

New Albany Plain Local Joint Parks District

Board Meeting Minutes 5/6/2024, 6:00 pm

Location: New Albany Parks and Recreation Office

7860 Bevelhymer Road, New Albany, OH 43054

- I. Meeting called to order: 6:00 pm**

- II. Roll Call**
 - a. Abbey Brooks**
 - b. David Demers**
 - c. Scott Dodson**
 - d. Todd Wedekind**
 - e. Richard Williams**

- III. Meeting Minutes-**
 - a. **MOTION** by Williams, to accept the Board Meeting minutes from the Board Meeting April 1st , 2024, 2nd by Demers, no further discussion. **VOTE: AYE: Brooks, Demers, Dodson and Williams. Abstained by Wedekind. MOTION PASSED. Res 2024-5-6-A.***

- IV. Guest and Public Speakers-**
 - a. Staff- Brian Smith, Morgan Simonski and Theo Spsychalski**
 - b. Pizutti- Carlo Burns and Jim Russel**
 - c. WSA- Frank Weaver, Phil Riazzi**
 - d. Edge Group- Tedd Hardesty**
 - e. Ruscilli- Kyle Sellers, Eric Smith**
 - f. Matt Shull- NA City Council Member**
 - g. Kerri Mollard- Township Trustee**
 - h. Mark Wilson- NAPLS Board of Education Member**

V. Financial-

- a. Dave reviewed the Executive Financial Summary as well as the Bond Funds Account (Red Tree Investments), STAR Account, and Debt Service Account (Red Tree Investments)**

VI. Directors Report-

- a. Dave shared that the improvements to the Tennis Courts will take place in the coming weeks, which will include the replacement of the north and south posts as well as the resealing of the courts.**
- b. Dave shared that leagues are in full swing for the Spring season and are going well.**
- c. The Board was informed that there will be a capital campaign which will be a stepping off point to help support the longevity of the proposed building.**
- d. Dave shared that the team is meeting with salary consultants and conducting research to determine salary expectations.**
- e. Brian shared with the board that 365 Midwest Concessions has started work selling concessions in Bevelhymer Park and the overall feedback has been positive to this point.**

VII. Old Business-

- a. Dave shared that the Underspeed Vehicle signs have been placed at every entry point to Bevelhymer park that will prohibit the use of underspeed vehicles in areas of the park, excluding proper parking spaces. The rules have also been shared with the community via newsletter.**

VIII. New Business-

- a. None at this time.**

IX. Fieldhouse Business-

- a. Carlo Burns, from Pizzuti, shared a general update on the Fieldhouse and Community center that included an expansion of the project price, but that it can be brought down with cost saving projections.**
- b. Jim Russel, also from Pizzuti, shared an update in regards to the utilities for the building, saying they have had challenges with staffing changes with the City of Columbus but are still working to get an answer in time for the next board meeting.**
 - i. A Board Member asked to clarify that we are in a holding pattern at this point in time, in regards to utilities. Jim responded yes and explained the changes that will impact the schedule.**
 - ii. Question from Board Member: How does this (utilities) impact the project? There will likely be a change in schedule, as well as a monetary impact in the event there will need to be a well.**
 - iii. How will the monetary impact change the size of the building? There would be a structural bay (30ft), that will be taken off the building as well as a change in the number of parking spaces.**
 - iv. Board Member asked if the designs have been modified in the event that there will be a different outcome with utilities. Frank Weaver, from WSA, responded that drawings have not been modified and that there are no new drawings to this point.**
- c. Jim Russel informed the board of their findings that New Albany services over 10,000 Columbus residents, while old reports stated that the city only serviced 1,800. This statistic has been noted by Pizzuti to use in future conversations with the City of Columbus in regards to bringing utilities to the Fieldhouse site.**
 - i. Board Member asked what the Parks and Recreation Board needs to do in order to help move the project forward? Jim responded that he is not sure that any extra resources from the board is going to help move the decision along, but will be happy to accept any help given.**

- ii. **Question: How long before we need to hit the panic button on this project? Jim responded that there is no reason, at this time, to delay groundbreaking and that they are hoping to have an answer in the next few weeks on utilities. The team is confident that they can remain on schedule for this project.**
- d. **Carlo explained that the team has been working together to bring down the budget in order to balance the scope. He stated that they are within ‘striking distance’ of the budget and expects to save even more with bid savings.**
- e. **Eric Smith went over what some of the cost saving opportunities could be and explained that we are still over budget to this point.**
 - i. **A Board Member asked if the only way we are going to get the cost savings is if we buy everything at once, ahead of everything else. Eric responded that no, they have only paid the engineers to complete their work but that everything else will be purchased with a full GMP and utility plan in place.**
- f. **Eric explained that there will also be some exchanges in place that will also help cut down on the cost of materials such as using one brand over another.**

X. Board Business-

- a. **None at this time.**

XI. *MOTION* by Williams to enter into executive session at 7:02 pm to discuss land negotiations, 2nd by Wedekind, No further discussions, VOTE: Aye: Brooks, Demers, Dodson, Wedekind, Williams. **MOTION PASSED. Res 2025-5-6-B.**

XII. *MOTION* by Williams to enter back into regular session at 7:25 pm, 2nd by Demers, no further discussion. VOTE: Aye: Brooks, Demers, Dodson, Wedekind, Williams. **MOTION PASSED. Res 2024-5-6-C.**

XIII. *Motion* by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm, 2nd by Wedekind, no further discussion. Vote: Aye: Brooks, Demers, Dodson, Wedekind, Williams. **Motion Passed. Res 2024-5-6-D.**