

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 10th, 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 6:30 pm by Paul Carpenter, President. Board Members attending and completing a quorum were: Paul Carpenter, President; Marie Lane, Vice President; and Bob Best Member. Charlie Kohli, Board Member; was on vacation and excused. Staff in attendance: Pam Blough, Board Clerk; and Brett Bellas, Operations Manager. Guests: Gary Hines, People for Parks. Brett Rodstrom, Western Reserve Land Conservancy.

Business at Hand:

1. Agenda was reviewed; moved to approve by Lane, second by Best. All in favor.
2. The September 12th Regular, and September 26th Special Meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve both sets of minutes by Lane, second by Best. All in favor, motion approved.
3. Expense worksheet for October reviewed. Motion to accept by Lane, Second by Best. All in favor. So passed.
4. The September Financials were reviewed. Motion by Lane to approve. Second by Best. All in favor. So passed.

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

Gary Hines, President of People for Parks: Wrap-up overview given to the Board for the **Megabucks in the Park** event that was held at Harpersfield Metropark on September 22nd. The event went well, there was good sponsorship and profit margin. The Board thought it was a great event and a good job done by the People for Parks committee in organizing and running the event. Some thoughts on renting a billboard for next year?

Director's Report:

- Board reviewed the Director's update earlier in the week.
- Due to illness, the Director could not be in attendance, thus excused.
- Mr. Battaglia will be arranging an extension for the Gateway 20 property closing date.
- Upcoming Grants: LWCF-50/50 match for restoration at Red Brook. Application due November 14th.
- Grant processes: ACCVB-submitted, CMAG-submitted. LWCF and Clean Ohio forthcoming.
- Discussion of whether or not to contract-out snow plowing, or do in-house? Board will continue the policy of taking seasonal bids and allow the Director and Operations to decide which areas are to be plowed in-house, if any.

Old Business:

1. Ms. Lane moved to approve the Rock Creek Parking design and specs as presented by Mr. Bellas. Second by Mr. Best. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Mr. Best moved to allow Mr. Frimerman to apply for LWCF Grant Funds for Turkey Creek and Red Brook. Second by Ms. Lane. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Mr. Best noted that the house at Indian Mound Metropark needs to be added to the insurance policy.

New Business:

1. Motion by Mr. Best to approve repairs to the bait shop foundation at Harpersfield Metropark, not to exceed \$3500.00. Second by Ms. Lane. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Motion made by Mr. Best to approve Resolution 2018-011, Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission, and Authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor for 2019. Second by Ms. Lane. Call of the roll: Best, aye; Lane, aye; Carpenter, aye. So passed by unanimous vote of the quorum of members present.
3. Ms. Lane moved to go into Executive Session at 7:10pm to discuss real estate acquisition, inviting Brett Rodstrom. Second by Mr. Best. Call of the roll by all present: aye. So moved.
4. Back into regular session at 7:37pm. So noted. No further discussions or motions.

Adjourn: There being no further business; Ms. Lane moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:42pm. Mr. Best seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Next Board Meetings: November 14th, 2018 6:30pm @ 91 N Chestnut St Jefferson
December 12th, 2018 6:30pm

Minutes to be approved: November 2018

Paul Carpenter, President (or representative)

Pam Blough, Clerk