



MINUTES
RUSSELL TOWNSHIP CITIZENS' PARK DISTRICT (511)
Regular Meeting – March 18, 2021
9992 Kinsman Road, Newbury Twp., Geauga County, OH

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Podojil at 6:07 PM. Present were Commissioners Mr. Roy Podojil, Mr. Perry Howland, and Ms. Stephanie Snevel, and Secretary, Ms. Maria Livers.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18TH & MARCH 17TH MEETINGS

Mr. Howland made motion to accept both sets of minutes as presented. Mr. Podojil seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING UPDATES

Mr. Howland reported that the RTCPD received \$477.17 from the Geauga Local Government Fund distribution and \$411.01 from the Library Funds distribution. The current bank balance is approximately \$13,000.

- POs & Warrants:

- PO #04-21, Warrant #1034 - Roy E. Podojil – Reimbursement for website annual renewal \$166.53 – Mar. 18, 2021
- PO #05-21, Warrant #1035 –Treas. Of State of Ohio – Balance from 2020 Audit \$151.70 - Mar. 18, 2021
- PO #01-21 – P10, Warrant #1036 - Maria Livers – Sec'y Stipend \$150.00 – Mar. 18, 2021

Mr. Howland moved to accept the POs and Warrants as listed. Ms. Snevel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

UPPER CHAGRIN PRESERVE (UCP) UPDATE

Mr. Podojil spoke of the RTCPD's role in stewarding the UCP, including maintaining trails, monitoring conservation studies, and education of residents about deed restrictions including protection of natural features and habitats on the property. Programs the RTCPD will organize and/or support nature programs, history programs with the Russell Historical Society and current AP Science programs in local high schools.

Mr. Howland suggested re-walking the trails and consideration of bridge repair and signage as a priority. Basic maintenance, including removing fallen trees on the trails is needed. Other priorities include investigating parking and drop-off access, including parking on the west pull-off on the easement, which has historically been allowed.

Additional priorities include repairing existing bridges on the trail, for which the RTCPS has a bid; connecting with Darci Sanders and Mike Sustin regarding their AP science curriculum for the



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coming year regarding use of the UCP; becoming familiar with past surveys of the UCP; and understanding and educating the public about restrictions and public use of the property.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – A suggestion was made of looking for local groups who have an interest in using the trails and would be willing to volunteer to help maintain them.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Snelv made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Howland seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

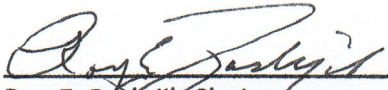
The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 20, 2021 6:00 PM

Location: 9992 Kinsman Road, Newbury Township, Geauga Co., Ohio

Minutes Approved:

Respectfully submitted by
Maria Livers, Sec'y.



Roy E. Dodojil, Chairman