

Berlin Township Parks and Trails Committee

of Delaware County, OH 43015

Regular Meeting

Thursday, December 8, 2022: 6:30 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

2 The meeting was held at Berlin Township Hall, 3271 Cheshire Rd, and was called to order by
3 President Zach Brown at 6:30 p.m.

4 Committee members present: President Zach Brown, Secretary Christina Littleton, Summer
5 Marshall, Coli Lucas, Hillary Cerny, Mark Rawdon, Eileen Faulds

6 Also present: Trustee Raehll

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AGENDA ITEM: VERIFICATION OF ADVERTISEMENT

8 Christina Littleton verified that the meeting was advertised in the Delaware Gazette as a regular
9 meeting.

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AGENDA ITEM: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

11 Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from the 10/13/2022 Parks and Trails
12 meeting, as presented. Ms. Cerny seconded the motion.

13 Vote: Brown, yes; Cerny, yes; Marshall, yes; Littleton, yes; Lucas, yes; Rawdon, abstain; Faulds,
14 yes

15 Motion carried; the minutes were approved.

AGENDA ITEM: ELECT PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND SECRETARY FOR 2023

17 Mr. Brown shared that Joann Workman and Lori Cornell resigned from the Parks and Trails
18 Advisory Committee.

19 There was a discussion about election procedure. Ms. Littleton shared her experience with the
20 BZC.

21 Ms. Littleton nominated Mr. Brown for Parks and Trails Committee president for 2023. Ms.
22 Cerny seconded the motion. There were no further nominations.

23 Vote: Littleton, yes; Cerny, yes; Rawdon, yes; Marshall, yes; Lucas, yes; Brown, yes; Faulds, yes.

24 Motion carried, Mr. Brown was elected Parks and Trails Committee president for 2023.

25 Ms. Marshall nominated Ms. Cerny for Parks and Trails Committee vice president for 2023. Mr.
26 Brown seconded the motion. There were no further nominations.

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27 Vote: Marshall, yes; Brown, yes; Littleton, yes; Lucas, yes; Rawdon, yes; Faulds, yes; Cerny, yes.

28 Motion carried, Ms. Cerny was elected Parks and Trails Committee vice president for 2023.

29 Ms. Cerny nominated Ms. Littleton for Parks and Trails Committee secretary for 2023. Ms.

30 Faulds seconded the motion. There were no further nominations.

31 Vote: Cerny, yes; Faulds, yes; Rawdon, yes; Marshall, yes; Lucas, yes; Littleton, yes; Brown, yes.

32 Motion carried, Ms. Littleton was elected Parks and Trails Committee secretary for 2023.

33 **AGENDA ITEM: MORPC APPLICATION WORKING GROUP**

34 Mr. Brown said Ms. Lucas, Ms. Faulds, and Trustee Raehll had completed the MORPC
35 application. Ms. Lucas and Ms. Faulds confirmed and said it just needs some polishing.

36 Ms. Faulds said they received a letter of support from the Delaware County Board of
37 Developmental Disabilities. She said they will be a stakeholder group. Several young adults with
38 special needs will be attending the focus groups. The Berlin Cross Country Team is also
39 providing a letter of support. Other stakeholders include Source Point, Ohio Department of
40 Natural Resources, Olentangy Local School District, Preservation Parks, Delaware County Trails
41 Committee, and Lewis Center Moms Run This Town.

42 The committee proofread and fine-tuned the MORPC application.

43 Trustee Raehll said we can save all of this work and the letters of support to use as a reference
44 for future grant applications. Ms. Cerny asked if it would be beneficial in the future to gather
45 letters of support from groups outside of Berlin Township, such as connecting schools. It was
46 agreed that it would for connectivity.

47 Trustee Raehll mentioned that ODOT declined providing a letter of support due to department
48 policy.

49 Ms. Cerny shared a suggestion from an Olentangy coach and Berlin Township resident that the
50 students could be volunteers to help with trail maintenance when the time comes. She asked if
51 the township provided a resource where people can search for volunteer opportunities. Trustee
52 Raehll took note of this idea and agreed it would be beneficial for the township. She said she
53 would discuss it with the other trustees. Mr. Rawdon said a friends group would be helpful in
54 organizing volunteers. Ms. Marshall said HOAs could be an opportunity for volunteering.
55 Trustee Raehll agreed, but said that the Township cannot make connections with HOAs. She

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56 also mentioned that Genoa Township only recently had a Parks levy. Their township
57 administrator said that you can go a long way by asking people for help. Ms. Marshall said she
58 came across grants for trail maintenance.

59 Ms. Faulds made a motion to allow Ms. Lucas to submit the MORPC Technical Assistance
60 Program application. Mr. Brown seconded the motion.

61 Vote: Faulds, yes; Brown, yes; Lucas, yes; Marshall, yes; Rawdon, yes; Cerny, yes; Littleton, yes.

62 Motion carried.

63 **AGENDA ITEM: LATE ITEMS**

64 Mr. Rawdon asked if the township has any plans for America 250. Trustee Raehll said it does
65 not, yet. She told him he is welcome to write the trustees about it.

66 Mr. Rawdon mentioned that Alum Creek’s 50th anniversary is next year. He added that Sylvia
67 with the Army Corp of Engineers would be a good person to talk to as we move forward.

68 Trustee Raehll said Sylvia’s permission would be needed to build the 26.2 mile loop in Alum
69 Creek, according to Jason Meyers. He said Sylvia was supportive, but that Army Corp and ODNR
70 senior leadership needed to approve its creation.

71 Trustee Raehll thanked the committee for all of their work on the MORPC application.

72 Mr. Rawdon asked if there was a township inventory of revolutionary soldiers that are buried
73 here. Trustee Raehll said there is a listing of those.

74 Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting without objection. Ms. Faulds seconded the
75 motion.

76 Vote: Brown, yes; Faulds, yes; Cerny, yes; Littleton, yes; Lucas, yes; Marshall, yes; Rawdon, yes.

77 Meeting was adjourned.

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Zach Brown, President

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Christina Littleton, Secretary

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Colynda Lucas

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Mark Rawdon

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Hillary Cerny

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Summer Marshall

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Eileen Faulds