

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

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, September 12th, 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 Marie Lane, Vice President. Paul Carpenter; President arrived 15 minutes later; at which time Marie handed the meeting over to Paul. Board Members attending and completing a quorum were: Paul Carpenter, President; Marie Lane, Vice President; Terry Berkey, Bob Best and Charlie Kohli; Members. Larry Frimerman, Director; and Pam Blough, Board Clerk; were also in attendance. Guests: Gary Hines, People for Parks. Holly Mayernick, JP Ducro IV.

**Business at Hand:**

1. Agenda was reviewed; moved to approve by Kohli, second by Best. All in favor.
2. The August 8th minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Berkey with small change; second by Kohli. All in favor, motion approved.
3. Expense worksheet for September reviewed. Motion to accept by Kohli, Second by Best. All in favor. So passed.
4. The August Financials were reviewed. Motion by Kohli to approve. Second by Berkey. All approved.

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

Gary Hines, President of People for Parks: Progress update given to the Board on preparation for the upcoming Megabucks in the Park event to be held at Harpersfield Metropark on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets still available. Requesting celebrity servers. Marie will do the 50/50. Next meeting: September 13<sup>th</sup>. The Board thanks them for their volunteer time and efforts.

JP Ducro IV: Discussion of Metroparks participation in the cooperative coalition of county entities interested in obtaining County Super Fund sites. Presentation of AshtaBeautiful scavenger hunt Covered Bridge Weekend event and request for the Metroparks to participate. Members agreed to participate in both.

Holly Mayernick: Levy Committee discussion. (tabled for next meeting due to pending changes for timing of ballot)

**Director's Report:**

- Board reviewed the Director's report.
- Director went over highlights of his report: Reminder that the County Trails Summit will be held at the County Commissioners meeting room on September 21<sup>st</sup> from 8am to noon. Just need to move the remaining mulch to the Upper Grand Metropark and clean up the parking area.
- North Shore Trail meeting was held last week with Mr. Frimerman and Mr. Kohli in attendance. Next stakeholder meeting would be October 11<sup>th</sup>; next Public meeting would be November 7<sup>th</sup>. Place and time TBD.
- Ranger Fortune will be sponsoring a Trunk or Treat event at Lampson Staging area on October 20<sup>th</sup> with other local EMS.
- Growth Partnership Best of County Awards dinner to be held September 18<sup>th</sup> at Spire. Board and staff will attend.
- A squatter has built a shelter at Turkey Creek Metropark. Conneaut City police have been advised. Ranger Fortune is in the process of investigating.

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- Real Alloy is working with the Director and Board Member Terry Berkey to finalize the easement for the Greenway Trail bypass issue.
- Upcoming Grants: LWCF-50/50 match for restoration at Red Brook. Application due November 14<sup>th</sup>.  
ACCVB-publicity program event grant. Application due September 14<sup>th</sup>. Up to \$10,000.  
CMAG-Restoration 75/25 pre app due September 28<sup>th</sup>. Around \$70,000. For Turkey Creek.

### Old Business:

1. Real Alloy, LLC is working with the Director and Board Member Terry Berkey to finalize the easement agreement on the Greenway Trail bypass issue in Rock Creek.
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### New Business:

1. Motion by Mr. Berkey to approve a \$50 sponsor donation to the County Commissioners for the AshtaBeautiful Scavenger Hunt, to be held October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. Second by Lane. All approved.
2. Motion made by Mr. Berkey to commit \$200.00 to the County Commissioners and to participate with the County Commissioners in the Cooperative Coalition funding that would look into a study for access/acquisition of area superfund sites. Second by Mr. Kohli. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Mr. Best to approve the purchase agreement with the Ashtabula County Port authority for the purchase of Indian Mound Metropark as soon as the fees are assigned and are not deemed unreasonable. Second by Mr. Berkey. All in favor. Mr. Carpenter will obtain the fee amount tomorrow.
4. The Board approved including Hon. Judge Camplese and his wife at the assigned Ashtabula Metroparks table for the upcoming Best of County Awards to be held at Spire Institute on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018
5. Motion made by Mr. Kohli to allow Mr. Frimerman to submit a pre-application for the CMAG grant for Turkey Creek. This would be about a \$70,000 grant for feasibility and planning. With a possible 25 percent match. Second by Ms. Lane. All in favor. Motion granted.
6. Motion made by Ms. Lane to approve the purchase and installation of security doors for the Red Brook Maintenance building at a cost not to exceed \$8300. Preference would be to find a lower estimate and spend less if possible. Second by Mr. Kohli. With four ayes and one abstain, motion passed by majority of quorum present.
7. Approval requested of expenditures for the improvement of the Morrison Station kiosk at West Ave on the Greenway Trail: replace panels at a cost not to exceed \$1373; refinish frame at a cost not to exceed \$575. Permission was given by the Board. No motion needed since the Director has authority per the Metroparks Purchase & Procedure Policy.
8. Mr. Best moved that the Board approve and sign the Second and Third Amendments to the Red Brook Purchase agreements that would extend the closing dates to October 31<sup>st</sup>.2018. Second by Mr. Berkey. All in favor. Motion passed.

