



Lake County Coastal Plan Committee Minutes

November 18, 2009

The Lake County Coastal Plan Committee hereby finds and determines that all formal actions were taken in an open meeting of the Lake County Coastal Plan Committee and that all the deliberations of the Planning Commission and its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Chairman Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. at the Lake Metroparks Painesville Township Park in Painesville Township and welcomed Mr. Fred Haas of Eastlake and Mr. John Loftus of the Lake County Port Authority.

Mr. Lee Bodnar, Painesville Township Administrator, welcomed the members to the Painesville Township Park. He stated that the Painesville Township Trustees were responsible for the food provided tonight. Mr. Vince Urbanski welcomed them on behalf of Lake Metroparks and explained they had a lease/management agreement with the Painesville Township Park Board on this park. He said the park provides that draw many people to the area for baseball in addition to this facility where community functions are held. He stated their appreciation for all that the Coastal Committee had done in their planning for the Lake Erie coast.

Mr. Boyd mentioned that the first meeting for the Coastal Development Plan was held in this facility.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present: Messrs. Advey, Allen, Bodnar, Cain, Cardina, Landeg, McGuirke, Rising, Stephenson, Urbanski, Webster, Welch, and Ms. Hayes. Staff present: Mr. Boyd, and Ms. Myers.

MINUTES

Mr. Allen moved to approve the August 9, 2009 minutes. Mr. Welch seconded the motion.

All voted "Aye".

OLD BUSINESS

Bathymetry Analysis Results

Mr. Boyd stated the Port Authority had secured dollars for a Bathymetry Analysis from the communities of the four sites to be analyzed: Madison Township Park, Stanton Park, Mentor Harbor and Chagrin River Harbor. The boards from the study have already proven beneficial as they were used at a meeting yesterday at the Mentor Harbor Yacht Club to show the water depths in the channel.

CMAG Application Update for Stanton Park and Madison Township Park

The Township is looking at offshore barriers and additional beach at the Madison Township Park and is working on a private/public relationship at Stanton Park. These parks are ideal for offshore technology. Both plans were welcomed by ODNR. ODNR appears to have accepted the idea that barrier island structures are not incompatible to the littoral movement. The Bathymetry Study will be a critical step. It will be used for planning the appropriate design of these structures for the four communities involved.

North Perry Village agreed to do a sand analysis in each of the next five years to make sure that their model predictions were accurate.

2009 State Capital Funds Update

The 2009 State Capital funds have started to come to those communities who were awarded the \$1.25 million.

Mr. Loftus talked about the next appropriations in 2010. The 2010 Capital Funds appropriation cap funding has been delayed as the government works to get through the income tax problem. The normal capital budget is usually decided in early February. The Bathymetry Survey, should help the Port Authority better focus on which projects are most likely to be successful for application requests for 2010 funding.

NEW BUSINESS

Small Harbor Dredging Support

Mr. Loftus distributed a copy of "Ohio's Proposals for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Funding" and a resolution from the Rochester Area Marine Trades Associate in Michigan for the Great Lakes Small Harbors Coalition Membership. A Great Lakes Small Harbors Coalition has been established with Michigan spearheading it. They are reaching out to all states to join them in this. The Port Authority wants to draw attention to the Lake County harbors to help draw support to the communities that could benefit from small harbor dredging funding. Other small harbors are running into the same financial situation throughout the Great Lakes area. Longstanding federal policy prevents the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from allocating funds for the maintenance of small harbors in its operation and maintenance budget for the Great Lakes. So far New York, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota have joined the coalition. The County Port Authority is considering joining this initiative.

The County Port Authority met with the individual county port authorities last year and one of their largest concerns was dredging. The County Port Authority will be asking them to determine their dredging costs. Mr. Loftus said our port authorities, coastal communities, parks and yacht clubs should support this initiative by submitting a letter of support or a resolution in support of the Coalition's initiative to the Planning Commission. Mr. Boyd said the Planning Commission could put something together to use as a template for this purpose. This initiative could help push things at the federal level with more leverage for Great Lakes projects.

