

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

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

The second 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 6:34 pm by Paul Carpenter; President. Board Members attending and completing a quorum were: Paul Carpenter, President; Bob Best, Vice President; and Charlie Kohli, Member. Larry Frimerman, Executive Director; Operations Manager, Brett Bellas, and Pam Blough, Office Manager; were also in attendance. Terry Berkey and Marie Lane were absent.

**Business at Hand:**

1. Agenda was reviewed and approved by Kohli, second by Best. All in favor.
2. The August 9th Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Best, second by Carpenter. Kohli abstained. Motion passed by majority of quorum.

**Director's Report:**

- Mr. Frimerman is working on a press release for the North Shore Trail. NST RFQ will be posted on the ODOT website as soon as a project number is issued The Tap Grant Project ID number request will be filled out with advice of Michelle Johnson.
- Pymatuning Valley Greenway will be the next Greenway grant project after the NST. We should apply for RTP Funding next February for engineering.
- Eyring Parking lot construction should start next week.
- The Board will go back to one meeting a month now that the busy season is winding down.
- Kiosk designs have been stamped by the engineer, approved by the City of Conneaut, and county permits are pending.
- Mr. Frimerman is waiting for the survey to be approved by the State in order to proceed with pavilion and vault toilet at Camp Peet.
- Benches have been ordered for the Greenway and the bridge walkway for Lampson Park will be ordered as soon as the paperwork is in.
- Lampson Reservoir Metropark: Restoration of the eastern portion of the property has been done; this completes the Lampson Lake Expansion grant.
- The hazmat report came back negative for five additional Upper Grand River Metropark buildings. They can now be removed if needed.
- New brochures for the other parks are now in process of being created.
- The Program Committee met with Mr. Frimerman this week; they are working on 2018 events.
- Mr. Frimerman and Mr. Bellas met with the Environmental Design Group this past week.

**Old Business:**

1. Mr. Bellas will winterize the pipes and shut off the water at the Upper Grand Metropark house this winter. The Board will think about replacement of the oil tank and or heating system next year.
2. Roaming Shores Parking lot is next on the list for use of Road Tax Levy funding. Mr. Bellas is working out another agreement with the Village of Roaming Shores for an updated lease or donation of land for the parking area.
3. Mr. Best and Mr. Frimerman discussed the changes to the Conneaut City Ordinance that would enable the Metroparks to allow hunting at Turkey Creek and other Conneaut area Metroparks. The game warden would not be able to enforce City rules. Conneaut City is proposing a change to their ordinance; however, they would prefer to issue a variance for the Metroparks if we provide parcel numbers. Metroparks and ODNR both would prefer blanket exemption, rather than parcel by parcel review.

**New Business:**

1. Mr. Kohli moved to increase appropriations by \$25,000.00 to accommodate cost of a vault toilet; and approve expenditure up to \$25,000.00 from the Camp Peet Funds. Second by Mr. Best. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Mr. Carpenter raised concerns about the effectiveness of the current security firm, and particularly concerns about the current security guard assigned by the security firm to Metroparks. Board members asked Mr. Frimerman to address the security issue with the security firm. Mr. Carpenter asked Mr. Frimerman to put a plan together for hiring our own ranger patrols as soon as possible if things can't be worked out with St. Moritz and the current guard.
3. Mr. Frimerman met with energy pipeline representatives to discuss wetland mitigation credits for Conneaut Creek watershed related project. There is no mitigation bank available at this time in Conneaut Creek for the pipeline to use, so they approached Metroparks to see if they could purchase wetland credits from ACMP. If it is feasible, they will put a plan/proposal together and present it to the Board.

Adjourn: There being no further business; Mr. Kohli moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:01pm. Mr. Best seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

**Next Board Meeting:** September 13th, 2017 6:30pm  
@ 91 N Chestnut St Jefferson

Minutes to be approved: September 2017

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Paul Carpenter, President (or representative)

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Pam Blough, Clerk