

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

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 8, 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 6:32 pm by Robert Best, President. Board Members attending and completing a quorum were: Robert Best, President; Marie Lane, Vice President; Charles Kohli, Holly Mayernick, and Paul Carpenter; Board Members. Staff in attendance: Larry Frimerman, Executive Director; Pam Blough, Board Clerk; and Brett Bellas, Operations Manager. Legal Counsel for the Board: Mike Hamper. Guests: Andrew Nowakowski, Volunteer, Gary Hines, People for Parks Chairman.

**Business at Hand:**

1. Agenda was reviewed; moved to approve by Kohli, second by Lane. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. The April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 regular meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Kohli, second by Lane. All in favor, motion carried.
3. The April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Special Meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Mayernick, second by Kohli. Lane and Best abstained, Remainder of board members approved, constituting a quorum. Motion carried.
4. Expense worksheet for May reviewed. Motion to table until after Executive Session by Mayernick, second by Kohli. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. The April Financials were reviewed. Motion by Kohli to acknowledge. Second by Mayernick. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Andrew Nowakowski asked the board for an update on the development of the Pymatuning Valley Greenway Trail, especially south of Andover. The Board advised the grant that is in process is set to develop a 3 mile stretch north of Andover for Phase I, and that plans for south of Andover will need to be reviewed and decided upon at a later date.

Gary Hines, Chair of the People for Parks gave an update and asked for suggestions from the Board on gatherings and possibility of holding open houses at various parks throughout the summer. The Board agreed. Need to have everyone on the same page with the same information distributed to the public. Index cards or presentation notes for all board members, staff and volunteers to follow.

**Director's Report/Old Business:**

- Ranger Program: Policy and Procedure book to be reviewed. Citation process pending.
- Red Brook Fire at Martinis: restoration almost complete.
- Pymatuning Greenway Update: ODOT/Tap grant applications are due May 17<sup>th</sup>; after submitting the Letter of Intent, we were approved for applying for the 3 miles of paved trail to run from Andover north. (\$1.625 million with a match from CDC of \$200,000).
- Master Plan update: Next steps are to set up dates for facilitated meetings to engage the public and other interest groups. Next Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm is the stakeholders meeting at the Commissioner's meeting room.
- Estimated closing date for the WRRSP properties in Conneaut is now scheduled for some time in June/July.

