MINUTES OF THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF

MEDINA COUNTY PARK DISTRICT

November 14, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Chairman Neate called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. at Medina County Park District Headquarters, 6364 Deerview Lane, Medina, OH 44256.

B. Roll Call

1. Roll call showed Chairman Neate, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner de Luna present. Also in attendance were Director Eppink, Capital Projects Coordinator James, Operations Manager Perry, Communications Coordinator Gladden, Natural Resource Manager Spetz, Legal Counsel Holland, Business Manager Chaney, and Guests John Sandora, Keith Riedel, Bud Hardesty, Ed Stevens, and Joan Armbruster of the Save the Lake committee; Dave Kopchak, Jim Pringle, and Boris Slogar of Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District; Carter Bailey of Aqua Doc; and Bill Peterson of Precision Geophysical, Inc.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 17, 2018

1. Chairman Neate offered a motion approving the minutes of the October 17, 2018 meeting as presented. Commissioner de Luna seconded; the motion unanimously carried.

VI. DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORTS

C. Chippewa Lake

1. Mr. Slogar of Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) explained that the Chippewa Subdistrict of MWCD was established in 1960 to manage and maintain the Chippewa Flood Control Project to reduce flooding along the 33 miles of channel within its jurisdiction.
   a. He talked about easement boundaries and responsibilities and explained that MWCD is not interested in expanding the current subdistrict boundaries at this time.
      1. Capital Projects Coordinator James explained that records indicate the original owner of Chippewa Lake, Parker Beach, would not enter into easements with MWCD to include Chippewa Lake in the subdistrict's boundaries.
   b. Mr. Slogar answered various questions and offered MWCD's assistance with any projects that fall within the subdistrict's boundaries.
2. Carter Bailey of Aqua Doc explained that the park district had contracted with his company to analyze the water quality of Chippewa Lake and investigate the reoccurring algal blooms.
   a. He identified the four largest watersheds around the lake used for sampling points; explained the different depth zones within the lake and how the thermal stratification process results in loss of oxygen – which releases phosphorus from the bottom of the lake that feeds the blooms.

b. Mr. Bailey noted that Aqua Doc is still in the sampling phase of the study. He explained that the goal of the study is to identify problems and offer management options to best apply mass balance to the lake.
c. Director Eppink reiterated that this is a complex issue, and there is no quick fix to the problem.
d. Chairman Neate thanked everyone for attending. He summarized that, again, there is no quick, easy resolution to the algal bloom issue; however, the park district is engaging experts to study and determine the correct strategy for combating this substantial problem.
    1. Natural Resource Manager Spetz and all guests except Bill Peterson left the meeting at this time.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Bill Peterson of Precision Geophysical, Inc. explained that his company conducts oil testing for companies such as MFC and King Drilling. His company is preparing to conduct testing around the park district's Mud Lake Road property and requested permission from the board to include the park district's property in the testing sites.
    1. Capital Projects Coordinator James explained that he believes permitting such activity would be in violation of an agreement the park district executed with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for receipt of Clean Ohio funding for the purchase of the property.
    2. The park district's legal counsel will review the OPWC agreement, and Director Eppink will contact Mr. Peterson with the determination.
    3. Mr. Peterson left the meeting.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Chairman Neate offered a motion that the board move into executive session for the discussion of land acquisition. Commissioner de Luna seconded; the motion unanimously carried.
B. Chairman Neate offered a motion that the board move into regular session. Commissioner Davis seconded; the motion unanimously carried.

V. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Cash Balance Statement
    1. October 2018 cash balance statement was presented for the board's perusal.
B. Cash Flow Statement
    1. The October 2018 cash flow statement was presented for the board's review.
C. Approval of Vouchers
    1. Resolution #18-015, October 2018
        a. Commissioner Davis offered a motion approving Resolution #18-015, payment of the October 2018 vouchers, as presented. Commissioner de Luna seconded; the motion unanimously carried.

VI. DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORTS

A. Director's Report
   1. Monthly Report
      a. Director Eppink provided the October 2018 monthly report for the board's perusal.
   2. Director Eppink reported that an informal public meeting will be held at Buffalo Creek Retreat regarding the proposed watercraft rules for Chippewa Lake.
   3. Director Eppink reported that former Director Tom James has been selected to receive the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association's 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award.

B. Departmental Activities
   1. Director Eppink provided the October 2018 Departmental Activity Report for the board's review.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. No Old Business was presented for discussion.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2019 Budget
   1. The draft of the proposed 2019 park district budget was presented for the board's review. The budget will be presented to the board for approval at the December meeting.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

A. Chairman Neate congratulated Capital Projects Coordinator James on being selected to receive OPRA's Lifetime Achievement Award as it is a well-deserved recognition. Chairman Neate also thanked Communications Coordinator Gladden for submitting the application.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A. There being no further business for discussion, Chairman Neate declared the meeting adjourned at 10:21 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 47.

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NATHAN D. EPPINK, DIRECTOR

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