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This special meeting of the Colerain Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:03 PM, Tuesday, December 3, 2002 by President Diana Rielage. Keith Corman and Kathy Mohr were not in attendance.

Mr. Fiedeldey motioned to appoint Tawanna Wilson as acting Clerk for the purpose of recording the minutes. Mrs. Rielage seconded the motion.

Mr. Fiedeldey "Aye"  
Mrs. Rielage "Aye"

Mrs. Rielage explained the purpose of this meeting is to receive public input on the park concepts plans to be presented by Human Nature.

Mrs. Rielage turned the meeting over to Chris Manning of Human Nature. Mr. Manning introduced David Wittacre, also of Human Nature, as well as the representatives from Fearing-Hagenauer, Gray-Pape, and Abercrombie and Associates that assisted Human Nature in their design.

Mr. Corman arrived at 6:14 p.m.

Mr. Manning began a power point presentation. He explained that they developed an awareness of the cultural as well as natural aspects of the immediate site and surrounding area in designing the proposed park.

Cinder Miller of Gray-Pape discussed the historic aspects of the area. She has worked with Human Nature in giving them a full understanding of the significance of the property in terms of its history and pre-history. Although her firm was unsuccessful in locating Fort Coleraine, they are confident that it is on the park property.

Mr. Manning shared some of the input they received from the shareholder interviews that influenced their concept plans. He briefly explained the features of the six concept plans they have for the park. Each one falls under one of the following three main ideas: Cultural, Islands and Ribbons.

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Mr. Manning opened up discussion to the public to receive comments on what they perceive the strengths and weaknesses of the plans to be. He asked the groups in attendance to pick one representative to speak for the group.

**Dennis Haskamp, 6767 Jimjon Court, President of the Coleraine Historical Society** – stated that the fortress concept is the favorite of the Historical Society. He would like to rebuild Fort Coleraine for a museum tourist site. He also likes the agricultural aspects of the plans.

**Larry Shad, 11611 Stonemill Road, Historical Society Treasurer** – explained that his research on the history of the Township has indicated a plotted town of Colerain at the site of the property and the property across the street from the proposed park.

**Ray Lippert, 9935 Kittywood Drive** –questioned where the property boundaries are located.

**Frank Divo, 11599 East Miami River Road** – stated that everyone involved in the planning of the park has done a good job and he likes what is going on.

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**Jeff Anderson, 3301 York Lane and Nicole Resendes, 2785 Westonridge Road** - both are educators with the Northwest Local School District. They expressed that they are in the process of developing a curriculum for a land river lab that they would like to see incorporated into the park plans.

**Dr. Judy Vermillion, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum, Northwest Local School District** - stated that she would like to see the property developed for educational as well as recreational use. Plan 1 is the favorite of the School District. It not only incorporates a river lab, but it also focuses on the cultural heritage of the Township, which few of the students are aware.

**Clair Weinshenker, 9771 Flattop Drive** - expressed her concerns with the property being in the flood plain and her concerns for the preservation of the riverfront.

**Jim Figgins, 5775 Squirrelsnest Lane** - asked if anyone has checked into tying in a trail with the City of Hamilton. A potential exists to tie in Dravo Park with the Wilhelm property and continue on to Hamilton. He also stated that he is interested in the canoe access to the Great Miami River that is proposed.

Mr. Snyder stated that he has applied for a grant with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for canoe access ramps at Wilhelm and Dravo Park.

**Jim Rahtz, 7148 Daleview** - stated that plan #1 is his favorite, it seems to have more open space. He expressed his concerns with the trails on Plans #2 and #3 since the property is in the floodplain.

**Steve Bernecker, 5987 Dunlap Road** - would like to see a small horse trail, maybe along the river. He believes one would tie in well with the proposed historical aspects of the park.

**Paul Dumont, 6367 Terra Ct.** - representing resident at 12058 Wincanton Drive who could not attend. Would like to see Frisbee golf added to the park. He felt that the Island concept plans would be best suited for one.

Mrs. Rielage mentioned a letter she received requesting a disk golf course. She feels that this is the type of activity well suited and enjoyed by all ages.

