MINUTES OF THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF

MEDINA COUNTY PARK DISTRICT

June 15, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Chairwoman Davis called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. at park headquarters, 6364 Deerview Lane, Medina, Ohio.

B. Roll Call

1. Roll call showed Chairwoman Davis, Commissioner de Luna, and Commissioner Neate present. Also in attendance were Director Eppink, Development Coordinator Peacock, Legal Counsel Holland, Park Police Officer Urban, Business Manager Chaney, and Guest Jeffrey Schmitt of Chippewa Lake. Attorney Eric Hall, representing Mr. Schmitt, participated via Zoom Meetings.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 18, 2022

1. Commissioner de Luna offered a motion approving the minutes of the May 18, 2022 meeting as presented. Chairwoman Davis seconded; the motion unanimously carried.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Mr. Schmitt shared his concerns over a letter he had received from the park district requesting updated information about his dock structure and those docking on his structure as required for participation in the park district's 2022 docking program at Chippewa Lake. Attorney Hall spoke on his client's behalf. Attorney Hall and Attorney Holland will continue to work together to resolve docking issues.

1. Commissioner Neate thanked all for continuing to work toward a resolution that will satisfy everyone involved.
2. Attorney Hall and Mr. Schmitt left the meeting at this time, followed by Park Police Officer Urban shortly thereafter.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Cash Balance Statement

1. The May 2022 cash balance statement was presented for the board's perusal.

B. Cash Flow Statement

1. The May 2022 cash flow statement was presented for the board's review.

C. Approval of Vouchers

1. Resolution #22-011, May Vouchers
   a. Chairwoman Davis offered a motion approving Resolution #22-011, payment of the May 2022 vouchers, as presented. Commissioner de Luna seconded; the motion unanimously carried.

V. DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORTS

A. Director's Updates
   1. Job Postings
      a. Director Eppink reported that vacancies remain for a park planner, a police officer, and several seasonal positions.
   2. Director Eppink reported that Centry Cycles had donated a bike repair station for Buckeye Woods Park in memory of former employee and bike mechanic Ed Meyer. The station was dedicated on Memorial Day, and a story appeared in *The Gazette* several days later.
   3. Director Eppink reported that he was recently reelected to serve a three-year term on the board of the Ohio Parks & Recreation Association.
   4. Director Eppink provided various project updates as submitted prior to the meeting by Planning & Operations Manager Smith.

B. Monthly Report
   1. Director Eppink provided the May Monthly Report for the board's perusal.

C. Departmental Activities
   1. May 2022
      a. Director Eppink provided the May departmental activity report for the board's review.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. No old business was presented to the board.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Lake Medina Dam Improvements
   1. Commissioner Neate authorized the director to enter into an agreement with Environmental Design Group to analyze the Lake Medina dam and pump house, pending legal counsel review, and, if necessary, prepare a conception plan for a new drain system for an amount not to exceed $33,000. Commissioner de Luna seconded; the motion unanimously carried.

B. Lease with Friends of Medina County Parks, Inc.
   1. Chairwoman Davis offered a motion authorizing the director to enter into a 99-year lease with Friends of Medina County Parks, Inc. to manage the Loveland Farm property contingent on Medina County Probate Court approval. The executed lease, which will be brought to commissioners for ratification, will not be recorded with the Medina County Recorder. Commissioner de Luna seconded; the motion unanimously carried.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Chairwoman Davis offered a motion that the board move into executive session for the discussion of land acquisition, pending litigation, and employee hiring. Commissioner Neate seconded; the motion unanimously carried.

B. Following discussion, Chairwoman Davis offered a motion that the board move into regular session. Commissioner de Luna seconded; the motion unanimously carried.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

A. Commissioner Davis commented, and the board agreed, that, while the park district reviews and revises the Chippewa Lake docking program for the 2023 season, all current docking permit holders will be approved for the remainder of the 2022 docking season at the same level at which they were registered and approved during the 2021 docking season.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A. There being no further business for discussion, Chairwoman Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

We, the undersigned, as Board of Commissioners of Medina County Park District, Medina, Ohio, do certify the above minutes are true and correct as recorded in the board of commissioners' journal, Volume 50.

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NATHAN D. EPPINK, DIRECTOR

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