Mr. Urbanski said Metroparks is planning to put in stairway access all the way to the water's edge in the Lakefront Lodge. He said there is a lot of green and access oriented funding out there. They need to determine what the Ohio Lake Erie Commission is looking at for in draft projects to take advantage of that funding. Mr. Boyd will still proceed with applications towards the Great Lakes Restoration Bill.

Mr. Loftus said there is \$10 million flowing through NOAA for the entire Great Lakes for coastal protection and habitat rehabilitation. Be aware of what projects will have the most impact.

There have been cases of some funding projects being identified for 35 years and never being awarded. We want to find a way to get needed dollars. We need to identify all our objectives in Lake County.

Community Updates:

North Perry Village – Harry Allen – North Perry Village was chosen to be awarded for their proactive approach at Townline Park from Boat U.S. They will do more landscaping and the beach is building. The Village is planning a christening of their shoreline project next Spring. They hope to combine this with another Lake Erie activity at that time.

Eastlake Port Authority– Mark Cain – The Anchor Island purchase is wrapped up. They are pursuing the North Island project that fits more in the available funding picture. Chagrin River Watershed Partners has been very effective with pursuing funding.

Willowick – Mark Rising – Larimar sales are coming back up. There is some property on the west side for sale. The owner seemed interested in donating it to the City, which may be a nice point of access. Willowick is looking for lake access when property comes up for sale.

Chagrin River Watershed Partners – Mindy Hayes – The City of Mentor Plan has been completed and passed. The Balance Growth Plan was funded through ODNR. On December 3, their Board is to recognize that plan.

Mr. Haas – Eastlake Guest – He is excited to see how the plan came about in the Eastlake area. He wanted to attend this meeting to see what we did. Whatever this Committee can do to take care of the North Island preservation is welcome.

Lake Metroparks – Vince Urbanski – The Board passed a resolution to purchase 42 acres in Perry Township by Blackmore Road. They are looking to add additional land to it. They applied for a Clean Ohio Grant and it is looking like they will receive funding for that purchase. Some land is donated. We should look at the Great Lakes Restoration Bill as it progresses for property acquisitions.

Mentor Harbor Yacht Club – Chuck Stevenson – A meeting was held in Mentor yesterday concerning ways to improve the channel. Mr. Boyd said JJR had met with ODNR to discuss the Mentor project based on the Bathymetry boards shown at the beginning of this meeting. They are making good progress on that project.

Fairport Harbor Village – Dave McGuirke – We are working with the Planning Commission on zoning for the riverfront.

Perry Township – Mark Welch – Nothing new.

Madison Township – Larry Advey – The Township got the Bathymetry Survey and ODNR is okay with the design of the park. It is designed with off-water recourses. They issued nine RFP's and will be reviewing them upon receipt in December. They applied for a \$20,000 grant to replace the steel ramp.

Painesville Township – Lee Bodnar - Hemisphere is scheduled to start their condominiums in 2011. They will be working on the golf course and developing holes. Two months ago, we received a call about a land that was underwater. The landowner said he couldn't use it and would like to donate the land to the Township, who accepted it. They reduced their zoning fees in an effort to make Painesville Township more attractive to new business. Pat Catan's Holding Company purchased the old Tops building to the east.

Engineer's Office – Bruce Landeg – The County Engineer's salt bins are full. The County Engineer's office has a new program for use in directing placement of the salt. He thinks the resolution for the small harbor dredging is a great idea.

Mr. Cain asked about the Madison mansion that was up for sale and if there was any follow-up on it with this group. He suggested that we should be looking at acquisitions to become a coastline destination, a tourist attraction. Mr. Boyd had not pursued this. Mr. Allen said the party that bought it was not willing to donate part of it. We would need to bring someone in who could professionally operate it.

Mr. Boyd stated the auctioned lighthouse was purchased by Jerry Osborne.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 24, 2009. The location is yet to be determined.

Mr. Welch moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. and Mr. Landeg seconded the motion.

All voted "Aye".