

Seneca County Park District Board of Park Commissioners

August 13, 2024 - 9:00 AM

Bowen Nature Preserve - 11891 E. CR 24, Republic OH 44867 (West Lodi)

Regular Meeting Minutes

Jakob Boehler called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

Roll Call:	Jakob Boehler	<u>present</u>	Sarah Betts	<u>present</u>
	Lori Hall	<u>present</u>	Shelly Smola	<u>present</u>
	Lee Martin	<u>present</u>		
	Jacob Price	<u>present</u>		
	Janet Shutt	<u>present</u>		

Staff & Guests: Kim Wickman, Sarajane Mangett, Catherine Gase, & Ziyah Piltz

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Jacob Price to approve the meeting agenda and the minutes of the 7/9/2024 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Lee Martin, and was approved unanimously by roll call vote of members present.

Financial Reports: A motion to approve the July 2024 financial statements was made by Lori Hall and seconded by Lee Martin. Motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote of members present.

Executive Director's Report presented by Sarah Betts (see attachments for full report).

- Sarah provided an overview of her written Director's Report.
- In addition to their donation of \$350 for the Storybook Trail at Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve, Boy Scout Troop 499 also volunteered their time at the special family fun event at Steyer on Saturday, August 10th.

Programs Report presented by Sarah Betts

- Programs have been going well.
- Attendance at the family fun event at Steyer was down from the previous year.

Operations & Natural Resources Report presented by Kim Wickman (see attachments for full report).

- Kim provided an overview of her written report.
- The vandalism at Forrest Nature Preserve included graffiti on the bathroom walls as well as picnic tables.
- The St. John's Mill River Access parking lot will remain closed until the backfilling around the edges of the lot is completed.

Friends of the Seneca Park Report: N/A

Public Comment: N/A

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business:

Resolution 08-13-2024 #1: Approving & Adopting the 2025 Park District Budget (Fund 2188). A motion to approve the resolution was made by Lori Hall, and seconded by Janet Shutt. Motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote of members present.

Resolution 08-13-2024 #2: Approving & Adopting the 2025 Preschool Budget (Fund 2209). A motion to approve the resolution was made by Jacob Price, and seconded by Lori Hall. Motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote of members present.

Resolution 08-13-2024 #3 Accepting Amounts & Rates Determined by the Budget Commission, Authorizing Necessary Levies and Certifying to Auditor. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Janet Shutt, and seconded by Lee Martin. Motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote of members present.

Resolution 08-13-2024 #4: Accepting & Authorizing a CMR contract addendum with Clouse Construction Corp. for the Nature Education Building at Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve, in an amount not to exceed \$358,480.75. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Lee Martin, and seconded by Lori Hall. Motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote of members present.

Executive Session: N/A

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Jacob Price and was approved unanimously by all members present. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 AM.

Bowen House Tour: Kim Wickman provided a guided tour of repairs and improvements made in and around the Bowen House immediately after adjournment.

Next Meetings:

Regular Meeting: September 10, 2024 – 9:00 AM
Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve

Regular Meeting: October 8, 2024 – 9:00 AM
Tiffin University Nature Preserve (Park Office if inclement weather)

Shelly Smola

9/10/24

Respectfully Submitted by: Shelly Smola, Board Secretary