

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

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, November 13th, 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; Holly Mayernick, Charles Kohli, and Paul Carpenter; Members. Staff in attendance: Larry Frimerman, Executive Director; Pam Blough, Office Manager/Board Clerk; Joseph M. Webb, 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 October 9th, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes were reviewed, as well as the October 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> Emergency Meeting minutes and the November 6<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Kohli, second by Carpenter. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Expense worksheet for November reviewed. Motion to approve by Kohli, second by Mayernick. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. The October Financials were reviewed. Motion by Kohli to acknowledge. Second by Carpenter. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Audience Participation** is limited to three minutes each and the Board thanks them for their input:  
None

The Board welcomes the new Park Ranger as part of the Ashtabula Metroparks.  
Swearing in of New Ranger Joseph Webb by Marie Lane, Vice President.

**Director's Report:**

- ATV Group: Board will meet with them as soon as possible to address their concerns and discuss other options available to them such as ODNR State programs.
- Motion by Kohli to apply to the Capital Bill Funding for all three projects presented; Red Brook building renovations, Rock Creek Bypass development, and match money for Pymatuning Greenway Phase I; additionally to agree to provide up to 50 percent match money if required. Second by Carpenter. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

1. "Option to Purchase" paperwork has been prepared and is awaiting the Huffman's signatures.

**New Business:**

1. Motion made by Mayernick to approve the following snow removal bids for the 2019-2020 season: TLC for the Bike Trail and West properties; J & S for the Conneaut properties. Second by Kohli. Carpenter abstains. All others in favor. So passed by majority vote.
2. Discussion of Pool House at Red Brook Metropark that was damaged by a tree falling on the roof last month: Insurance assesses a much smaller settlement for repairs. No decision.
3. No estimates received yet for the Upper Grand MP Driveway improvements. Currently the drive is under a foot of snow.
4. Mr. Best read through the bylaws and noted that the Board may abolish the position of Executive Director without changing the bylaws. Other position possibilities will be discussed.
5. Mayernick moved to go into executive session at 7:28pm to discuss personnel review. Second by Kohli. Call of the roll: Kohli, aye; Mayernick, aye; Carpenter, aye; Best, aye. Lane, aye. All in favor.
6. Back in regular session at: 8:43pm.
7. The Board, in consulting with the plan for reorganization, is going to suspend Larry Frimerman, effective immediately for 3 days for operating outside his scope of duties. He is to conduct no park business until Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 8:30am.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Mayernick moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:45pm. Carpenter seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

**Next Board Meetings:** December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 6:30pm January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:30pm

Next Work Sessions: November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 5:30pm

Minutes to be approved: December 2019

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Robert Best, Board President (or representative)

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Pam Blough, Clerk