

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 9th, 2019

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 6:31 pm by Marie Lane, Vice President. Board Members attending and completing a quorum were: Marie Lane, Vice President; Charlie Kohli, and Bob Best; Board Members. Paul Carpenter was absent. Terry Berkey has retired. Staff in attendance: Larry Frimerman, Executive Director; Pam Blough, Board Clerk; and Brett Bellas, Operations Manager. Legal Counsel for the Board, Mike Hamper. Guests: Ohio Horseman's Council officers; Gary Hines, People for Parks; JP Ducro IV, County Commissioner; members of the public, Holly Mayernick, and Bill Gentile.

Business at Hand:

1. Agenda was reviewed; moved to approve by Kohli, second by Best. All in favor.
Election of Officers: Clerk opened nominations. Lane and Kohli nominate Best for President. No other nominations. Kohli moved nominations for Pres be closed. Second by Lane. All in favor. Nominations closed. Kohli moves to elect Best President. Lane seconds. Call of the Roll. All aye. So moved.
2. Best and Kohli nominate Lane for Vice President. No other nominations. Kohli moved nominations for VPres be closed. Second by Best. All in favor. Nominations closed. Kohli moves to elect Lane Vice President. Best seconds. Call of the Roll. All aye. So moved. Election of Officers for the Board of Commissioners for the Ashtabula Metroparks 2019 are as follows:
Bob Best-President; Marie Lane-Vice President.
3. Ms. Lane handed the meeting over to Bob Best at 6:40pm.
4. The December 12th, 2018 regular meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Kohli, second by Lane. All approved. Passed.
5. The December 26th, 2018 special meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Kohli, second by Lane. All approved. Passed
6. Expense worksheet for January reviewed. Motion to accept by Kohli, second by Lane. All in favor. So passed.
7. The December Monthly and YE draft Financials were reviewed. Motion by Lane to acknowledge. Second by Kohli. All in favor. So passed.

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

OHC officers shared information and discussed plans for a grant to build a horse bridge or extend the parking lot at Hatches Corners MP. They asked the Board for a letter of support for a grant application. Volunteers will fill out a

Gary Hines GRTR Snowmobile club: asked for assistance from the Ranger to help monitor the trail. There may or may not be snow this weekend. Chair of PFP: They raised close to \$400 for People for Parks levy fund with the latest raffle.

Director's Report/Old Business:

- Ranger Fortune has resigned her position; but may assist in training of new personnel; the director has chosen another part-time ranger from the applicants but has to complete the due diligence.
- The North Shore Trail Public Meeting will be held on January 17th, 2019 @ 6:30pm at Briquettes Smoke House in Ashtabula Harbor.

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- Harpersfield lamprey barrier project is back on track after the breach of the temporary dam was contained.
- Flexible bollards are on order, they will replace the old bollards on the WRGT.
- Review and update on PVGT Grant application: due to EPA updates, the Director reported that now only two miles of trail can be completed? The Board will discuss further.
- Master Plan update: review and discussion of map handout. Mr. Kohli would like to see the Dodgeville Road staging area (Greenway Trail) shown on the map. Mr. Frimerman has mailed draft copies out to the Board for their review.
- The Board wishes to gather more information and see how the grant monies work out before they decide to renovate and move the administration offices from Jefferson to Saybrook.
- The Board would like to start holding monthly work sessions, beginning January 23rd, 6:30pm at the Park Office. (91 N Chestnut St Jefferson).
- Real Alloy Update: Purchase agreement has been presented to the seller. Still in negotiations.

New Business:

1. The Board all agreed that a renewal levy will be planned for the fall 2019 ballot.
2. Motion by Mr. Kohli, approving 2019 Work Plan as presented by the Director. Second by Ms. Lane. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Mr. Kohli to expend monies for an RTVehicle for Trail Maintenance and Ranger use at a cost of \$17,470.42 from NJPA. Cost will be offset by a donation from UHS in the amount of \$6500. Second by Ms. Lane. All in favor. So carried.
4. Approval of sponsoring The Nature Conservancy for their Capital Bill funding request for a Conservation Center. So moved by Mr. Kohli, second by Ms. Lane. All in favor. So carried.
5. Motion by Lane to ratify changes in By-Laws, allowing for the Board to obtain Legal Counsel separate from the needs of the Executive Director, who may obtain the services of an attorney to conduct business. Second by Kohli. All in favor. Motion approved.
6. Park Planning budget worksheet was handed out; Board will review and discuss at a work session or at the next meeting.
7. Western Reserve Land Conservancy's proposed purchase and consulting agreements will be reviewed by Legal before the Board votes to approve. Legal has approved and the Board agrees to sign the document. So moved by Kohli, second by Lane. All in favor.
8. The Board supports the OHC in use of the words "collaborate with ACMP" for their grant requests.
9. Motion by Kohli to move into executive session at 8:31pm to discuss personnel, real estate, and legal matters. Second by Lane. Call of the roll: Best, aye; Kohli, aye; Lane, aye. So moved by unanimous vote of quorum present.
10. Back into regular meeting at 9:01pm. So noted.

Adjourn: There being no further business; Ms. Lane moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:02pm. Mr. Kohli seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Next Board Meetings: Work Session: January 23rd, 2019 6:30pm @ 91 N Chestnut St Jefferson
February 13, 2019 6:30pm
March 13, 2019 6:30pm
Minutes to be approved: February 2019

Board President (or representative)

Pam Blough, Clerk