511 PARK BOARD

SPECIAL

RUSSELL FIRE-RESCUE STATION November 30, 2016

Mr. Podojil called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Board members Ms. Rader and Mr. Gerard were present.

**MINUTES:** *Mr. Gerard made the motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 10, 2016, as presented. Ms. Rader seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.* 

**REPORT:** Mr. Gerard gave Ms. Milite his corrections for the report. Ms. Rader advised Ms. Milite that the corrections she had were mostly grammar and punctuation and she provided the corrections to Ms. Milite. Mr. Podojil advised the board that he had already submitted his corrections to Ms. Milite.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** The Board was all in favor for the name for the 511 Park Board to be "Russell Township Citizens' Park Board" *Mr. Gerard made the motion to accept the new name for the 511 Park Board. Mr. Podojil seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.* 

Mr. Gerard recommended that first the Board needs to work on the timing of a levy and what that levy would include. Second, the Board needs to put all the properties they are looking at into a priority ranking. Third, the Board needs to look into the timing of the formation of the 511 Park and the financial levy going before the community.

The Board discussed whether the formation of the 511 or the levy should be presented first. The negative to the formation first and the levy later is that the Park Board could miss the opportunity to acquire some properties, but they could talk to the Trustees about other options such as intent contracts.

The Board also discussed that the report needs to be finalized and to the Trustees by early summer.

Mr. Podojil advised the Board that two of the properties they are looking into could be under a time restraint. One of the properties would tie together the Upper Chagrin Preserve. The Board discussed the priority of the properties that could be acquired.

The Board discussed their first project after the report and the idea of a Veterans Park was liked by all members. This would be a great first project that the community could get behind and also be involved in. 511 PARK BOARD

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The Board decided that they should get as much help from the Prosecutor's Office while they are an extension of the Trustees with preparing document language. Mr. Podojil suggested that the bylaws be sent to the Prosecutor's Office for review and they potential levy language be reviewed also.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC WERE RECEIVED**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Roy Podojil, Chairman

Recorded by: J. Dorka