

Seneca County Park District Board of Park Commissioners

May 14, 2024 - 9:00AM

Park Office: 3362 S TR 151, Tiffin OH 44883

Regular Meeting Minutes

Jakob Boehler called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

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

Staff & Guests: Linda Rose & Ziyah Piltz

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Lee Martin to approve the meeting agenda and the minutes of the 4/16/2024 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Jacob Price, and was approved unanimously by roll call vote of members present.

Financial Reports: A motion to approve the April 2024 financial statements was made by Janet Shutt and seconded by Jacob Price. 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.
- The legal agreement for the Seneca County Park District to take possession of the Clary-Boulee-McDonald Nature Preserve from the Black Swamp Conservancy is under review at the Seneca County Prosecutor's office. If it is approved by the Prosecutor the transfer may be able to take place in June.
- Currently there have been less than ten grant requests received for the 2024 Community Park Grants award cycle. Any unused funds will be returned to the budget for reallocation.

Programs Report presented by Linda Rose.

- Programs are going well despite some rainy weather. The Steyer family fun special event has been confirmed and will take place on August 10, 2024.
- All preschool spots have been filled for the 2024-2025 school year and 2024 summer camp registrations continue to come in.
- The Seneca Parks 24th annual photo contest is open to any amateur photographer ages 5 and up and is taking entries through Tuesday June 25, 2024. Complete information is available online.

Operations & Natural Resources Report: presented by Sarah Betts (see attachments for full report).

- The Onion Bag litter prevention project will be installing onion bag boxes near the river access points at Clinton and Steyer Nature Preserves, as part of a statewide initiative.

Friends of the Seneca Park Report: N/A

Public Comment: N/A

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Executive Session:

- A motion was made by Lee Martin, and seconded by Janet Shutt to enter into executive session to discuss property matters at 9:09 AM, and was approved unanimously by roll call vote of members present.
- A motion to exit executive session was made by Jacob Price, seconded by Lee Martin, and was approved unanimously by roll call vote of members present. The Board exited executive session and reconvened the regular meeting at 9:38 AM.

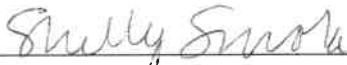
Community Park Grant Funds: A motion to set aside an amount of \$20,000-\$25,000 for community park grants this year was made by Lee Martin, seconded by Jacob Price. Requests were down this year, with most projects requesting total project funding, not providing any matching funds or requesting whole amount or nothing requests. Motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote of members present.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Janet Shutt, seconded by Jacob Price, and was approved unanimously by members present. Meeting adjourned at 9:39 AM.

Next Meetings:

Regular Meeting: June 11, 2024 – 2:30PM
location TBD

Regular Meeting: July 9, 2024 – 2:30PM
location TBD



6/11/24

Respectfully Submitted by: Shelly Smola, Board Secretary