

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday June 8th, 2016

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 6:33pm by Paul Carpenter. Board Members in attendance and completing a quorum were: Paul Carpenter, President; Bob Best, Vice President; Terry Berkey, Member; Charlie Kohli, Member. Pam Blough, Clerk. Marie Lane, Member; could not be in attendance. The May Minutes and Current Monthly Expense Worksheet were reviewed. April financials were reviewed. Motion to approve Minutes by Kohli, Second by Berkey. Motion to approve bills/expenses by Best, seconded by Kohli. Motion to accept financials, Berkey; second by Best. All motions were passed by unanimous vote of aye. Also in attendance: Chuck Riley

Presentation: None

Audience Participation: None

Old Business:

1. Mr. Best and Mr. Berkey discussed purchase options for the Harpersfield NatureWorks Grant.
2. Mr. Best reported that the Metroparks was awarded 70 hours by the Streambank Revitalization Grant. Harpersfield would use about half of the hours. Other options/areas discussed.
3. Mr. Kohli advised the Board that the copies of the PPA and GLF agreements for the Lamprey Barrier Project will be arriving in the mail shortly. The Clerk will have the paperwork signed and returned to the Great Lakes Fishery/US Fish & Wildlife.
4. The Board will need to set guidelines for mileage reimbursement for themselves and the new Executive Director.
5. Mr. Kohli stated the Civic Development Event held at the Geneva Lodge was well-attended.

New Business:

1. Motion by Mr. Kohli for Metroparks to purchase a Kubota Tractor and mower in the amount of \$38,722.90 through the NJPA. Second by Mr. Best. All in favor: aye. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
2. Motion made by Mr. Berkey to accept and sign the Kister Easement for the North Shore Trail Project; pending legal approval. Second by Mr. Best. Unanimous vote of approval, motion passed.
3. Mr. Kohli announced a meeting with Smolen Engineering to review the North Shore Trail documents will be held at Smolen Engineering Thursday at 2pm.

4. Mr. Best is checking into the specifications of constructing a primitive outhouse at Camp Peet. Trees have been trimmed, new gravel and topsoil delivered.
5. Mr. Berkey mowed Eyring Wetlands Preserve last week. WRLC is working out the problems with the adjacent properties that are to be donated to the Metroparks by Mr. Eyring.
6. Hatches Corners has been mowed; Adams Contractors will apply another layer of sealcoat to the parking lot.
7. OEPA will be forwarding their report regarding the Friends of Conneaut Creek Metropark parking area soon. The Butterfly Garden is ready for planting.
8. Mr. Berkey will speak with Mr. Martin regarding engineering the improvement project for the Pymatuning Valley Greenway Trail.
9. Mr. Berkey moved in favor of the Metroparks obtaining an appraisal for the house and six acres offered by the Western Reserve Land Conservancy at the Austinburg Lowlands. Upon a walkthrough done last week; the Board feels the house and pool are in disrepair. Appraisal not to exceed \$500.00 Second by Mr. Kohli. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Clerk will contact an appraiser.
10. Motion made by Mr. Berkey for contracting repair of the parking area on the north side at Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark; not to exceed \$10,000. Second by Mr. Kohli. All in agreement; motion passed. Mr. Berkey will make contact with TLC.
11. The Clerk noted that the old copier has broken down; a newer heavy duty all-purpose copier has been budgeted. Mr. Berkey stated the new copier should accommodate 11x17 paper and be laser jet. Mr. Carpenter noted that the Executive Director should be consulted.
12. Motion by Mr. Best to reinstate the street lights at Harpersfield Metropark; cost should not exceed \$150.00 per month based on estimates. Clerk to contact CEI. Second by Mr. Berkey. Motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events: none noted

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

Next Board Meeting: July 13th, 2016 @ 6:30pm 91 N Chestnut St Jefferson
Next Work session: June 22, 2016 @ 6:30pm

Minutes to be approved: July 2016

Paul Carpenter, President/Chair (or representative)

Pam Blough, Clerk