media costs.
- The Park District hosted the Little Miami Watershed Network's annual event. 10 additional agencies participated in this year's event.
- Multiple repairs performed on play structures.

- Wes Matthews working with several residents at the Landings subdivision on a prairie installation project.
- BSPD has been formally awarded approximately \$200K for enhancements to Magee & Keiter Reserve through the OPW Clean Ohio Program.
- Bi-annual audit from the State of Ohio expected in the coming month.
- Official Park Rules may need to be revised due to potential changes to alcohol related policies.

Executive Session

Mr. Haller moved, Mr. Tischer seconded, and a motion was approved to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a potential land acquisition.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Tischer, Haller & Johnson

Mr. Haller reconvened the meeting.


ADJOURN

There being no further business to conduct, Commissioner Haller moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10AM.

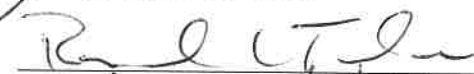
Vote on the motion was as follows:

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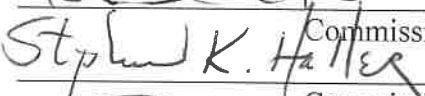
Submitted by:




Jeff Stewart, Executive Director



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