

MILLCREEK METROPARKS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2018

PRESENT: James Bolchalk, Ed Howley, Frank Krygowski, Anne Liller, Rick Shale and staff liaison Jaime Yohman. Excused: Pat Rose. Absent: Phyllis Johnson

Shale called the meeting to order at 10:10am. Minutes from the October 19, 2017 and the February 23, 2018 meetings were distributed and approved.

A brief discussion centered on the March 12th MetroParks board meeting and the approval of our final two policies.

Shale then opened a discussion on the forming of subcommittees associated with our policies. Each subcommittee would ideally have 3-5 members and any of our members may volunteer to serve. Bicycle and Recreation Facilities Safety subcommittee could use Steve Avery's 2018 Capital Improvements Projects presentation as a detailed guide to when park improvements will take place.

All subcommittee members will be considered park volunteers and will need to fill out a volunteer application and go through the background check. Jaime clarified that the background checks are reviewed annually for all current volunteer.

Jamie Yohman will present to the MetroParks board at their next meeting, April 9th at 6:00pm.

We then started our discussion of the Volunteer Handbook update. The current handbook is dated May 2013. Jaime plans to add pictures and color to the revised handbook and much more detailed information and topics. We discussed the handbook page by page, many suggestions as to additions and deletions. Jaime offered the Stark Parks handbook as a possible model and guide for our revision. We were urged to read this online.

Agenda for our next meeting will include continued discussion of the Volunteer Handbook and possible rotation of chairperson and secretary positions within our committee.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 4th at 10am, MetroParks Farm, Classroom A.

Anne Liller, Secretary

