

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 13th, 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; Marie Lane, Vice President; Bob Best, Terry Berkey and Charlie Kohli; Members. Brett Bellas, Operations Manager and Pam Blough, Office Manager; were also in attendance. Larry Frimerman, Executive Director; was out on an excused absence. Guests: Joel Specht and Jennifer Simpson; Music Along the River Committee Members.

Business at Hand:

1. Agenda was reviewed; moved to approve by Lane, second by Kohli. All in favor.
2. The May 9th Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Berkey, second by Lane. All in favor, motion passed.
3. Expense worksheet for June reviewed. Motion to accept by Kohli, Second by Lane. All in favor. So passed.
4. The May Financials were reviewed. Motion by Kohli to approve. Second by Lane. All approved.

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

Joel Specht and Jennifer Simpson; Music Along the River Committee Representatives: Update on 2018 Music Along the River Event, August 17-19th. Planning is in full swing. Permit obtained. Full size RVs will be on the pavement to avoid damage to the grassy areas. Can the north side street light be turned off for the weekend? Board will check. Visit the Music Along the River's Facebook page for more information and schedule.

Director's Report:

- Board reviewed the Director's report.
- Park Ranger Kristen Fortune was out on duty at the time of the meeting.
- Red Brook lease agreement was discussed; Board wishes to consult with the Metropark attorney before signing the agreement. Board will hold a special meeting to approve an agreement. No date or time set.

Old Business:

1. Motion by Kohli to approve the Director's request for needed additional survey costs for the Conneaut WRRSP property surveys, up to an additional \$23,100.00 to various vendors. Survey costs eligible for reimbursement. Second by Mr. Best. All in favor. Motion passed.
2. Mr. Kohli attended the MATAG Trail Conference in May. The Western Reserve Greenway (Ashtabula/Trumbull) was awarded Best Project in the State.
3. Board approved the following expenditures for up fitting the Ranger vehicle: up to \$2700 for radio, \$4200 for up fit (lights siren console cage etc.), and \$600 for vinyl decals. The vehicle will be exclusively used by the Rangers. Moved to approve by Berkey, second by Lane. All in favor, so passed.

4. Mr. Berkey moved to allow Operations to lease a mini track dump for one month maximum, to take care of the mulch and finish the trail at Hatches Corners. The expenditure is approved for up to \$5200. Second by Kohli. All approved, motion carried.
5. Battles Road discussion: does the improvement project need to be on hold and revisited next year? The Board agreed to have Mr. Berkey and Mr. Bellas go visit the park, brush hog to clean up any saplings, make an assessment of the condition of the drainage/spillway, and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Motion by Lane to move into executive session at 7:15pm to discuss salary/protocol/real estate. Second by Berkey. All in favor by call of the roll. Motion carried.

Back into regular session at 7:40pm. Best motioned to resume regular session. Second by Lane. All approved.

New Business:

1. Motion to rescind last month's decision and cease negotiations with the Balins effective immediately. So moved by Kohli, second by Lane. Call of the roll, all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Kohli to approve a 3 percent pay raise for the Operations Manager, Brett Bellas, effective as of May 1st, 2018. Second by Ms. Lane. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjourn: There being no further business; Ms. Lane moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:50pm. Mr. Best seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Next Board Meetings: July 11th, 2018 6:30pm @ 91 N Chestnut St Jefferson
August 8th, 2018 6:30pm

Minutes to be approved: July 2018

Paul Carpenter, President (or representative)

Pam Blough, Clerk