

# Seneca County Park District Board of Park Commissioners

February 15, 2024

Park Office: 3362 S TR 151, Tiffin OH 44883

## Special Meeting Minutes

Jakob Boehler called the meeting to order at 8:29 AM.

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

**Staff & Guests:** none

### Unfinished Business:

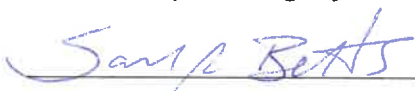
**Nature Education Center Funding:** Sarah Betts provided an update on the status of the State Capital Budget Bill request that was made to Rep. Gary Click's office and Senator Bill Reineke's office in December. The Parks were not included in the House Bill version finalized this week. The Senate will begin their review in April. There was further discussion regarding other funding avenues that could be pursued.

### New Business:

**Proposed Landfill Expansion:** Jakob Boehler gave a summary of the Ohio EPA public meeting that he attended Feb. 5, 2024 and then discussions took place on the topic, including potential various impacts of the project, public comments, long-term affects of the proposed project moving forward vs. not moving forward, the improved management practices, concerns of previous practices, the potential increase of out of state refuse, etc. It was a consensus that the Board should provide a public comment to Ohio EPA during the public comment period ending Feb. 19 due to the proximity of park property. It was discussed further that this public comment should **NOT** be regarded as the Board setting a precedent for making general public comments, but be recognized that the Board will address each situation that arises, evaluating it to its fullest, and on its own merit. The Board and Park District are not to act in an advocacy capacity, but may respond to potential or perceived impacts to park property and local natural resources. The following resolution was created.

**Resolution 02-15-2024 #1: Opposing Expansion of the WIN Waste Innovations of Seneca County.** A motion to approve the resolution was made by Lori Hall and seconded by Lee Martin. Motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote of members present, and the Director was asked to submit the document on behalf of the Board.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Jacob Price, seconded by Janet Shutt, and was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 AM.



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Respectfully Submitted by: Sarah Betts, acting Board Secretary