



MINUTES
RUSSELL TOWNSHIP CITIZENS' PARK DISTRICT (511)
Regular Meeting - MARCH 4, 2020
Geauga West Library

I PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

II CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Podojil at 10:00 AM. Present were Commissioners Mr. Roy Podojil, Mr. Perry Howland, Ms. Stephanie Snelvel and Secretary Ms. Maria Livers.

III MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2020 MEETING

Ms. Livers read the Minutes of the February 5th RTCPD meeting into the record.

Mr. Podojil moved to accept the February 5th meeting Minutes as read. Mr. Howland seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

IV GRANT UPDATES

Mr. Podojil reported that the RTCPD submission for the Ohio Public Works Commission Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Grant was rated 3rd out of 8 submissions and has been accepted to move on to the next level of approvals with the State. If approved, it would cover approximately 75% of the purchase of the Gallo property. This can be included in information regarding the levy, as well as possibility of purchasing two additional smaller properties.

V LEVY UPDATES

Shelley Chernin, levy committee Chair, stated that about 10 signs are left and that the first postcard has landed. Has planned for a robo call to go out as well. She has heard positive feedback, with the exception of two letters to the editor in local papers. Ms. Livers will write a rebuttal letter.

VI FINANCIAL UPDATES

A RTCPD's 501(c)(3) determination has been granted. Form 990 must be submitted annually.

B Grants - The RTCPD is now registered with the Ohio Public Works Commission. Future grants can be applied for more efficiently.

C Bank Account - The RTCPD bank balance is \$5409.17 as of 2/18/2020.

D UAN - Ms. Snelvel is currently registered for UAN training in April in Columbus.

E PO/Warrant – PO 2020-1, Warrant #1012, Maria Livers, Secretary monthly stipend for January and February, 2020. \$75 x 2 months = \$150 total.

Ms. Snelvel made a motion to accept PO 2020-1 and approve Warrant #1012. Mr. Howland Seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VII OTHER

Discussion ensued about next steps for the purchase of proposed property/properties should the levy pass and grant be awarded:

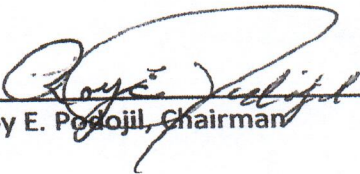
- A Administrative – property insurance, taxes, title search and closing of Gallo purchase.
- B Gallo property – Walking the property with Western Reserve Land Conservancy representative to determine the best trails with least negative impact; investigating adding small (6-car) parking lot; reviewing WRLC survey, noting and protecting unique features including section of Silver Creek, wetlands and part of Chagrin River watershed.
- C Additional - Consider additional properties for purchase and preservation.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Podojil moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 AM. Ms. Snelvel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 AM.

Minutes Approved:



Roy E. Podojil, Chairman

Respectfully submitted by
Maria Livers, Sec'y.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 10:00 AM, Geauga West Library