

RUSSELL FIRE-RESCUE STATION

December 12, 2016

Chairman Podojil called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Mr. Gerard and Ms. Rader were present. Ms. Milite was also present.

MINUTES: *Mr. Gerard made the motion to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held on November 30, 2016, as presented. Ms. Rader seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

2017 MEETING SCHEDULE: *Ms. Rader made the motion to approve the meeting schedule for 2017. Mr. Gerard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

Mr. Gerard advised the Board that he will be taking a new job which will cause him to travel frequently. He asked if he would be able to Skype or face time for the meetings if he is out of town, he would like to stay on the Board and is very passionate about the parks. He is going to check with legal counsel.

VETERANS' MEMORIAL: Mr. Podojil advised the other Board members that he had a conversation with the head of the Geauga VA and two of the council members about funding a VA Memorial.

The Geauga VA has a budget of \$1 million a year for funding projects and they spend on average \$4.7K and the remainder goes into a general fund that the Geauga County Commissioners control.

Mr. Podojil asked Landscape Architect Mr. Morgan of Rob Morgan LLC, to put together a rendering for the VA Memorial. He had previously mapped out the trails for the Upper Chagrin Preserve. Mr. Podojil advised the board that they will need estimates for materials (stone, shrubs, ect.). The Commissioners for the VA need to approve the cost. The Board members asked the Trustees for a spot of land to put the Memorial Park. The Trustees advised the Park Board that they have not yet discussed potential spots and they will at the next Trustees Meeting. Mr. Madden suggested that the Board puts together a footprint of the proposed Memorial Park so the Trustees have a better idea of the amount of land that will be needed. The Trustees will pick a Township owned parcel and allow the Park Board to create the Memorial Park, but the land will be in the Township's ownership. The Trustees suggested that the Memorial to Russell School be placed in the same area as the VA Memorial and the Historical society could help with the project.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC WERE RECEIVED

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Mr. Gerard made the motion to move into executive session to consider the purchase of property, pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (2). Ms. Rader seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

The meeting moved into executive session at 7:36 pm.

Mr. Gerard made the motion to return to regular session. Mr. Podojil seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting moved into regular session at 9:20pm

Mr. Gerard made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Rader seconded and it passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Roy Podojil, Chairman

Recorded by: J. Dorka