

AGENDA  
511 PARK BOARD JUNE 24, 2019

- I PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II Welcome of new Board Member
- III Call to Order
- IV Read/Approve Minutes of May 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting
- V Vote on Officers
- VI Levy Update & Resolutions
- VI Donation to Russell Cemetery Veterans Memorial
- VIII Other
- IX Adjournment

NEXT MEETING:

*Minutes of: 511 Citizens' Park Board  
of Russell Township  
Held: Geauga West Public Library*

*Meeting: Regular*

*Date: May 22, 2019*

**Chairman Roy Podojil requested all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

**The meeting was called to order by Chairman Podojil at 6:35 PM. Present were Mr. Roy Podojil, Mr. Ron Skrbin, Mr. Perry Howland, and Maria Livers.**

**Mr. Skrbin has officially resigned – this is his last meeting and we will have a new member that the Russell Trustees will vote on. They have decided that a lawyer would be best suited to fill in this position vacated by Mr. Skrbin.**

**A letter thanking Mr. Skrbin from the Russell Trustees was read by Mr. Podojil. The letter was signed by Mr. Justin Madden of the Russell Board of Trustees. Mr. Podojil extended his thanks and the thanks of the Board to Mr. Skrbin for his service. Mr. Podojil indicated that Mr. Skrbin's skill and knowledge of Russell and as a Naturalist was much needed and is much appreciated as part of his service to the Board. Mr. Podojil stated Mr. Skrbin will be missed.**

**Mr. Skrbin indicated that the Trustees feel this is a position that needs to be filled by someone with a law background, and that they had someone in mind.**

**Minutes: Minutes for the April 24th, 2019 meeting were read and Mr. Podojil made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected by Mr. Howland. Mr. Skrbin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Budget Update**

**\$3462.51 is currently in this Park District's bank account at Huntington Bank. Mr. Ed Sutter was sent \$300 for three commissioners' annual insurance. This issue will need follow-up action to take Mr. Skrbin off of the policy and add our new Board member.**

**\$270.97 was received from the county auditor as a monthly distribution.**

**Mr. Skrbin will meet with Maria Livers regarding going over the existing accounting documents and will turn everything over to her for a review by Ms. Livers and Mr. Howland.**

**Levy Update – no current updates at this time. Mr. Podojil has the paperwork from the last time we put a levy on the ballot (2018) and will work with Ms. Livers and the county to type up new paperwork and have it ready for the June meeting.**

**Discussion:** The 1545 Park District owns all Russell Park District land now, and recently leased about 2/3 of those properties to the Geauga Park District with a 15-year lease.

In Howard's opinion, the lease is improper – this is over \$1 million in property – because they do not have the right to give it without properly meeting the technical requirements of leasing. There may be ample grounds to challenge the lease. Shelley's experience is that the lease was legal according to law advice she sought out. There is a concern is that there would be a sale of some of the properties to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party at this point. If the land was returned, it would be possible that the 511 District could get it back.

**Donation of Tree to Russell Cemetery Veterans Memorial** – Mr. Podojil has not heard back from Shane <sup>Wentz</sup> ~~Wentz~~, Russell Township Zoning Inspector, about a donation of a tree or a donation toward a tree. There is a possibility of a donation toward a bench from the 511 and Friends of the 511 Park District. Mr. Podojil suggests that we put this on hold for the time being until we get additional information for clarification.

**Other – Public Relations and getting further information out about the 511 Park District.**

Mr. Podojil suggests we wait until we get closer to the election to start promoting this park district so as to not tire the public out around this issue. Howard suggested that we get a specific piece of property that we could market to the voters regarding “where their money will go”. For now we will not weary the voters.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Howland made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Podojil seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.



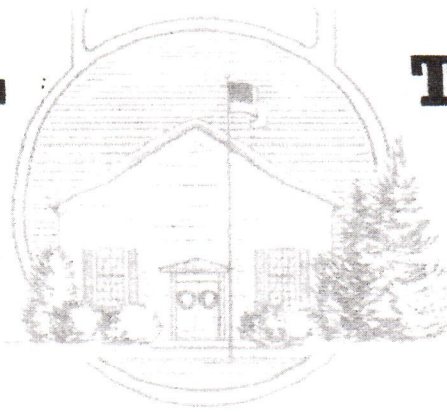
Approved - Roy Podojil, Chair

Recorded by Maria Livers, Clerk

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, June 24, 2019 – 6:30pm Geauga West Library

# RUSSELL

8501 Kinsman Road  
P.O. Box 522



# TOWNSHIP

Novelty, Ohio 44072

May 22, 2019

Mr. Ron Skrbín  
13845 Fox Hill Drive  
Novelty, Ohio 44072

Dear Ron,

The Russell Township Trustees wish to thank you for your service to the Russell Citizens' Park Board. Your time and support in preserving Russell Township's park land will always be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Justin Madden". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Justin Madden, Chair  
Russell Township Board of Trustees

cc: Roy Podojil, Citizens' Park Board

Board of Trustees  
(440) 338-8912

511 CITIZENS PARK BOARD SIGN-IN

June 24, 2019

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