

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday February 14th, 2018

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 6:37 pm by Paul Carpenter; President. Board Members attending and completing a quorum were: Paul Carpenter, President; Marie Lane, Vice President; Terry Berkey, Charlie Kohli and Bob Best; Members. Larry Frimerman, Executive Director; Brett Bellas, Operations Manager; and Pam Blough, Office Manager; were also in attendance. Guests: Ruth Howell, OHC

Business at Hand:

1. Agenda was reviewed; moved to approve by Kohli, second by Lane. All in favor.
2. The January 10th Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Kohli as amended, second by Lane. All in favor, motion passed.
3. The January Financials were reviewed. Motion by Berkey to approve. Second by Kohli. All approved.
4. Expense worksheet for February reviewed. Motion to accept by Best, with the removal of Smolen bill, Second by Berkey. All in favor.

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

Ruth Howell from the Ohio Horseman's Council noted the OHC will be holding work sessions in order to complete the horse trail at Hatches Corners Metropark; @ 9am on April 7th and 21st. More volunteers are needed to help with the mulching. They will post a request on Facebook and the MP will share. A soft opening of the multi-purpose equine trail will be held this spring. They would like to have local politicians present as well as the local newspapers and radio stations.

Director's Report:

- (See attached)
- Trail meetings attended by Mr.Kohli: Eastgate and Great Ohio Lake to River Coalition Meeting. I Heart Trails Council.

Old Business:

1. Updates on Harpersfield Expansion were sent out to the Board last week for review. Discussion ensued. Options were discussed. Board tabled further discussion or any action until next meeting.

New Business:

1. Harpersfield Work Session postponed until weather breaks.
2. Investor informational meeting will be held at the Board Office on February 28th at 9am.
3. Mr. Frimerman opened discussion regarding a letter of support or letter of non-opposition for a legislative bill being submitted by Representative Patterson to the State. Mr. Berkey moved that the Board stay neutral and submit neither letter. Second by Mr. Best. All in favor. Motion passed.
4. Motion by Lane to approve expenditure of \$11,541 to Love insurance for 2018 liability. Second by Kohli. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Berkey to approve expenditure of \$8,492 to Engineered Plastics for park benches. Second by Lane. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Motion by Lane to approve expenditure of \$3,385 for WRG bike fix-it stations. Second by Berkey. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Berkey to approve expenditure of \$15,750 to Damm Construction for park kiosks. Second by Lane. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Berkey to approve expenditure of \$6,500 for tear out of shrubs at Red Brook. Second by Best. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Lane to approve expenditure of \$5,000 to Belding for entrance and road signs. Second by Berkey. All in favor. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Lane to approve expenditure of up to \$10,000 to Bortnick's at state pricing for commercial mower. Second by Best. All in favor. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Lane to approve expenditure of up to \$10,500 to Richmond at state pricing for landscape trailer. Second by Best. All in favor. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Berkey to approve expenditure of up to \$5,000 for boardwalk materials at Lampson Reservoir. Second by Best. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjourn: There being no further business; Mr. Berkey moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:0pm. Mr. Kohli seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Next Board Meetings: March 14th, 2018 6:30pm @ 91 N Chestnut St Jefferson
April 11th, 2018

Minutes to be approved: March 2018

Paul Carpenter, President (or representative)

Pam Blough, Clerk