



MINUTES
RUSSELL TOWNSHIP CITIZENS' PARK DISTRICT (511)
Regular Meeting – May 21, 2024
Russell Township Historic Town Hall, Russell Township, Geauga County, OH

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Roy Podojil at 4:03 PM. Present were Commissioners Mr. Roy Podojil, Mr. Perry Howland, and Ms. LuAnn Judis, and Secretary, Ms. Maria Livers.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Podojil made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2024 Regular Meeting as submitted. Mr. Howland seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET & ACCOUNTING UPDATES

- Current Bank Balance/Library Funds distribution:

- RTCPD received a distribution of Public Library Funds from Geauga County in the amount of \$270.74 for May 2024
- The bank account balance as of 17 May 2024 is \$21,696.42

- POs/Warrants

- UAN PO 10-2024/Warrant #1128 Maria Livers – \$150.00, Secretary stipend
- UAN PO 11-2024/Warrant #1129 Wichert Insurance – \$100.00 Board Ins. Judis
- UAN PO 12-2024/Warrant #1130 Wichert Insurance – \$200.00 Board Ins. Podojil, Howland

Mr. Howland made a motion to accept the POs and Warrants as listed. Mr. Podojil seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Howland will be working on the 2025 RTCPD budget to submit for review at the next meeting.

UPPER CHAGRIN PRESERVE (UCP) UPDATES

- Bridge walk – Mr. Howland will walk the UCP with Mr. Pete McDonald of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy (WRLC) to specifically look at erosion at the proposed bridge site. This needs to be addressed before a bridge design can be approved and a bridge can be built. Mr. McDonald and the Chagrin River Watershed Partners will work together to assess the current erosion issue at both proposed bridge sites and make a recommendation about remediation.
- Ms. Judis reported the following:
 - She hiked before this meeting with 8th graders from Laurel School on their science class field trip today. The school hike was successful, in that the teachers and students liked the area and the teachers feel this is a valuable property for their curriculum. They have an interest in bringing other classes in the fall and spring.



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- Historical contacts – Natural History Museum and Interurban Society.
- LuAnn has new form from FirstEnergy for permission for trail access through their parcel for construction of the bridge. Will need specifics on materials and equipment.
- Schools are priority and it is taking a while to get the UCP included in their curriculum. However, Ms. Judis feels that the UCP may end up being the better focus and match for middle school science curriculum, with the occasional senior project or other unique individual project.
- Formal surveys by our 2 volunteers, Dave and Karl, will take place this week, plus summer and fall.
- The primary issue with the UCP continues to be direct access to this landlocked park property.
- Becky Donaldson of the Ohio Division of Natural Resources has offered to run nature programming for the RTCPD.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - per Section 121.22 (G)(2)

Mr. Howland made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 4:31 PM. Ms. Judis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board returned to the regular meeting at 4:47 PM.

OTHER – Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT – *Mr. Podojil made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:49 PM. Mr. Howland seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes Approved:

Respectfully submitted by
Maria Livers, Sec’y.

Roy E. Podojil, Chairman

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 4:00 PM. Location: Russell Town Hall, Russell Township, Geauga Co., Ohio