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Special Board Meeting Minutes

METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT OF THE TOLEDO AREA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017, 9:30 A.M.

BOARD ROOM – WILDWOOD PRESERVE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Vice President Lera Doneghy, Vice President Fritz Byers
Via telephone: President Scott Savage

BOARD MEETING

1. NON-RESOLUTION BOARD ITEMS

Vice-President Fritz Byers called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Mr. Byers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. BOARD APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS, DEEDS, AGREEMENTS, ETC.

Mrs. Doneghy offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Mr. Byers:

Resolution No. 81-17 – Approval to Request Funding from the France Stone Foundation

Mr. Allen Gallant reported that this funding opportunity is through the Ohio Department of Transportation and that 20% of the funds will go towards rural areas. He went on to state that this is a very competitive application process and we are proposing to create 8.6 miles of new trails in the Oak Openings Preserve. Mr. Gallant went on to state that this is really related to regional connectivity and is in line with Metroparks vision of connecting parks-to-parks and parks-to-people. On a side note, hundreds of applications will be submitted.

Mr. Byers inquired as to how long we've been acquiring land to complete this project. Of which, Mr. Dave Zenk replied over 15 years.

Mr. Zenk stated that this has been the most complicated grant application that Metroparks has ever set out to accomplish. Mr. Byers is very excited of how this connects the mission and vision and the board is extremely supportive of this initiative. Mrs. Emily Zeigler also stated that it was also worth to note the support of the partners willing to step up in such a short period of time.

Mrs. Lera Doneghy commended the team on the coordination with all of the partnerships because that is one of the goals that the board set forth and is a clear indication that it's happening.

Mr. Scott Savage stated that watching this dream of land acquisition is just so exciting to see unfold. Secondly, the partnerships that have stepped up alone is news worthy, but is worthwhile to lobby our elected officials? Mr.

Gallant stated that our elected officials are aware of the application process and have received a couple of support letters already. Mr. Savage stated that the board is happy to assist in this manner if need be.

After discussion and upon unanimous vote the resolution was declared duly adopted and recorded in the appendix to these minutes.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:43 a.m., Vice-President Scott Savage made a motion to recess into executive session to consider the items that qualify for consideration in executive session. Mr. Zenk stated that the purpose of the executive session was to discuss land acquisition pursuant to Ohio R.C. §121.22(G)(2). Mr. Savage asked if there was any discussion and reported, under Ohio R.C. §121.22, that a roll call vote on this motion is necessary. Ms. Jill Molnar conducted a roll call vote of the commissioners.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Doneghy – Yes

Mr. Byers – Yes

The Board entered into executive session at 9:44 a.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened in open session.

With no additional business to be conducted, Mrs. Doneghy made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 10:47 a.m., which was seconded by Mr. Byers and approved.

Fritz Byers, Vice-President

Attest: _____
David D. Zenk, Executive Director

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