

GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
MAY 11, 2001

A special meeting of the Geauga Park District Board was held May 11, 2001, at the Park District office, Chardon, Ohio. The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. Vice President Betty Cope was in the chair. Board member Mark Rzeszotarski was present. President Robert McCullough was absent. Employees present were Tom Curtin, Keith McClintock, Gil Koeth, Robin Pilarczyk and Sandy Prokop. Guest present was Kevin Powers.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Dr. Rzeszotarski moved to go into executive session at 4:04 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel.

Miss Cope seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. McCullough	Absent
Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes
Miss Cope	Yes

The Board returned from Executive Session at 5:25 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-01**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Mr. Curtin presented to the Board a revised Memorandum of Understanding by and between Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Geauga Park District and the Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish an agreement among said parties to collaborate, whenever possible, on funding for agricultural and open space preservation.

Dr. Rzeszotarski moved to adopt the following Memorandum of Understanding by and between Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Geauga Park District and the Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District regarding the Clean Ohio Fund.

WHEREAS, State Issue 1 was approved by the voters in the State of Ohio, and by 62% of the voters in Geauga County, in November 2000; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bob Taft has initiated the formulation of the "Clean Ohio Fund," based on State Issue 1, and legislation has been introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives to establish this program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Clean Ohio Fund is, in part, to preserve and protect prime farmland, green space, and environmentally sensitive areas within watersheds; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Geauga County Board of County Commissioners, the Geauga Park District, and the Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District to enter into this joint Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) to mutually cooperate and support efforts directed toward the acquisition of agricultural and other conservation easements on land that may qualify under the Clean Ohio Fund program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of County Commissioners, the Geauga Park District, and the Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District agree to collaborate whenever feasible on applications for funding through the State of Ohio for the preservation and protection of prime

agricultural land, green space, and environmentally sensitive land in the county in accordance with the Clean Ohio Fund program criteria. This MOU shall be transmitted, upon its adoption by all the parties, to Governor Taft and the directors of the following departments: the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and the Ohio Department of Development.

This MOU shall be in effect until such time as any of the parties hereto shall affirmatively indicate to the other parties, in writing, of its withdrawal from such cooperative effort, and all parties hereto shall maintain such right of withdrawal at all times, at the sole discretion of each party.

Miss Cope seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. McCullough	Absent
Dr. Rzeszotarski	Yes
Miss Cope	Yes

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

**SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE**

The rules of the Park Board were complied with by sending notice pursuant to the rules adopted by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas G. Curtin

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Betty Cope