

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 11th, 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 6:30 pm by Robert Best, President. Board Members attending and completing a quorum were: Robert Best, President; Holly Mayernick, Charles Kohli, and Paul Carpenter; Members. Marie Lane, Vice President; (excused absence). Staff in attendance: Larry Frimerman, Executive Director; Pam Blough, Board Clerk; Pam Bradek, Ranger, and Brett Bellas, Operations Manager. Guests: None.

Business at Hand:

1. Agenda was reviewed; moved to approve by Kohli, second by Mayernick. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. The August 14th, 2019 regular meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Kohli, second by Mayernick. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Expense worksheet for September reviewed. Motion to approve by Kohli, second by Carpenter. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. The August 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:

Report on People for Park from Mr. Bellas: Tickets for the September 14th event are almost sold out. Setup will begin Friday evening. Get to Know Your Parks Open Houses will be cancelled for the remainder of the season.

Director's Report:

- Ranger Update- Pam Bradek took the oath for Metroparks' Chief Ranger and was sworn in by Board President Bob Best at 6:42pm.
- Red Brook Metropark sign has been installed at the front entrance on Lake Rd.
- NST-Update-ODOT is awaiting approval from the City of Ashtabula for the final design. The City of Ashtabula is reviewing.
- RE Updates: Larry and Charlie attended the Rails to Trails Summit in Pennsylvania last week.
- Charlie attended the I Heart and Great Ohio Lake to River Trail meeting at Mill Creek

Old Business:

1. Rock Creek Bypass: in order to move forward with the project, the board will bypass the Huffman property and move the current path at an angle to accommodate.
2. Need to update the mileage expense reimbursement policy to reflect the latest mileage and chain of authority. Ms. Mayernick moved to rescind Resolution 2016-004 Mileage Reimbursement

Policy and to update the Handbook; overriding the dollar amount of reimbursement (.41) and replace with language directing usage rate to mirror Ashtabula County rate. A reasonable time frame should be established for processing reimbursement requests (30 days). Second by Mr. Kohli. All in Favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Moved to pass Resolution 2019-007 Accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission, authorizing and certifying tax levy to the Auditor. So moved by Kohli, second by Mayernick. Call of the Roll: Mayernick, aye; Kohli, aye; Carpenter, aye; Best, aye. So passed by majority of quorum present.
2. Moved to approve expenditure of \$4504.96 to Northeastern Communications for an in dash radio and repeater for the Ranger vehicle by Mayernick, seconded by Kohli. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Price quotes for trail steps at Indian Mound Park have not yet been compiled.
4. Life Rings for Lampson Reservoir are on order.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Mayernick moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:35pm. Kohli seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Next Board Meetings: 6:30pm
October 9th 2019
November 13th 2019

Next Work Sessions:

Minutes to be approved: October 2019

Robert Best, Board President (or representative)

Pam Blough, Clerk