

ASHTABULA COUNTY METROPARKS
25 West Jefferson Street, Jefferson, OH 44047

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday April 12th, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Ashtabula County Metroparks Board of Commissioners was held at the Board Office meeting room at 91 N. Chestnut Street in Jefferson, Ohio and called to order at 6:32 pm by Paul Carpenter, President. Board Members attending and completing a quorum were: Paul Carpenter, President; Bob Best, Vice President; Terry Berkey, Member, Charlie Kohli, Member, and Marie Lane, Member. Larry Frimerman, Executive Director and Pam Blough, Clerk; were also in attendance.

Business at Hand:

1. Agenda was reviewed and approved. Kohli moved, second by Lane. All in favor.
2. The March 29th Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Kohli, Second by Lane. All approved. Motion passed.
3. February Financials reviewed. Move to accept by Kohli, second by Lane, all in favor.
4. April Expense worksheet reviewed. Move to accept by Berkey, second by Kohli, all in favor.

Audience Participation is limited to three minutes each and the Board thanks them for their input:

Tom Calloway, Ashley Moore Stables: According to Mr. Calloway, Lampson Reservoir gates close off the old horse trail crossing at Rt. 307, and all of the trails in general need to be created for horses, hikers, and mountain bikes-multi users. When trails are planned and ready to be installed, all parties involved should meet and discuss.

Director's Report:

- Security: Mr. Frimerman will hire the security firm of St. Moritz for park security. Kohli. All in favor: 4 ayes, one abstain. Motion carried by majority of quorum. Service will start May 1.
- WRGT Needs: Mr. Berkey ran through a list of needs and costs for 2017
- Kohli and Berkey will run Pymatuning Valley Greenway on April 20th; take notes and GPS points.
- Helmet Grant Event is scheduled for May 20th at the Herzog Rotary Park. The Ashtabula District Library will partner. 148 helmets were awarded in the Grant.
- Parks: Each park budget is still in process.
- Trails: Lampson Reservoir recently had Scouts donating their time and labor to fell trees and start trailblazing. Thank you to Troop 41. Hatches Corners now has 3.08 miles of horse trail marked by Lake Erie College Intern Dominic Trader and Geauga Biologist Paul Pira. The Ohio Horseman's Council will help with clearing. Horse trails at Hatches will be multi-use and the hiking trail will be limited user for safety purposes. Designs are in for a loop trail at Conneaut Creek Park, upper trail will be rough cut for now with a brush hog
- Ashtabula Metroparks Open House will be held on April 26th from 2-6pm at the Board Office. 91 N. Chestnut St. Jefferson.
- Upper Grand River Metropark: cabins are ready to be emptied by Community Service. Austinburg FD will do a practice burn on cabins to be demolished. OEPA Permit is in process.
- Smaller mowing bids will be taken for Conneaut area parks, or the Operations Manager will handle.
- Rock Creek Appraisal: Letter of opinion is in process.
- Moved by Ms. Lane to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Second by Berkey. Call of the Roll. All in favor. So moved.
 - Back into regular meeting at 8:05pm.

New Business:

1. Ms. Lane moved to adopt the Strategic Plan as presented. Second by Berkey. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Ms. Lane moves to approve the contract with Goodwill Industries for restroom cleaning at Harpersfield for the 2017 season. Second by Mr. Kohli. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Mr. Kohli moved to accept the Purchase agreement for Redbrook 8. Second by Mr. Best. All in favor. Motion passed.
4. Mr. Berkey moved to pass Resolution 2017-010 filing application for Natureworks Grant on Redbrook 8. Second by Mr. Kohli. Call of the Roll: Berkey, aye; Best, aye; Kohli, aye; Lane, aye; Carpenter, aye; so resolve and passed by unanimous vote of quorum present.

Old Business:

1. Mr. Eyring will be donating more land at the Eyring Wetlands Preserve area. He will cover the survey and title transfer costs.
2. Mr. Berkey is checking costs of a trailer for the Greenway maintenance equipment.

Adjourn: There being no further business; Mr. Berkey moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:45pm. Ms. Lane seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Next Board Meeting:

April 26, 2017 @ 6:30pm 91 N Chestnut St Jefferson

Minutes to be approved: April 2017

Paul Carpenter, President/Chair (or representative)

Pam Blough, Clerk