

**ASHTABULA COUNTY METROPARKS  
91 N Chestnut St, Jefferson, OH 44047**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 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 6:32 pm by Robert Best, President. Board Members attending and completing a quorum were: Robert Best, President; and Holly Mayernick; Charles Kohli, Paul Carpenter; Members. Marie Lane, Vice President; (excused absence). Staff in attendance: Larry Frimerman, Executive Director; Pam Blough, Board Clerk, and Brett Bellas, Operations Manager. Guests: JP Ducro IV, County Commissioner.

**Business at Hand:**

1. Agenda was reviewed; moved to approve by Mayernick, second by Kohli. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. The September 11th, 2019 regular meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Mayernick, second by Kohli. All in favor, motion carried. September 25<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting minutes reviewed. Move to accept by Kohli, second by Carpenter. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Expense worksheet for October reviewed. Motion to approve by Kohli, second by Mayernick. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. The September Financials were reviewed. Motion by Carpenter to acknowledge. Second by Kohli. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Report on People for Parks from Mr. Carpenter: Signs are out, postcards will be mailed soon. Unofficial tally for funds raised at the annual Megabucks: \$10,000. Contact Gary Hines if you know of anyone who would like a yard sign.

**Director's Report:**

- Ranger Update- discussion for Executive Session
- Lake Metroparks released a fox kit into one of our Metroparks that was rehabilitated this summer at their Habitat. Release location was not made public, for the safety of the fox. Release went well.
- NST-Update-ODOT is awaiting approval from the City of Ashtabula for the final design. The City of Ashtabula is reviewing. Reminder- Friday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 4pm groundbreaking for the NST in Ashtabula Harbor.
- Mrs. Ring will be donating a portion of her proceeds from the sale of her property in Conneaut to the Metroparks Foundation.

**Old Business:**

1. Life rings are up at Lampson Reservoir.
2. Mr. Kohli asked the Director to please make an evaluation of the old Mill Race at Harpersfield to see if what remains as a ditch can be filled in or used again as a Mill Race. Brett and Charlie will meet at Harpersfield this week to review.

**New Business:**

1. Motion made by Mayernick to approve a pre-application for 2021 CMAG Grant for up to \$60,000 for Red Brook habitat restoration with a 50/50 match if required. Second by Kohli. All in favor. Motion passed.
2. Discussion of Pool House at Red Brook Metropark that was damaged by a tree falling on the roof last month: Insurance assesses an estimated \$20,000 in settlement for repairs. The Director asked the Board if they would like to upgrade and remodel the pool house at the same time as the roof is repaired. Larry is working on a design and quotes. No decision.
3. The Ohio Horsemen's Council is applying for a grant to build a pavilion at Hatches Corners Metropark.
4. Gateway South is experiencing survey issues which may delay the closing of the WRRSP property.
5. There was no discussion regarding funding contribution to the City of Conneaut due to lack of enough information to determine a vote.
6. Mayernick moved to go into executive session at 7:36pm to discuss personnel and real estate matters. Second by Kohli. Call of the roll: Kohli, aye; Mayernick, aye; Carpenter, aye; Best, aye. All in favor.
7. Back in regular session at: 8:27PM.
8. Motion by Carpenter to send a letter to landowner to remove the junk cars from our property asap. Get letters of support from EPA. Second by Mayernick. All in favor. So carried.
9. Regarding Ranger Bradek Resignation: The Board moves to accept the resignation of Ranger Bradek. Motion to accept by Mayernick. Second by Carpenter. All in favor. Motion carried.
10. Regarding COL salary increase for Office Manager of 2%: Mayernick motions to approve, second by Carpenter. All in favor. Motion approved.
11. Mayernick made a motion to accept the addendum for Gateway to pay the seller upfront pending the survey. Carpenter seconded. Kohli approved. Best abstains. Approved by majority of members, so passed.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Mayernick moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:00pm. Kohli seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

**Next Board Meetings:** November 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 6:30pm  
December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 6:30pm

Next Work Sessions:

Minutes to be approved: November 2019

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Robert Best, Board President (or representative)

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Pam Blough, Clerk