The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks was held on Monday, January 11, 2016, at the MetroParks Farm. 1st Vice-President John Ragan welcomed guests and staff.

Probate Judge Rusu was present to swear in new MetroParks Commissioner Michael Senchak, with a term ending December 31, 2018.

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

John Ragan presented the Minutes of the Meeting of December 21, 2015, and asked that they be approved. Scott Schulick motioned they be approved. The motion was seconded by Bob Durick and passed, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Durick, Schulick
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining (not at the December meeting): Senchak

Kevin Smith, Treasurer/Administrative Services Director, presented the Treasurer’s Report. Germaine Bennett moved, the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #69585 – #69647 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, Schulick, Senchak
Voting Nay: None

Aaron presented a thank you note from the YYFFA Youngstown Youth Flag Football Association for hosting their fall season at the Wick Recreation Area.

Aaron Young, Executive Director presented the current Facility Rental Discount Policies for review. After discussion, the Board asked Aaron to bring, to the February meeting, a proposed new policy on rental facility rates.

Commissioner’s comments:
• Everyone welcomed Mike to the Board.
• Mike spoke regarding the Judge appointing him as a Commissioner, and said it was an honor to serve the public in this capacity.

Public comments:
• Robert Stanger of Boardman spoke regarding ice problems on some of the trails.

John Ragan announced that the next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2016, at 6 p.m. at the MetroParks Farm.

Germaine Bennett moved the Board meet in Executive Session for the following reasons:
• To consider the appointment, employment, discipline, or compensation of public employees.
• Collective Bargaining Matters

The motion was seconded by Mike Senchak and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Durick, Ragan, Schulick, Senchak
Voting Nay: None
The motion was passed, and the Board met in Executive Session at 6:40 p.m.

Germaine Bennett and Scott Schulick left during the Executive Session.

Bob Durick motioned to return to Regular Session. Mike Senchak seconded the motion and the Board returned from Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. The vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye:  Durick, Ragan, Senchak
Voting Nay:  None

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

Voting Aye:  Durick, Ragan, Senchak
Voting Nay:  None

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.