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Board of Trustees  
Special Park Board Meeting  
Thursday, 9/5/2019  
7pm

**Opening**

Invocation  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Pegram

Fiscal Officer Koepke

Lisa Allen-Present  
Bob Hausermann-Present  
Dan Hodges-Present

In Attendance; Administrator/Fire/EMS Chief Steve Pegram, Police Chief Bob Rose, Service Foreman Chad Meadows, Park Commissioners: David Dinwiddie, Josh Terwilliger, Bill Van Name

**Adoption of the Agenda**

**143-2019** Trustee Hodges motioned to adopt the agenda. Trustee Allen seconds; motion carries.

Trustee Allen-Yes    Trustee Hausermann-Yes    Trustee Hodges-Yes

**Old Business**

**144-2019** Trustee Hodges motioned to Open Discussion between the Goshen Park Board and the Goshen Board of Trustees in reference to Ongoing Park Projects, Operations, etc. Trustee Allen seconds; motion carries.

Trustee Allen-Yes    Trustee Hausermann-Yes    Trustee Hodges-Yes

Goshen Park District opened their meeting.

Commissioner Dinwiddie stated that there have been discussions surrounding park board candidates, and he wanted to discuss the possibilities of a 3 person board vs. a 5 person board. He stated that there has only been one applicant.

Administrator Pegram stated that the ORC says the park board can be 3 or 5 member.

Commissioner Van Name stated that he prefers a 5 man board, just for help with maintenance and events, but 3 is manageable if help can be provided for those things. He said that there have been volunteers to help mow, but he thinks a levy would be helpful.

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Trustee Hausermann said he believes keeping things the way they are isn't working.

Administrator Pegram said we can talk about a board of 3 or 5, but we don't even have 2 applicants, so it doesn't matter.

Commissioner Dinwiddie asked if the township would be interested in leasing land from the park board for a service building, in exchange for maintenance of the park.

Trustee Hodges asked if Linton Road would be a spot that would be wanted for a service garage. He also doesn't believe that the township could support maintenance consistently.

Administrator Pegram suggested that the park board ask the Clermont County Park District to assume the park, as township residents are already paying towards that.

Fiscal Officer Koepke stated that there are a lot of auditing requirements that would come along with receiving a tax levy, and it will be more work than what a volunteer should be responsible for.

Trustee Allen stated that we all have a lot of ideas and passion but we need a better idea of things that are specifically needed, and think about what is truly needed before we start talking about other alternatives.

Commissioner Terwilliger stated that he thought the idea of a walking trail sounds great, but it will look bad because there just isn't enough manpower to maintain it, and the Board of Trustees shouldn't be expected to bail the park out all the time.

Park Treasurer Michelle Dinwiddie asked if the township could help with legal expenses to look at the will. Administrator Pegram said he will look into it.

Commissioner Dinwiddie said that he would like to go back to the 3 vs 5 topic. He stated that right now, there are only 3 members for a 5 person board, so if one person misses, there is no quorum.

Commissioner Van Name asked if the township could do flyers to help raise awareness about park needs. He also said that 4 people in a 5 person board still helps with maintenance issues. Trustees all agreed the cost is excessive for flyers.

Trustee Hodges stated that the park commissioners need to catch up, and wait until winter when it is slower to make a decision.

Trustee Allen asked the park board to be ready with its wants and needs and potential costs.

## **Community Forum**

### **Sherrie Koepke-Shiloh Road**

Ms. Koepke stated that you need to be careful with a 5 person board because this board of 3 has gotten more accomplished than when there was a true board of 5 commissioners. She asked if the Clermont County Commissioners appoint the Clermont County Park Board.

Trustee Hodges stated that the probate judge appoints the Clermont County Park Board.

**Adjournment**

**145-2019** Trustee Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM. Trustee Hodges seconds; motion carries,

Trustee Allen-Yes    Trustee Hausermann-Yes    Trustee Hodges-Yes

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Trustee

  
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Fiscal Officer