



MINUTES
RUSSELL TOWNSHIP CITIZENS' PARK DISTRICT (511)
Regular Meeting – April 17, 2024
Russell Township Historic Town Hall, Russell Township, Geauga County, OH

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ms. Judis at 2:00 PM. Present were Commissioners Mr. Perry Howland and Ms. LuAnn Judis, and Secretary, Ms. Maria Livers. Commissioner Mr. Roy Podojil was absent.

UPPER CHAGRIN PRESERVE (UCP) UPDATES

Special Guest, Mr. Pete McDonald, Western Reserve Land Conservancy (WRLC) for consultation on the Upper Chagrin Preserve Park and possible bridge construction over a Chagrin River tributary to prevent disturbance of sensitive tributary habitat and make the walking path more accessible.

- Mr. Howland described plan for possible bridge construction – Perry will join Mr. McDonald next week on his annual UCP walk to go over possible plans onsite.
- Cleanup off of Cedar – to discuss with volunteers and John and Laurie Noble who may allow RTCPD volunteers to access the UCP via their property near the items that need to be removed. Items include a rusted out mattress frame.
- Gary Bargiel is a new owner of property with the old Cayuga Indian Club buildings on it – he may allow a tour of the buildings as part of a “history of the UCP” hike.
- Ms. Judis – reminder that regarding any bridge, the fire department wants approval of plans for access for rescue all-terrain vehicle.
- Deed allows for maintenance of existing interurban trail and “maintaining primitive foot trails.”
- Mr. McDonald asked the board members to specifically define the current purpose of the park, e.g. educational, special access, etc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Howland made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session per ORC 121.22 (G)(2) at 2:40 PM.

Ms. Judis seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. Howland made a motion to end the Executive Session and return to the public meeting at 3:17 PM. Ms. Judis seconded and the motion passed.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Howland made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2024 Regular Meeting as submitted. Ms. Judis seconded and the motion passed.



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BUDGET & ACCOUNTING UPDATES

- Current Bank Balance/Library Funds distribution:

- RTCPD received a distribution of Public Library Funds from Geauga County in the amount of \$141.10 for April.
- The bank account balance as of 17 April 2024 was \$21,846.42

- POs/Warrants

- UAN PO 8-2024/Warrant #1126 Maria Livers – \$150.00, Secretary stipend
- UAN PO 9-2024/Warrant #1127 Treasurer State of Ohio – \$171.00 UAN Quarterly fee

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

- **RESOLUTION 2024-2: PERMANENT APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION** – Was approved by Geauga County Auditor's office and approval was received by mail by RTCPD.

Mr. Howland made a motion to accept RESOLUTION 2024-2: PERMANENT APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION as approved by the Geauga County Auditor's Office. Ms. Judis seconded and the motion passed.

OTHER – ADDITIONAL UCP UPDATES

Ms. Judis gave the following updates:

- She will continue setting up hikes for 2025
- This year 3 surveys and 2 hikes are already scheduled
- Chesterland Historical Society has an Interurban Railroad focus. The 100th anniversary of the closing of the Interurban line is 2025 and they are interested in setting something up with the RTCPD for next year.
- River Symposium – LuAnn had a great experience at the Symposium – lots of programming ideas and a very positive experience.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT – *Mr. Howland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 PM. Ms. Judis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*



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Minutes Approved:

Respectfully submitted by
Maria Livers, Sec'y.

Roy E. Podojil, Chairman

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 4:00 PM. Location: Russell Town Hall, Russell Township, Geauga Co., Ohio