The group in attendance with Mr. Dumar stood up and stated that they would be willing to volunteer heir time to help design and build a Frisbee golf course.

**Hans Multhopp, 8428 Woodbine** - a disk golfer. He stated that disk golfing is environmentally friendly. He felt that the best plan would be the least expensive plan. He would like to have more of a feel of the wild and no over development. He has concerns about plan #1.

**Joanne Brandt, 9183 Brehm Road** - would like walking trails, horse trails and bike trails. She would like the park to remain as natural as possible.

**Jerry Levin, 10300 Scull Road** - with Southwestern Ohio Dog & Game. Urged to maintain as much of the natural area as possible.

**Mark Memory, 3716 Hanley Road** - a representative of the Cincinnati BMX Bike Guild. Would like to see a BMX bike/skate park installed. He likes the Islands of activity plans, which would separate them from everyone else. He would like to be involved in the planning of a bike/skate park.

**Linda Ebersole, 7409 Forest Avenue** - is in favor of a fort and museum. She also likes the idea of a skate park. The fort with a skate park would invlove

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people of all ages. She feels a skate park would give kids an activity to keep them busy without competition.

Mr. Manning opened the floor to anyone else who had not signed up to speak that wished to do so.

**Helmut Kientz, 6412 Mullen** – likes that nature aspects. He is concerned with the grid pattern found on plan #1. Plan #2 has better flow, but many sharp corners. Asked if there were any plans to install a bike or walk path to the park.

Mr. Manning stated that P & G has expressed interest in connecting their property to the proposed park by a path.

**John Kerr, 11204 Gosling** – likes #1, the most passive plan. More pavement would cover future exploration of the land. He likes the connection to the cemetery and the riparian corridor. He also mentioned that the installation of more active recreational areas would increase traffic in the area, which must be considered.

**Ron Poppe, 1744 Cornelius Road, Butler County** – involved in Revolutionary War reenactments through the Brigade of the American Revolution. He is willing to help raise money for the Fort reconstruction by holding reenactments at the site.

**Adam Baumgartner, Cincinnati BMX Bike Guild** – stated that skate parks often exclude BMX bikes. He asked the Board to please not exclude bikes from any skate park plans.

**Marian Coates, 10272 Dewhill Lane** – plan #1 is her favorite, the less, the better. She asked about wet lands.

**Casey Waltrop** – a kayaker with the Mill Creek Yacht Club. Expressed his concerns with canoe access. He feels that construction of a ramp would be overkill. You do not want to encourage heavy canoe traffic because the Great Miami is too dirty and dangerous in his opinion.

**Dennis Haskamp, 6767 Jimjon** – explained that the Historical Society plans to fund Fort reconstruction through grants, without using tax money. He presented a petition to the Trustees asking them to approve Fort reconstruction at the site.

**Lester Karab, Treeline Court** – asked about reinstalling the statue in front of Wilhelm. Explained the difference between Ft. Dunlap and Ft. Coleraine.

**Linda Ebersole** – asked if the park would be handicapped accessible.

**Jim Lewis** – requested fishing access at the park. Expressed his concerns with canoes.

Mr. Manning wrapped the meeting up and announced that the concept plans would be posted on the Township's web site.

Mrs. Rielage thanked Human Nature.

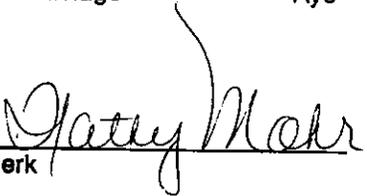
Mr. Corman apologized for being late. He explained the importance and significance of this piece of land historically.

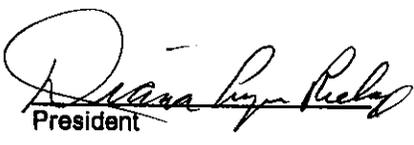
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There being no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM was made by Mr. Fiedeldey and seconded by Mr. Corman.

Mr. Fiedeldey	"Aye"
Mr. Corman	"Aye"
Mrs. Rielage	"Aye"

  
 Clerk

  
 President