

Canfield, Ohio
July 13, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks was held on Monday, July 13, 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.

President of the Board, Lou Schiavoni announced that the policy put into place during the June 30, 2015 Board Meeting regarding speaking at Board Meetings on agenda items only, has been rescinded. Any topic can be presented to the Board.

Lou Schiavoni presented the Minutes of the Meeting of June 30, 2015, and asked that they be approved. Germaine Bennett 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

Kevin Smith, Administrative Services Director/Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report. Scott Schulick moved, the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #67907– #68001 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

Aaron Young, Executive Director's Report:

- Human Resources Director Interviews will be the week of 07/13 & 07/20
- Development Director interviews will be the week of 7/28.
- Park Planner resumes are currently under review
- Closures of all three (3) lakes effective Friday, July 10, in coordination with Ohio EPA, and Mahoning County District Board of Health; a meeting has been scheduled.

Kevin Smith presented Resolution R-15-10 for approval:

R-15-10

**RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN
EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION**

The BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE MILL CREEK METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT, Mahoning County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 13 day of July 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.

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners of the Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District, Mahoning County, Ohio, previously adopted R-15-08 finding the necessity of levying an additional tax in excess of the ten mill limitation and directing the Treasurer to certify a copy of the resolution to the Mahoning County Auditor for the purpose of requesting that the 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 renewal of the existing one and three-quarters (1.75) mill levy which commenced in tax year 2001 and expires in tax year 2015 and an additional one-quarter (.25) mill levy ; and

WHEREAS, the Mahoning County Auditor has certified the total current tax valuation of the Park District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the renewal of such levy and the passage of such additional levy.

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, and maintenance 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 at the November 3, 2015 general election vote in favor thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of the Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections, Mahoning County, Ohio, at least ninety (90) days before the general election in November 2015, and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

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:

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

Adopted the 13 day of July 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 13 day of June 2015.

Witness my signature, this 13 day of June 2015.

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

Jim Willock, Chief of Police presented the updated Police Policy Manual, with the changes presented to the Board. John Ragan motioned the updated Policy be approved. Bob Durick seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

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

Jim Willock presented the following resolution for approval:

R-15-09
RESOLUTION HONORING
RETIRING METROPARKS POLICE OFFICER
Carylon Grimaldi

WHEREAS: Carylon Grimaldi has served Mill Creek MetroParks and the people of Mahoning County since 1989, and

WHEREAS: Officer Grimaldi has ensured the safety of park visitors and staff through excellent police work, as well as creating a visitor-friendly, helpful police presence in the MetroParks, and

WHEREAS: Officer Grimaldi and the Mill Creek MetroParks Police have earned the respect and cooperation of law enforcement entities both adjoining the MetroParks and in the community at large, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Mill Creek MetroParks Board of Park Commissioners and staff wish to thank Officer Carylon Grimaldi and honor her for his outstanding service to the MetroParks and this community.

The Board thanked Carolyn, and Scott Schulick motioned the Resolution be approved. John Ragan seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

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

Commissioner's comments:

- Lou Schiavoni made a statement about the environmental emergency with the lakes of the MetroParks. He has meetings scheduled with high-ranking officials in the State and will look all avenues to take care of the problem as soon as possible.

Public Comments:

- Chance Metz of Austintown, commented on the condition of the lakes
- Diane Timko of Youngstown, a member of the Save the Wildlife group, offered support to the MetroParks and community for whatever was needed to get the condition of the lakes improved.

- Jean Williams of the Newport neighborhood in Boardman, commented on the stench coming from the lake.
- Patricia Sweeney of Poland, representing the Mahoning County Health Department assured that they are testing the water in the lakes and working closely with Park officials, the city, and EPA.
- Gina Centofanti of Austintown, again requested a written humane wildlife policy for the MetroParks.
- Norma Anderson of Canfield, was glad to hear that the MetroParks has recognized the problem with the lakes and she offered support to find other ways of financing the cleanup besides from city taxpayers.
- Candice Sinistro Larocca of Boardman, commented that she is glad the Park is working together with area agencies to take care of the lakes. She is a proponent of not making city residents pay for it all. And she suggested that all projects in the Park be halted until the lakes are taken care of.
- Trudie Weatherbee of Youngstown, is concerned about the wildlife in the Park, and offered help in any way she can.
- Tim Raridon of Girard, was pleased that corrective action will be taken on the lakes in the Park, sewage systems that run into the creek needs addressed, and other threats to the water. He also commented on the right to speak at public meetings.
- Mario Poluse of Youngstown, a retired Youngstown Wastewater employee referred to a handbook he had that shows where all the CSO's are, and that it's not an easy fix. The population of the city has shifted to the suburbs, and water treatment facilities are out of date, which adds to the pollution problem in the lakes in the MetroParks.
- Rick Shale of Boardman, a former MCMP Commissioner, stated that the Park could only control what is in their jurisdiction. Suggested a group effort with Youngstown and Boardman.
- Maggie of Youngstown, stated that not only Youngstown residents pay for the water; Boardman and Austintown residents already pay 40% higher bills to the City. Water is under state laws.
- A member of the public stated that this is a problem for the whole park, not just the water.
- A member of the public suggested meeting with all entities involved with the waters in the MetroParks, and requested we halt the yearly stocking of Lake Glacier with trout.
- A member of the public, a member of a Native American Indian tribe, commented that when he called the MetroParks Police Department today they didn't know about tonight's meeting. Also commented on the lack of wildlife at the Lily Pond, and about respecting the land.

Lou Schiavoni announced that the next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2015, at 6 p.m., at the MetroParks Farm in Canfield.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.