

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2012

Commissioners present: Breen, Brooks, Cravatta, Hogan, and Ludwig.

Staff present: Brunner, Gerke, McCammond, Murray, Tucker, and Wolf.

Guests present: Kevin Wills, District's Bond Counsel; David Barber, citizen.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

There were no additions to the agenda.

HOGAN MOVED AND CRAVATTA SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

President Breen opened the floor for public comments on the 2012 Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. There were no comments.

President Breen opened the floor for comments from the commissioners. There were no comments.

President Breen opened the floor for oral or written testimony from the public. There was no oral or written testimony.

LUDWIG MOVED AND HOGAN SECONDED A MOTION AT 7:05 PM TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING. HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

The board took a short recess to sign documents at 7:06 pm.

The board reconvened at 7:15 pm.

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President Breen opened the floor to Kevin Wills of First Midstate Inc. Investment Bankers, the District's bond counsel. Mr. Wills explained the bond process that will take place over the next couple of months. Brief discussion followed then Mr. Wills departed.

President Breen opened the floor to David Barber. Mr. Barber proposed that the District install a disc golf course. He presented a slide show of the elements needed to build a course and the cost of each element. The cost to build an entire 18-hole course would be around \$6,000-\$12,000. After meeting with Director Tucker and taking a tour of the District's properties, the former Stone Quarry Recreation Park site was discussed as a possible location. Mr. Barber does recommend that area to be used. He recommended the Etnyre/Ripplinger Preserve areas if the board agrees to install. Getting input from the public was discussed. The board was concerned with how much the community would be interested in a disc golf course. Mr. Barber agreed to have his phone number placed in the District's newsletter, website, and Facebook if necessary to receive input. Further discussion followed.

CRAVATTA MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2012, AND THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2012. LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

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LUDWIG MOVED AND HOGAN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2012. BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

President Breen reminded the board of the conference coming up in January. He also noted that all of the commissioners have now completed the required Open Meetings Act training.

President Breen opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports: Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:34-7:44 pm-He informed the board that the playground and splash pad from Stone Quarry Park was donated to the Kids Around the World organization. After local avenues of relocating the playgrounds were exhausted, this was a good option so the playgrounds will continue to be useful for awhile. This organization has volunteers who take the playground down then they re-install it in another country. The organization accepts all liability for the de-construction and re-construction of the playgrounds. Other countries don't have strict playground regulations which make it easier to install used playgrounds. He also updated the board on the construction project. He commended the City and Township of Byron who have been helping with moving rock. Richie Wolf, Education Department-7:44-7:45 pm; Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:45-7:51 pm-Director Tucker commended Russell and his staff on their work at the Colman Preserve. Steve Murray, Golf Course Operations-7:51-7:58 pm-He stated that the crew has been filling in some bunkers with the black dirt that's being removed at the construction site. This

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works out well and saves a lot of money to do something they had been planning on doing. The situations of other local courses were discussed.

HOGAN MOVED AND BROOKS SECONDED A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DESTROY THE AUDIO TAPE RECORDING OF MAY 16, 2011. CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND HOGAN SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 AS CONTAINED IN ORDINANCE NO. 12-3. HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

HOGAN MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2013 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE AS CONTAINED IN ORDINANCE NO. 12-4. LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

HOGAN MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO AWARD THE GOLF MAINTENANCE INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS - ROOFING/SHEET METAL BID TO WIESBROOK SHEET METAL FOR \$209,484. BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND CRAVATTA SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:04 PM TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER SECTION 2(C)(1) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF THE

APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE,
PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT,
INCLUDING HEARING TESTIMONY ON A COMPLAINT LODGED AGAINST AN
EMPLOYEE TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY, UNDER SECTION 2(C)(5) OF THE
OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF THE
PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE DISTRICT,
AND UNDER SECTION 2(C)(11) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR THE
PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF PENDING, OR PROBABLE AND IMMINENT,
LITIGATION AGAINST, AFFECTING OR ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT.
CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, AND
BREEN – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 9:04 PM TO
COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES,
BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

CRAVATTA MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 9:05 PM
TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA –
YES, HOGAN – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Denny Cravatta, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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