

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 9th, 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. Larry Frimerman, Executive Director; Brett Bellas, Operations Manager; and Pam Blough, Office Manager; were also in attendance. Guests: Scoutmaster and Scout, Residents of Battles Road.

Business at Hand:

1. Agenda was reviewed; moved to approve by Kohli, second by Lane. All in favor.
2. The April 11th Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Kohli, second by Lane. All in favor, motion passed.
3. Expense worksheet for May reviewed. Motion to accept by Lane, including Property Administrators yearly estimate for Harpersfield mowing, second by Best. All in favor. So passed.
4. The April Financials were reviewed. Motion by Berkey to approve. Second by Lane. All approved.

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

Greg Seymour, Battles Road Resident: Discussion of concerns regarding the opening of Battles Road Metropark, Youth Fishing Pond. After everyone spoke, Mr. Carpenter stated that the Board would need to set up a Special Meeting with the residents to discuss and address their concerns. All agreed. No date was set.

George Harris, Scout, Troop 68: Introduced himself and offered to do an Eagle Scout Project for the Metroparks. A wetlands boardwalk was an opening suggestion. Something he could build or something to support the environment? The Board suggested that Harris meet with Brett Bellas, Operations Manager to discuss further project options. The Board supports the young scout and his project.

Director's Report:

- (See attached) Park & Grant updates.
- Narrowed down candidates for Park Ranger.
- Seasonal maintenance worker has started (Operations)
- WRRSP & Lieu in Fee properties update. Large tire dump discovered on one of the properties.
- Clean Ohio Indian Mound Project paperwork has been received for director's signature.
- PVGT TAP Grant-ready; awaiting final letters of support.
- NatureWorks Harpersfield playground grant is also ready for submission.
- NST-going with the original design (alignment phase). Design phase is next.

Old Business:

1. Director requests approval for additional expenditures up to \$20,000, up to \$35,000 total for various vendors to do surveys, and legal work for the WRRSP properties.
2. Land Management/Lease with Western Reserve Land Conservancy for Red Brook has not yet been prepared.

New Business:

1. Purchase agreements: reviewed and motions made and approved. Along with appropriating and expenditure of non-refundable deposits (earnest monies) required for each.
 - Bennet \$1000 Moved: Kohli Second: Berkey All Ayed
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 - Ring \$1000 Moved: Best Second: Kohli All Ayed
 - Gateway S \$10,000 Moved: Berkey Second: Kohli All Ayed
 - Gateway 20 \$10,000 Moved: Best Second: Lane All Ayed
 - Gateway 53 \$10,000 Moved: Kohli Second: Lane All Ayed
2. Motion by Best to apply for WRRSP Grant money to purchase Harpersfield Extension property and to approve the purchase agreement; along with the \$1,000 non-refundable earnest money deposit. Second by Kohli. All in favor. Motion passed.
3. Motion by Lane to move into executive session at 8:00pm to discuss personnel. Second by Berkey. All in favor by call of the roll. Motion carried.
4. Back into regular session at 8:30pm.

Adjourn: There being no further business; Ms. Lane moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:32pm. Mr. Kohli seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Next Board Meetings: June 13th, 2018 6:30pm @ 91 N Chestnut St Jefferson
July 11th, 2018 6:30pm

Minutes to be approved: June 2018

Paul Carpenter, President (or representative)

Pam Blough, Clerk