

Canfield, Ohio  
June 30, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks was held on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, at the MetroParks Farm, President Lou Schiavoni welcomed guests and staff.

The meeting opened at 6 p.m. Roll Call was as follows: Germaine Bennett, present; Bob Durick, present; John Ragan, present; Lou Schiavoni, present; and Scott Schulick, present.

Lou Schiavoni presented the Minutes of the Meeting of May 11, 2015, and asked that they be approved. John Ragan motioned they be approved. The motion was seconded by Scott Schulick and passed, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Durick, Ragan, Schiavoni, Schulick  
Voting Nay: None

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Voting Nay: None

Kevin Smith, Administrative Services Director/Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report. John Ragan moved, the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #67404– #67906 be approved. The motion was seconded by Germaine Bennett and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Durick, Ragan, Schiavoni, Schulick  
Voting Nay: None

Kevin Smith requested to make the following appropriations changes:

- Increase appropriations by \$1,500.00 to account 100-0450-5097 Volunteer Program. This is for money received from volunteers to purchase Mill Creek merchandise.
- Increase appropriations by \$2,000.00 to account 100-4810-5097 Camp Out. This is for donations received to benefit the camp out at the Wick Recreation area
- Increase appropriations by \$1,140.00 to account 100-6000-5097 Police. This is for donations received to benefit the hooked on fishing event
- Increase appropriations by \$18,860.42 to account 701-3721-5097 Farm Capital Improvements. This is for the insurance proceeds received from the Apple Barn wall collapse.

Bob Durick moved the requests be approved. The motion was seconded by Scott Schulick and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Durick, Ragan, Schiavoni, Schulick  
Voting Nay: None

Executive Director's Report:

Aaron Young, Executive Director, made the following staff acknowledgements:

- Garden Adventure Day was held on 06-06-15
- Hooked On Fishing was held on 06-13-15
- Lori Mowad: Nominated WYTV Hometown Hero

- Officer Antonio Roth: Assistance to park patrons
- Assistant Chief Randy Campana: Apprehended Suspect in Vehicle Break Ins

Aaron was the featured speaker at the Mill Creek Chapter of the American Business Women's Association in June, and will speak at Eastgate's July Citizen Advisory Board Meeting. He is participating as a member of the Proposal Selection Committee for the City of Youngstown Amphitheatre Project.

Aaron recommended everyone visit our website for our new Have You Seen This? video series

Aaron gave a presentation: 2015 Administrative Report.

The Board, staff, Foundation/Friends members, and the general public discussed the four options that were presented concerning the status of our levy.

After discussion, Lou Schiavoni asked for a vote to approve Resolution R-15-08 to be placed on the November 2015 ballot, a levy for fifteen (15) years commencing with the 2016 tax year, and which levy is a renewal of an existing levy of 1.75 mills which commenced in tax year 2001 and an increase of .25 mills. Scott Schulick made a motion to approve the following Resolution:

R-15-08

**RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN  
EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING CERTIFICATION FROM THE COUNTY  
AUDITOR**

The BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE MILL CREEK METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT, Mahoning County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 30th day of June, 2015, with the following members present:

Louis Schiavoni  
Robert Durick  
Scott R. Schulick

John Ragan  
Germaine Bennett

Scott Schulick moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the MILL CREEK METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT, Mahoning County, Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, by the BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE MILL CREEK METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT, Mahoning County, Ohio, that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §1545.21 for the purpose of operation, improvement, appropriation, and maintenance of the lands of the park district at a rate not exceeding two (2) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to twenty cents (20¢) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for fifteen (15) years commencing with the 2016 tax year, and which levy is a renewal of an existing levy of 1.75 mills which commenced in tax year 2001 and an increase of .25 mills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said levy be placed upon the tax list for the 2016 tax year if a majority of the electors voting thereon in the November 3, 2015 general election vote in favor thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of the Park District is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Mahoning County Auditor. The Board of Park Commissioners hereby requests that the Mahoning County Auditor certify to the Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District the total current tax valuation of the Park District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the passage of a 1.75 mill renewal levy together with a .25 mill additional levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation, if approved by the electors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is hereby found and determined that all deliberations and formal actions of this Board of Park Commissioners concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were conducted in an open meeting of this Board of Park Commissioners, in compliance with all legal requirements including §121.22 of the Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be effective immediately.

Germaine Bennett seconded the Motion and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

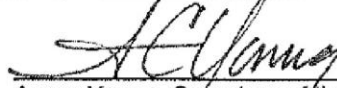
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| Louis Schiavoni   | <u>nay</u> |
| John Ragan        | <u>nay</u> |
| Robert Durick     | <u>aye</u> |
| Germaine Bennett  | <u>aye</u> |
| Scott R. Schulick | <u>aye</u> |

Adopted the 30th day of June, 2015.

CERTIFICATION

I, AARON YOUNG, Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District, do hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District at a regular meeting held on the 30th day of June, 2015.

Witness my signature, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 2015.



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Aaron Young, Secretary of the Board of Park  
Commissioners, Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District

Aaron Young, Executive Director presented information on the purchase of 41 South Whitney, Youngstown, Ohio, as part of the FRG Master Plan Implementation, with funds being provided by Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens, and requested that the Board authorize Executive Director Aaron Young to sign all necessary paperwork on the Board's behalf.

John Ragan motioned the purchase be approved. Germaine Bennett seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Durick, Ragan, Schiavoni, Schulick  
Voting Nay: None

Carol Vigorito, Recreation & Education Manager presented the following requests for approval:

- a. Panerathon – Date change from August 23 to August 30
- b. Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk fundraiser, Saturday, October 10, 2015, in the Wick Recreation Area
- c. Youngstown Peace Race, Sunday, October 25, 2015, in various areas of the MetroParks

Bob Durick motioned that the requests be approved. The motion was seconded by John Ragan and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Durick, Ragan, Schiavoni, Schulick  
Voting Nay: None

At the beginning of the public comment period, Aaron Young, Executive Director, announced that beginning at the next meeting, addressing the Board must be regarding an agenda item.

- Gina Centofanti of Youngstown, spoke regarding the geese roundup in 2014, nature in the Park, and a written wildlife policy.
- Nancy Brundage of Canfield, thanked Aaron for the presentation, and asked that he give an executive report at every meeting.

Lou Schiavoni announced that the next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2015, at 6 p.m., at the MetroParks Farm in Canfield.

There being no further business, Bob Durick moved to adjourn the meeting. John Ragan seconded the motion, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Durick, Ragan, Schiavoni, Schulick  
Voting Nay: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.