

Seneca County Park District Board of Park Commissioners

May 13, 2025 - 5:00PM

Nature Education Center, Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve
10130 W. State Route 18, Fostoria OH 44830

Regular Meeting Minutes

Jacob Price called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

Roll Call:	Jakob Boehler	<u>present</u> (arrived 5:04 PM)	Sarah Betts	<u>present</u>
	Lori Hall	<u>present</u>	Shelly Smola	<u>present</u>
	Lee Martin	<u>present</u>		
	Chris Monsour	<u>present</u>		
	Jacob Price	<u>present</u>		

Staff & Guests: Ziyah Piltz & Linda Rose

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Lee Martin to approve the meeting agenda, and the minutes of the 4/8/25 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Lori Hall, and was approved unanimously by roll call vote of members present.

Financial Reports: A motion to approve the April 2025 financial statements was made by Lori Hall and seconded by Chris Monsour. 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.
- Due to unexpected delays, the grand opening of the Nature Education Center has been postponed until sometime in July 2025.
- The Kiwanis Club of Seneca County purchased and planted seed for a quarter acre of pollinator habitat at St. John's Mill River Access, and Steele Solutions employees volunteered to paint the shelter house at Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve.

Programs Report presented by Linda Rose

- Programs are going well.
- School outreach programs have concluded for the year, and all participating schools have requested that the Park District return to offer programs again next year.
- Summer camp registrations are coming in, Fun in the Sun event at Steyer will be returning this summer, summer canoe and kayak floats are scheduled, June – Sept programs have been finalized, and the Parks will have a booth again this year at the Seneca County Fair.

Operations & Natural Resources Report presented by Sarah Betts (see attachment for full report).

- Routine maintenance continues and several small projects have been completed.
- Applications are still being accepted for seasonal employment. Tammy will be assisting with summer mowing when possible.

Friends of the Seneca Parks: N/A

Public Comment: N/A

Unfinished Business:

Building Update & Naming: Options for the naming of the new nature education building located at Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve were discussed. A motion to name the new building the Robert G. Teach Nature Education Center was made by Chris Monsour and seconded by Jakob Boehler. Motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote of members present.

Resolution 05-13-2025 #1: Approving and Adopting a resolution levying taxes for the use of the Seneca County Park District at a rate of .5 mills for a period of 10 years. After discussion, 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.

New Business: N/A

Executive Session: N/A

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Jacob Price, seconded by Chris Monsour, and was approved unanimously by members present. Meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM.

Next Meetings:

Regular Meeting: June 10, 2025 – 9:00 AM
Teach Nature Education Center, Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve

Regular Meeting: July 8, 2025 – 9:00 AM
Community Park Tour – Steyer Nature Preserve

Shelly Smola

8/12/25

Respectfully Submitted by: Shelly Smola, Board Secretary