

Seneca County Park District Board of Park Commissioners

February 13, 2024 – 9:00AM
Park Office: 3362 S TR 151, Tiffin OH 44883

Regular Meeting Minutes

Jakob Boehler called the meeting to order at 8:59 AM.

Roll Call:	Jakob Boehler	<u>present</u>	Sarah Betts	<u>present</u>
	Lori Hall	<u>present</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, Catherine Gase & Bill McAllister

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Lee Martin to approve the meeting agenda and the minutes of the 01/09/2024 organizational & regular meetings. Motion was seconded by Lori Hall, and was approved unanimously by members present.

Financial Reports: A motion to approve the January 2024 financial statements was made by Jacob Price and seconded by Lori Hall. Motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote of members present.

Executive Director's Report presented by Sarah Betts (see attachments for full reports).

- Sarah provided an overview of her written Director's Report.
- Sarah gave updates on upcoming solar eclipse plans and activities: promotional t-shirts have arrived, the temporary camping permit for the solar eclipse campsites at Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve has been approved and registration is now open and posted on the park website, Destination Seneca County is a central resource for Seneca County solar eclipse information and can be found at www.senecacountysolareclipse.com, and ODNR has a citizen science project for gathering data on wildlife response during the solar eclipse (a link to this will be added to the park website).

Programs Report presented by Linda Rose.

- Programs are going well.
- There were some program cancelations in January due to inclement weather.
- Snow Bunny is set up in the Parks for participants to find using clues posted online.
- The Park District will again be participating in this year's Ag in the Classroom event on March 1st.
- Red wing blackbirds have begun calling.

Operations & Natural Resources Report: N/A

Friends of the Seneca Park Report presented by Catherine Gase: A \$5,000 grant from AEP and a \$10,000 grant from the NCEC People Fund was awarded through the Friends for the Nature Education Center.

Public Comment: Bill McAllister addressed the Board, asking them to consider making a public statement opposing the planned expansion at WIN Waste Innovations of Seneca County Landfill (formerly known as Sunny Farms Landfill), which is located near the Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve in Fostoria, OH. The Ohio EPA is currently accepting statements through 2/20/2024. The Board decided to call a special meeting to discuss the matter in the near future, specific date and time to be determined.

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business:

Resolution 02-13-2024 #1: Approving supplemental appropriations to:

2188-0021-5306-30 (Leases/Rental Agreements) in the amount of \$2,100.00

2188-0021-5309-00 (Other Expenses) in the amount of \$1,270.00

2188-0021-5366-00 (Hospitalization) in the amount of \$3,397.54

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Janet Shutt and seconded by Lori Hall. 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 Jacob Price, and was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 AM.

Next Meetings:

Special Meeting: February 15, 2024 – 8:30AM
SCPD Park Office

Regular Meeting: March 12, 2024 – 9:00AM
SCPD Park Office

Regular Meeting: April 16, 2024 – 9:00AM
SCPD Park Office

Shelly Smola

4/16/24

Respectfully Submitted by: Shelly Smola, Board Secretary