

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

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday April 26th, 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 6:30 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. Berkey moved, second by Lane. All in favor.
2. The April 12th Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Kohli, Second by Lane. All approved. Motion passed.

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

A two members of the Ohio Horsemen's Council were present. They again stated that their volunteers are ready to help construct the Trail at Hatches Corners whenever the Board is ready for their help. Brett Bellas will meet with the Council Members sometime next week.

**Director's Report:**

- Security: Mr. Frimerman stated St. Moritz Security Services will start May 1<sup>st</sup> for all parks.
- Operations Manager: Brett Bellas has been hired for the position and will begin work on May 1.
- Greenway Projects: Berkey stated new signs are going up on the Greenway. The Volunteer Maintenance crew will start their season this week. The slide repair is on hold –waiting for the County Engineer to reassess damage and repair costs. Brett Bellas will also inspect the area and speak with Tim Martin. Weather has delayed the Pymatuning Valley Greenway assessment that was scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>; Berkey and Kohli will reschedule.
- Helmet Grant Event is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Herzog Rotary Park. The Ashtabula District Library will partner. 148 helmets were awarded in the Grant.
- Parks & Trails bits: Park maps are on display at the Board Office. OHC will bring in some equipment to assist with trail construction at Hatches Corners. Park planning is in process. Blakeslee Road remediation cost should be under \$1,000, plus the demolition and removal cost. Conneaut is requesting 50% matching funds (or full funding up to \$6,000) for the demolition. Upper Grand River OEPA burning permit still needs to be submitted. A Historic value may be placed on one of the buildings, unknown if restoration is possible. The UGR Park will be closed for now; exceptions would be guided tours or special programs.
- Redbrook 8: Application for NatureWorks Grant has been signed.
- County Trail Coalition: Charlie Kohli on behalf of the Ashtabula Metroparks, is looking to partner with Industrial Heartland Group to head a county-wide Trail Coalition Meeting planned for October.
- NST TAP Grant due May 15<sup>th</sup>. Larry will be working on this and lining up letters of support.
- Open House was well attended and the Metroparks received nothing but positive feedback from the 130+ attendees.
- Metroparks' work truck will be ready for delivery next week. Insurance has been updated and the truck has been added to the policy.
- Mowing bids: A Volunteer will mow Friends of Conneaut Creek Park this season. Estimates will be taken for Hatches, Peet and Indian Mound. Lampson and Eyring estimates are forthcoming. A company has been hired for Lampson Staging area restroom and it will be cleaned once a week starting May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Paperwork for the Eyring Wetlands extension should be coming through as soon as next week.
- Russ Jepson and Duane Mallory Memorial Benches for the Greenway are in process of being ordered.

**New Business:**

1. Mr. Kohli moved to adopt the Resolution 2017-011, requesting and accepting Funds from ODOT and the OPRA District Roadwork fund for FY 2018-2019. Second by Ms. Lane. Roll call: Kohli, aye; Best, aye; Lane, aye; Carpenter, aye; Berkey, aye. All in favor. Resolution passed by full quorum present.

**Old Business:**

1. See Director's report above.

Adjourn: There being no further business; Mr. Kohli moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:35pm. Ms. Lane seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

**Next Board Meeting:**

May 10th, 2017 @ 6:30pm 91 N Chestnut St Jefferson

Minutes to be approved: May 2017

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Paul Carpenter, President/Chair (or representative)

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Pam Blough, Clerk