



MINUTES

RUSSELL TOWNSHIP CITIZENS' PARK DISTRICT (511)

Regular Meeting – January 17, 2024

Russell Township Historic Town Hall, Russell Township, Geauga County, OH

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Roy Podojil at 4:08 PM. Present were Commissioners Mr. Roy Podojil, Mr. Perry Howland, and Ms. LuAnn Judis, and Secretary, Ms. Maria Livers.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 20, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Podojil made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 20, 2023 Regular Meeting as submitted. Ms. Judis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET & ACCOUNTING UPDATES

- Current Bank Balance/Library Funds distribution:

- RTCPD received a distribution of Public Library Funds from Geauga County in the amount of \$208.56 for January.
- The bank account balance as of 31 December 2023 was \$22,487.28, not including outstanding checks totaling \$241.00.

- Mr. Howland is working with RTCPD accountants to close 2023.

- POs/Warrants

- UAN PO 1-2024/Warrant #1119 Maria Livers – \$150.00

Ms. Judis made a motion to accept the PO and Warrant as listed. Mr. Podojil seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

UPPER CHAGRIN PRESERVE (UCP) UPDATES

Ms. Judis shared the following:

- Working with First Energy for easement/access for construction materials and for continued access for programs and hiking;
- Native Plant Society may want to have a UCP hike in 2024, definitely in 2025;
- Chester Historical Foundation is interested in hiking UCP, will be in touch;
- Reaching out to colleges: Kent State, Ursuline, CWRU for potential involvement;
- Dates for river surveys to be determined with ODNR and Carl Baynor and David Putnam, RTCPD volunteers and Becky Donaldson's (ODNR) definite approval as an official site;
- Contacting 12 physically closest high schools regarding their interest;
- New owner of the former site of the Cauyga Indians Club is allowing the Interurban Society members to visit. Plans are to restore these buildings, which are on his private property.



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- Possible interest by Cleveland and Eastern Urban Historical Society in Chardon, OH
- Also wants to contact the Natural History Museum re: access/programming

OTHER - 2024 RTCPD Officers

Mr. Howland made a motion nominating Mr. Podojil as Chair of the RTCPD for 2024. Ms. Judis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Howland nominated Ms. Judis as Vice-Chair of the RTCPD for 2024. Mr. Podojil seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Judis nominated Mr. Howland as Fiscal Officer of the RTCPD for 2024. Mr. Podojil seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT – *Mr. Howland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:57 PM. Ms. Judis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes Approved:

Respectfully submitted by
Maria Livers, Sec'y.

Roy E. Podojil, Chairman

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 4:00 PM. Location: Russell Town Hall, Russell Township, Geauga Co., Ohio