

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

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday July 13th, 2016

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 6:02pm by Paul Carpenter. Board Members in attendance and completing a quorum were: Paul Carpenter, President; Bob Best, Vice President; Terry Berkey, Member; Marie Lane, Member. Pam Blough, Clerk. Charlie Kohli, Member; could not be in attendance. Motion to excuse Mr. Kohli made by Mr. Best. Second by Mr. Berkey. All in favor.

The June Regular and Special Minutes and Current Monthly Expense Worksheet were reviewed. May financials were reviewed. Motion to approve Minutes by Best, Second by Berkey. Motion to approve bills/expenses by Best, seconded by Berkey. Motion to accept financials, Best; second by Lane. All motions were passed by unanimous vote of aye. Also in attendance: Laura Fidel, Music along the River; Scott Burgett, Friends; members of the public.

**Presentation:** None

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

Mr. Bliss: former Ashtabula County Resident, now retired. Offers his services as a "Park Host" for Harpersfield Metropark. In exchange for keeping an eye on the park, opening and closing the gates; he will stay at the park for the summer season as a presence to deter vandals and other indiscreet park activities. The Board will review his Volunteer Application and Legal will be consulted.

Laura Fidel: Music Along the River Committee Chair. Laura presented a committee report and a press release for the August event at Harpersfield. She wanted to remind the Board they will be using all of the pavilions this year. Hard copies of the flyer were given to the Board to have laminated and displayed at Harpersfield Metropark.

Scott Burgett: Friends of Metroparks. Scott made note to the Board that the Lake Metroparks photo contest can be viewed online until August first.

Old Business:

1. Mr. Berkey moved the Budget Commission Report be approved as presented and submitted to the County Auditor; second by Mr. Best. Motion passed by unanimous vote of members present.
2. Mr. Best reported that the new Butterfly/Pollinator Garden Project in Conneaut needs some mulch and weed netting. Mr. Carpenter Okayed up to \$300 expenditure for the garden.

3. Mr. Carpenter reported Eyring Wetlands expansion is moving along according to the Western Reserve Land Conservancy who is handling the donation.

New Business:

1. Motion by Mr. Best to allow mileage reimbursement for the Metroparks Board members at .45 per mile. Since there was no motion for second, motion failed and President moved to table the issue.
2. Motion made by Mr. Berkey to put the old John Deere Tractor out for bid. Sealed bids will be received; minimum of \$3,000. Mr. Berkey will check with Legal regarding correct ORC compliance. Bortnick Tractor has appraised the tractor at \$3,000. Second by Ms. Lane. All in favor.
3. Mr. Carpenter made a note of thanks to Thompson Construction for their donated time in the installation of the Lampson Reservoir Metroparks sign in Jefferson Township.
4. Mr. Best made a motion that from now on all Reservations for the Harpersfield Pavilion use will come through our Board office and no longer be taken by volunteers. The new website is available for the public to now note the reservations and the Board has the ability to access the reservation calendar. Clerk noted the pavilions need to have posting boards installed. Second by Mr. Berkey. All in favor. Clerk will advise the Friends of Harpersfield.
5. Mr. Berkey moved that the Lampson Staging Area be cleaned once a week by T & J dba Aris at a cost not to exceed \$50 per week and ending November 1, 2016. Second by Lane. All in favor motion passed. The Clerk will advise Aris to add Lampson outhouse to their route.

Upcoming Events: none noted

Adjourn: There being no further business; Mr. Berkey moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:55pm. Mr. Best seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: August 10th, 2016 @ 6:30pm 91 N Chestnut St Jefferson  
Next Work session: July 27th, 2016 @ 6:30pm

Minutes to be approved: August 2016

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Paul Carpenter, President/Chair (or representative)

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Pam Blough, Clerk