

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

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday January 10, 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 6:32 pm by Paul Carpenter; President. Board Members attending and completing a quorum were: Paul Carpenter, 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: Matthew Smith, ODNR; Kimberly Brewster, Chagrin River Watershed; Ruth Howell, OHC; David Welker, Monroe VFD; JP Ducro IV, County Commissioner.

**Business at Hand:**

1. Agenda was reviewed; moved to approve by Kohli, second by Lane. All in favor.
2. Nominations were opened by the Clerk for the election of 2018 Board President and Board Vice President. Mr. Berkey nominated Mr. Carpenter for President. Second by Mr. Kohli. All in favor. Mr. Berkey moved to close nominations for President, second by Kohli. Motion to elect Mr. Carpenter for President, all in favor. By unanimous vote of quorum present, Mr. Carpenter was elected as Board President.
3. Mr. Berkey moved to nominate Ms. Lane for Vice President. Second by Kohli. All in favor. Mr. Berkey moved to close nominations for Vice President. Second by Kohli. Motion to elect Ms. Lane as Vice President, all in favor. By unanimous vote of quorum present, Ms. Lane was elected as Board Vice President.
4. The December 13<sup>th</sup> and January 5<sup>th</sup> Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Berkey, second by Kohli. All in favor, motion passed.
5. The December Financials were reviewed. Motion by Kohli to approve. Second by Berkey. All approved.
6. Expense worksheet for January reviewed. Motion to accept by Kohli, Second by Lane. All in favor.

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

David Welker from the Monroe VFD would like to hold search and rescue training classes at Hatches Corners Metropark. Board approves as long as no motor vehicles are used. Mr. Welker will obtain a special use permit from the Board, and let them know when the event(s) will be held so the park can be closed for the simulated rescue. Dogs and horses will be used.

Ruth Howell from the Ohio Horseman's Council presented a donation to the Metroparks for Hatches Corners. She also noted the OHC will be holding work sessions at Hatches in order to complete the horse trail. A soft opening of the multi-purpose equine trail will be held this spring.

**Special Presentation:** Kimberly Brewster from Chagrin River WS Partners presented a concept drawing to the Board for the Streambank Restoration at Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark. The partners were awarded a small grant to assist entities that have properties in the watershed area of Northeast Ohio. Discussion with the Board regarding the current concept ensued. The Board will schedule a work session to discuss options. When finalized, Ms. Brewster can provide the Board with a detailed concept drawing, summary, and generalized cost estimates for implementation. This in turn can be used as a basis for grants the Parks can submit for the streambank restoration process.

**Director's Report:**

- (See attached)
- Mr. Frimerman would like to thank JP Ducro and the County Commissioners for the \$15,000 grant for the Parks Master Plan.

**Old Business:**

1. Mr. Kohli moved to pass Resolution 2018-001 Ranger Program. Second by Ms. Lane. Call of roll: all in favor. So resolved by unanimous vote of members quorum present.
2. Mr. Kohli moved to approve the updated purchase agreement and MOU for the Balin property, providing the seller's approve as written. Second by Ms. Lane. All in favor. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. Mr. Berkey moved to pass Resolution 2018-002 Pymatuning Valley Greenway Trail grant applications and 2018-003 WRG RTP grant application. Second by Mr. Kohli. Call of the roll: all in favor, so resolved by unanimous vote of quorum present.
2. The Board would like the Director to email them with bi-weekly updates.

Adjourn: There being no further business; Mr. Berkey moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:05pm. Ms. Lane seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

**Next Board Meetings:** February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 6:30pm @ 91 N Chestnut St Jefferson  
March 14<sup>th</sup> 2018

Minutes to be approved: February 2018

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Paul Carpenter, President (or representative)

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Pam Blough, Clerk