

Trustee Special Meeting

3/16/2023

The Special Meeting was called to order on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. by Trustee Swedyk. Present were Trustees Swedyk and Ascherl. Trustee Augustine had an excused absence. Also present were Sean McDermott, Chief Planning and Design Officer and Kristen Trolio, Grants Manager representing the Cleveland Metro Parks. Two residents were in attendance

Mr. Swedyk stated the Special Meeting is for the purpose of reviewing and approving a letter of support regarding the Cleveland Metroparks dam project (within the Hinckley Reservation) and to discuss Trustees Corner articles.

Cleveland Metroparks representatives outlined the history of the 100-year old dam and explained the necessity of beginning the rehabilitation project. The rehabilitation project includes adding concrete and clay to the existing embankment of the current dam. The dam is a Class 1 dam – a high hazard dam- which could result in property and physical damage if compromised. Thus, the need to rehabilitate to modern standards.

The rehabilitation is targeted to begin at the end of 2023 and will include sediment removal. The project is estimated at approximately \$8-9 million.

Ms. Trolio explained that the letter of support requested of the Board of Trustees is to assist in the Cleveland Metroparks congressional applications for grant funding to offset the cost of funding. The offices of Senator Sherrod Brown and Congressman Max Miller will be provided the letter of support.

The Trustees reviewed the draft letter provided by the Cleveland Metroparks and opened the floor to any resident questions.

Resident Richard Pearl inquired as to where the dry dredging sediment would be moved to. Mr. McDermott explained that clay for the dam would be harvested from an area within Buzzard's Roost. The resulting void due to the harvesting of clay would be filled with the dredging sediment. All safety requirements will be met during the process, as well as the mitigation of heavy equipment on Township roadways.

Discussion ensued as to the improved water quality of Hinckley lake and its tributaries. The Trustees expressed their appreciation for the effort made by the Cleveland Metroparks in minimizing negative impacts on the Township and its roadways.

Mr. McDermott stated that due to construction the Hinckley Lake swimming area will be closed for the 2024 and 2025 seasons. The lake will be drained in September of 2023 and upon the drying of the lake, construction will ensue on the embankment and dam. Necessary tree removal will begin shortly in advance of the Indian Bat nesting season. Aquatic wildlife will be relocated to the best of the Metroparks ability prior to the construction and upon completion the lake will be restocked.

Mr. McDermott discussed additional restoration projects within the Hinckley Reservation and their positive impacts on water quality and the reduction of silt accumulation.

Mr. Swedyk made an amended motion to agree to sign a letter of support for the Metroparks dam renovation project to be sent to Senator Sherrod Brown and Congressman Max Miller supporting the project that will commence in September of 2023 with a completion in 2026. Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH=yes, S=yes

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The Board discussed a review of the draft April *Hinckley Record* Trustees Corner submission, which consisted of the West 130th/Center Road property CRA/ Annexation timeline language that was previously stated at the March 4, 2023 Trustee Regular Meeting. Ms. Ascherl expressed a desire to add the expert credentials of the legal counsel hired by the Township. Mr. Swedyk replied he was satisfied as is without the additional verbiage. Despite Ms. Augustine not being present, since this was not newly drafted copy the two Trustees agreed to submit the content as previously journalized and approved in the March 4, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Swedyk indicated if the submission was newly drafted verbiage any approvals would wait until the three-person Board was present.

Mr. Swedyk made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 4:47 p.m. Ascherl second. Vote: Asc-Y, S-Y.

Minutes of the meeting approved by:
