



## MINUTES

### RUSSELL TOWNSHIP CITIZENS' PARK DISTRICT (511)

Regular Meeting – August 16, 2023

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

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#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Roy Podojil at 4:01 PM. Present were Commissioners Mr. Roy Podojil, Mr. Perry Howland, and Ms. LuAnn Judis, and Secretary, Ms. Maria Livers.

#### MINUTES OF THE JUNE 21, 2023 BUDGET HEARING & REGULAR MEETINGS

*Mr. Howland made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 21, 2023 Budget Hearing and Regular Meetings as submitted. Ms. Judis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

#### BUDGET & ACCOUNTING UPDATES

- Current Bank Balance/Library Funds distribution:

- RTCPD received distributions of Public Library Funds from Geauga County in the amounts of \$441.45 for July, and \$337.62 for August.
- The bank account balance as of this meeting is \$23,467.95.
- The UAN Bank Reconciliation report was reviewed and signed.

- UAN Update – no updates at this time.

- POs/Warrants

- UAN PO 3-2023/Warrant #1108 Maria Livers – \$300.00 (July/Aug)
- UAN PO 9-2023/Warrant #1109 Sutton Insurance – \$1405.00 – Upper Chagrin Preserve Liability Insurance

*Mr. Howland made a motion to accept the POs and Warrants as listed. Ms. Judis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

#### UPPER CHAGRIN PRESERVE (UCP) UPDATES

June 25<sup>th</sup> – Ms. Judis attended the Water Quality Survey ODNR Scenic Rivers Program led by Ms. Dottie Drockton from the Geauga Park District in the UCP. Ms. Judis said the program was very well attended over two different days (June 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup>) and that there was some interest by attendees in continuing to volunteer in this capacity with the RTCPD to take future water quality surveys. Ms. Drockton said the Geauga Park District will no longer be leading any programs in the UCP, but did not elaborate as to why. She referred the RTCPD to follow up with Ms. Rebecca Donaldson from the ODNR for details.

July 8<sup>th</sup> – Ms. Judis attended and hosted the Foundation for Geauga Parks (FDP) informational hike on behalf of the RTCPD. The FDP board members who attended were very supportive, told LuAnn they very much enjoyed the hike and the Upper Chagrin Preserve Park property. LuAnn did



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encounter 2 residents who were not happy that anyone was parked on Beachwood Drive (or hiking in the UCP), in spite of the fact that program attendees were parked on the public part of that road. Ms. Judis tried to explain that this was an educational hike to monitor the health of the Chagrin River, but neither resident was not interested in discussing the matter.

Ms. Donaldson will be getting back to Ms. Judis regarding officially setting up the UCP as a water quality monitoring site and finalizing all details. Laurel School is planning to go to the UCP in October to survey the river, as are students from Gilmour Academy. Ms. Judis and Ms. Livers will facilitate communication between the science teachers at those two schools. Ms. Livers has discussed the summer survey with Ms. Darci Sanders at Gilmour and they will try to coordinate a time to do that before the fall.

**OTHER** – Nothing at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – No public comments at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT** – *Ms. Judis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 PM. Mr. Howland seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

**Minutes Approved:**

Respectfully submitted by  
Maria Livers, Sec'y.

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Roy E. Podojil, Chairman

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 4:00 PM  
Location: Russell Town Hall, Russell Township, Geauga Co., Ohio