

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday July 19th, 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, and Charlie Kohli, Members. Larry Frimerman, Executive Director; Brett Bellas, Operations Manager; and Pam Blough, Office Manager; were also in attendance. Marie Lane, Member was absent from the meeting. Mr. Best moved to excuse Marie Lane, Member; second by Berkey. All in favor.

Business at Hand:

1. Agenda was reviewed; move to approve by Kohli, second by Best. All in favor.
2. The June 28th Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Kohli, second by Berkey. All approved. Motion passed.
3. The July 13th Special Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Kohli, second by Best. All approved. Motion passed.
4. The June Financials were reviewed. Motion by Best to approve. Second by Kohli. All approved.

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

ACCVB Board proposal to the Metroparks Board: Eric Franz, President; Holly Mayernick, Member, and Stephanie Siegel, Executive Director of the ACCVB.

RE: availability of office space with the ACCVB in Austinburg; build- to- suit. No commitment has been made by any party as of yet. The ACCVB wanted to offer the Metroparks a rental in an area they felt would give the parks more exposure, however it would be in a commercial area along I-90 and not a park-like setting. The Board thanked them for thinking of the Metroparks, and that they would discuss the proposition and give them an answer.

Director's Report:

- Security-all is quiet for now. Need to start a morning security routine for the Greenway parking lots and Harpersfield Park. Perhaps speak with the Bike Patrol for assistance.
- Discussion of adding an additional property to the WRRSP Grant application and/or Fee In Lieu.
- Camp Peet: Waiting for survey to be completed. Met with EPA on Friday to identify the placement of a pavilion, an outhouse, and the repair of a concrete pad.
- Red Brook: grant still in process; may adjust the property actually needed for Redbrook 8; maybe only purchase half?
- Upper Grand River: bids in process for hazmat testing of five buildings that may have to be torn down. Honeybees were removed by the County Bee Keepers reported Brett Bellas, Operations Manager.
- Hatches Corners: loop trail is about complete. Improvements and identifying amenities to target for CDC grant monies are in progress.
- Lampson Reservoir: Army Corps of Engineers have delayed the culvert permit. Bridges or boardwalks may be another option. Wetlands are being enhanced on the eastern half of the property.
- Harpersfield: Dam project continuing. Operations will be installing hand sanitizers in the restrooms. Adjacent landowner has been contacted regarding sale of their property to the Metroparks. Friends of Harpersfield will need to be contacted about their playground ideas.
- Eyring Property has transferred to the Metroparks. Mr. Frimerman will pursue mitigation bank credits for the 17 new wetland acres.
- Greenway crack filling and sealing will begin tomorrow for the northern half of the trail.
- Pymatuning Valley Greenway: Estimates are now in place to pursue the next phase. Can apply for RTP funding in January. Discussion of trail options.

Old Business:

1. Industrial Heartland Trail Coalition should meet this fall to make plans for 2018: reported by Mr. Kohli.
2. Directional signs are needed at Route 45 for the Lampson Staging area. Mr. Berkey will check the inventory list.
3. Greenway Projects: the Park District Allocations from ODOT for the 2018-2019 Funding is estimated to be \$78,106.50. The Roaming Shore parking lot is scheduled for the next project; Mr. Kohli noted the leased area will need to be renewed to qualify. He also noted a parking area on the Greenway near Dodgeville would be a great addition and should be under project consideration.

New Business:

1. Mr. Berkey moved to expend an additional \$3500 from the acquisition and special project line item for the WRRSP grant property nominations in order to cover appraisals and title searches. Second by Best. All in favor, motion passed.
2. Discussion of Office move. ACMP will remain at the present location for now and honor the current lease obligation. Staying within the proximity of other county offices is also important at this time. The Board does own buildings on their own park property which may better serve their purpose if there was to be an office move.
3. Turkey Creek Metropark: Mr. Bellas and Mr. Berkey presented a hunting policy for the Metroparks Board to review Mr. Frimerman noted the staff was in consensus. Mr. Best moved to adopt the hunting policy as presented, with the knowledge it will be a working document. Mr. Berkey seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Mr. Best and Mr. Bellas will attend the Conneaut City Council meeting to discuss the hunting laws for the City of Conneaut. Both will also meet with the Pennsylvania State Warden in regards to parking and crossing state lines while hunting.

Adjourn: There being no further business; Mr. Berkey moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:22pm. Mr. Kohli seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Next Board Meetings: August 9th, 2017 6:30pm
August 23rd 6:30pm @ 91 N Chestnut St Jefferson

Minutes to be approved: August 2017

Paul Carpenter, President (or representative)

* Pam Blough, Clerk