

Seneca County Park District Board of Park Commissioners
July 11, 2023 – 2:30 PM
Republic Community Park, 301 E. SR 162 (E. Jefferson Street), Republic OH 44867

Regular Meeting Minutes

Janet Shutt called the meeting to order at 2:26 PM.

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, Vicki Johnson, Anna Klei, Crystal Hoepf and Mark Scheff.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Lee Martin to approve the meeting agenda, and the minutes of the 06/13/23 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Jakob Boehler, and was approved unanimously by roll call vote of members present.

Financial Reports: A motion to approve the financial statements was made by Jacob Price and seconded by Jakob Boehler. Motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote of members present.

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

- Anna Klei, the Park District’s summer intern was introduced to the Board.
- Sarah provided a summary of the recent H2Ohio site visits to the Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve and Clary Boulee McDonald Nature Preserve.

Programs Report presented by Linda Rose

- Programs are going well, and summer camps are well underway.
- The Seneca Parks 23rd Annual Photo Contest has concluded and there were 88 entries this year.
- A special family fun event is scheduled to take place at Steyer Nature Preserve on August 12th 2023.

Operations Report presented by Sarah Betts

- Sarah provided an overview of current and upcoming maintenance projects, including signage at Zimmerman Nature Preserve and renovations and repairs at Bowen Nature Preserve.

Friends of the Seneca Parks Report: Sarah relayed information from Catherine Gase regarding the Friends of the Seneca Parks Annual Meeting, which will be held at Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve on July 24th 2023 at 5:00pm.

Public Comment: N/A

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business:

Establishing an Ad Hoc Committee - Nature Education Building Fundraising Campaign:

A motion to establish an ad hoc committee was made by Jakob Boehler and seconded by Lee Martin. The ad hoc committee will include all five park board commissioners, Sarah Betts, Shelly Smola, and Catherine Gase. The purpose of the ad hoc committee will be to manage a fundraising campaign for the planned construction of the nature education building at Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve. Motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote of members present.

Executive Session: N/A

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Lee Martin, seconded by Jakob Boehler, and was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:42 PM.

Park Tour:

Next Meetings:

Regular Meeting:	August 8, 2023 – 2:30 PM
	Community Park Tour: Hedges-Boyer Park
Regular Meeting:	September 12, 2023 – 2:30 PM
	Community Park Tour: Meadowbrook Park

Respectfully Submitted by: Shelly Smola, Board Secretary