

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

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday October 11th, 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 6:37 pm by Paul Carpenter; President. Board Members attending and completing a quorum were: Paul Carpenter, President; Bob Best, Vice President; and Marie Lane, Terry Berkey, Charlie Kohli; Members. Larry Frimerman, Executive Director; Brett Bellas, Operations Manager; and Pam Blough, Office Manager; were also in attendance. Guests: Brett Rodstrom, Western Reserve Land Conservancy. Members of the Lenape Nation.

**Business at Hand:**

1. Agenda was reviewed; move to approve by Lane, second by Kohli. All in favor.
2. The September 13<sup>th</sup> Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Kohli, with corrections, second by Berkey. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
3. The September Financials were reviewed. Motion by Kohli to approve. Second by Lane. All approved.
4. Expense worksheet for October reviewed. Motion to accept by Kohli, Second by Best. All in favor.

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

Mr. Ducro asked about the status of Redbrook Park. Also on behalf of some residents near the park; they wondered if the Metroparks acquires the old Harbor Golf Course, will they keep it well groomed, currently it looks a little unkept. The Board assured him they would.

Chief Cedarheart spoke briefly on the history of the Lenape (also known as Delaware) Tribe in Ohio. They would like to propose an agreement with the Metroparks to acquire tribal land near one of our parks. They believe a possible partnership /potential working relationship with the Metroparks will enhance the parks and be a benefit to the county. Nations Chief Quiet Wolf and second Chief Running Buck were also in attendance.

**Director's Report:**

- Parks Update: see attached.

**Upcoming Dates:**

- Oct 14-15 Covered Bridge Festival- 10/14 ACMP presentation at Harpersfield
- Oct 21- TNC Conservation Nature Center Open House

**Old Business:**

1. Mr. Bellas is working on obtaining a new lease for the Roaming Shores parking lot. Roaming Shores is requesting a survey of the parking area. Motion to hire a surveyor for the parking lot by Mr. Berkey. Second by Ms. Lane. All in favor. Motion passed. Mr. Bellas will attend the next meeting at Roaming Shores and report updates.
2. Ms. Lane made a motion on the Redbrook Park proposal by Western Reserve Land Conservancy: to stick with and proceed with the purchase agreement as originally negotiated with; 118 acres by grant, Redbrook 8 by purchase. Second by Mr. Berkey. Four ayes, one abstain. Motion so passed by majority vote and there being a quorum present.
3. Mr. Berkey moved to approve the changes and accept the revised Rock Creek Bypass agreement as presented. Second by Ms. Lane. All in favor, motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. The Lenape Tribe proposal: Lenape would acquire some portion of the Indian Mound property and the house. The Metroparks would retain the remainder of the property. A living Village would be built on the Lenape property. An Indigenous Culture Center could be set up with teaching centers and programs. The Board will check further in to funding and logistics: move forward with creating a plan and a budget.
2. Mr. Kohli moved to pursue the purchase of .15 acre of property at the Harpersfield Dam, for the Lamprey Barrier replacement project, and authorizes Larry Frimerman to negotiate a starting price; and come back to the Board with said terms for approval. Second by Lane. All in favor. Motion passed.
3. Mr. Best moved to allow Mr. Frimerman to get an appraisal up to \$500 on the property at Harpersfield Dam; second by Mr. Berkey. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Mr. Bellas noted it was important to get no trespassing signage up at Turkey Creek Metropark.
5. Permits were approved for the pavilion at Camp Peet by OEPA. Mr. Berkey moved to approve the bid of \$36,000 for the installation of the pavilion; appropriating up to \$15,000 from the General Fund if necessary to cover any cost over the original \$25,000. Second by Mr. Kohli. All in favor. Motion passed.
6. Mr. Carpenter asked for the Director and Operations Manager to prepare a year-end review of the parks progress.
7. Mr. Best moved to accept the expenditure for a new blower in the amount of \$7,000, funds to be taken from the Parks Foundation Greenway Maintenance Fund. Mr. Berkey seconded the motion. All in favor.
8. Mr. Frimerman approved the expenditure of a new brush hog for the Maintenance Department in the amount of \$1700.00.
9. Mr. Best move to approve the estimate for a new boardwalk to be installed at Lampson Staging Area through the CDC Placemaking Grant, pending their cost approval of \$43,600. Second by Mr. Kohli. All approved.
10. Mr. Kohli moved to accept the paving contract, being the lowest and best bid estimate received, for the ADA paved trail at Conneaut Creek Park, in the amount of \$49,500, pending cost approval from CDC Placemaking Grant who will be providing the funding.

**Move by Best at 8:18pm to go into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition. Second by Lane.  
Call of the Roll: Berkey, aye; Best, aye; Kohli, aye; Lane, aye; Carpenter, aye. Board moved into  
Executive session by unanimous vote. Back into regular meeting at 9:04pm.**

11. Mr. Kohli move to pass Resolution 2017-011 Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Certification for 2018. Second by Berkey. Resolution passed by unanimous vote on call of the roll.
12. Ms. Lane moved to pass Resolution 2017-012 updating the Record Retention Schedule. Second by Berkey. Resolution passed by unanimous vote on call of the roll.
13. Ms. Lane moved to pass Resolution 2017-013 authorizing Blanket and Super Blanket Purchase Orders. Second by Best. Resolution passed by unanimous vote on call of the roll.
14. Mr. Best moved to pass Resolution 2017-014 Acceptance of Grant monies for Redbrook Park. Second by Kohli. Resolution passed by unanimous vote on call of the roll.
15. Mr. Best moved to pass Resolution 2017-015 Authorizing application for a Coastal Management Grant. Second by Berkey. Resolution passed by unanimous vote on call of the roll.
16. Mr. Best moved to approve the revision of appropriations, set up of line items in Revenue and Expenditures and amend the 2017 Certificate of Estimated Resources to accommodate the Redbrook Park grants in Fund 9404 Restricted Grants. Second by Mr. Kohli. All in favor. Motion passed.

Adjourn: There being no further business; Mr. Kohli moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:14pm. Mr. Berkey seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

**Next Board Meetings:** November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 6:30pm @ 91 N Chestnut St Jefferson  
December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Minutes to be approved: November 2017

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Paul Carpenter, President (or representative)

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Pam Blough, Clerk