

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 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 6:30 pm by Paul Carpenter, President. Board Members attending and completing a quorum were: Paul Carpenter, President; Charlie Kohli, and Bob Best; Board Members. Marie Lane, Vice President; excused absence. Staff in attendance: Larry Frimerman, Executive Director; Pam Blough, Board Clerk; and Brett Bellas, Operations Manager. Guests: Gary Hines, People for Parks.

Business at Hand:

1. Agenda was reviewed; moved to approve by Kohli, second by Best. All in favor.
2. The October 10th, Regular, and October 17th and 29th Special Meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Kohli, second by Best. Motion to approve Specials by Best, second by Kohli, all in favor, motions approved.
3. Expense worksheet for November reviewed. Motion to accept by Kohli, Second by Best. All in favor. So passed.
4. The October Financials were reviewed. Motion by Kohli to approve. Second by Best. All in favor. So passed.

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

Gary Hines, Chair of People for Parks: People for Parks will be holding separate fundraisers throughout the year in order to reach different voter groups. The first of same will be a gun raffle to appeal to the hunters of Ashtabula County.

On another note: The Grand River Trail riders snowmobile club will allow the Parks Ranger use of a snowmobile to monitor the Greenway Trail during the winter months. They will also gather some cold weather gear for Ranger Fortune to use when riding the snowmobile. The Trail riders will also need a portable restroom again in February of 2019 for their Vintage Snow Ride and other events at Eagleville-Jefferson parking lot. Let's hope there is enough snow this year!

Director's Report/Old Business:

- NST stakeholder's meeting on November 7th went well and showed good attendance. The next meeting will be scheduled after the first of the year. This will be a Public Meeting. Place TBD.
- Master Plan Update-a work session will be needed after the first draft is ready.
- Real Estate: Three parcels have transferred to the Metroparks. Indian Mound, American Polymer, and Gateway 20 (all in Conneaut). The remainder WRRSP Conneaut parcels should transfer in 2019.
- Trails Conference: next meeting is coming up early next year. Charlie will attend the IHeart meeting in Canfield.
- New parking lot is in at North Hatches Corners. Bridge will be installed after the culvert.
- Real Alloy Update: new language and survey are under review at RA Specialty Products.
- Roaming Shores Parking Lot @ WRG: delayed due to ODOT's request for an environmental review before any work can begin.

- CMAG –approval needed to submit application by December 7th for Turkey Creek Metropark. EDG will again be writing the grant for us.

New Business:

1. Mr. Kohli moves to accept the snow removal bid from TLC for the upcoming winter season. Second by Best. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Resolution 2018-012 Apply for LWCF Grant for Red Brook Metropark. This is a 50/50 \$300,000 grant for restoration. Motion to adopt by Mr. Kohli, Second by Best. All in favor. Resolution passed.
3. Resolution 2018-013 Apply for Coastal Management funding 50/50 \$119,000 grant for Turkey Creek improvements. So moved to adopt by Mr. Kohli, second by Best. All in favor. Resolution passed.
4. Motion to accept a \$6500 donation from UH for a trail vehicle and purchase at a not to exceed cost. Motion tabled for next meeting.
5. Motion to purchase entrance signage for Red Brook Metropark not to exceed \$10,000 by Mr. Kohli. Second by Mr. Best. All in favor. So passed.
6. Motion to move into executive session at 7:45pm to discuss real estate and legal matters by Kohli. Second by Best. Call of the roll: Best, aye; Kohli, aye; Carpenter, aye. So moved by unanimous vote of quorum present.
7. Back into regular meeting at 8:20pm. So noted.
8. Mr. Kohli moved to dedicate \$15,000 towards the acquisition of land from RA Specialty Products (formerly Rock Creek Aluminum property) plus legal fees, and to allow Larry Frimerman to negotiate on the Metroparks behalf. Second by Best. All in favor. So passed.
9. Mr. Best moved to allow Mike Hamper to be the interim legal counsel for the Metroparks on a 6 month trial basis, providing he will do it for the same rate as Katherine Riedel. Second by Kohli. All in favor. So passed.

Adjourn: There being no further business; Mr. Kohli moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:20pm. Mr. Best seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Next Board Meetings: December 12th, 2018 6:30pm @ 91 N Chestnut St Jefferson
January 9th, 2019 6:30pm

Minutes to be approved: December 2018

Paul Carpenter, President (or representative)

Pam Blough, Clerk