

October 9, 2018
Canfield, Ohio

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks was held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, at the MetroParks Farm. President Lee Frey welcomed guests and staff.

The meeting opened at 6 p.m. with recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was as follows: Germaine Bennett, present, Lee Frey, present; Tom Frost, absent; Jeff Harvey, present, and Paul Olivier, present.

The Board was presented with the Minutes of the Meeting of September 10, 2018. Commissioner Frey moved that the minutes be accepted into the records.

Kevin Smith, Director of Finance, presented the Treasurer's Report. Lee Frey moved, the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #77265 - #77527 for a total of \$1,211,360.92 be approved. The motion was seconded by Jeff Harvey and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Harvey, Olivier
Voting Nay: None

Kevin made a request to increase appropriations to account 100-1752-5011 – Wick Recreation Area Capital Equipment by \$5,000.00. The MetroParks had two golf carts vandalized and this is for the insurance reimbursement for both carts. Lee Frey moved that the appropriation request be approved. The motion was seconded by Germaine Bennett. After some discussion, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Harvey, Olivier
Voting Nay: None

Kevin made a request to increase appropriations to account 100-1753 Wick Recreation Area Capital Improvements by \$12,500.00. We received a Dek Hockey program support check from the Home Savings Charitable Foundation for \$12,500. Lee Frey moved that the appropriation request be approved. The motion was seconded by Paul Olivier. After some discussion, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Harvey, Olivier
Voting Nay: None

Jaime Yohman, Community Engagement Director, presented the updated Volunteer Handbook to the Board. They thanked her and her committee for the work.

Executive Director's Report (Aaron Young, Executive Director)

1. Introduced the new Park Planner, Seth Oldham, filling the position which was vacated in April 2018.
2. Presented the EPA Technical report "Biological and Water Quality Study of the Lower Mahoning River Watershed, 2011 and 2013.

Chris Litton, Development Director, reported that no major donations have been received since his report last month, but there are several significant donations expected before the end of the year.

Kevin Smith thanked YSU students Collin Main and Zachary Moran, and their Professor and Chair of Accounting & Finance Dr. Peter Woodlock, for participating with the Finance Standing Committee, in the cost study analysis of the Boathouses, which lead to a board-approved price increase.

Deby Clark, Chairperson of the Horticulture Standing Committee, read a statement from their Committee, that the committee would like acknowledgment for participating in the identification of the Beach Leaf Disease found at Lanterman's Mill.

Aaron Young gave a PowerPoint presentation that he will show at the Regional Chamber's November Good Morning Mahoning County meeting at Fellows Riverside Gardens.

Deby Clark had questions about plans to improve the condition of the nearly 40-year old All People's Trail at the Ford Nature Center. Aaron agreed that it is in poor condition, and stated that improvements have already started.

Commissioners Comments

- Lee Frey – The November Board Meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, November 19, 2018, at 6 p.m., in McMahon Hall at the MetroParks Farm.

He thanked the committees and reminded them that, for the December Board meeting, they need to show 1 to 3 goals for 2019, and a written summary of what their committees have accomplished this year.

- Germaine Bennett – Thanked the committees for their work, and was impressed with the updated Volunteer Handbook. She apologized to the Horticulture Standing Committee for the news media misunderstanding/misreporting a story about the Beech leaf disease.
- Paul Olivier – Thanked the staff, volunteers & committees, and asked that everyone support the upcoming Peace Race.
- Jeff Harvey – Thanked everyone for their work done over the summer. He encouraged everyone that if they see something, say something. He expressed his concern about not knowing exactly what the committees are doing, and is looking forward to their goals and summary reports in December.

Public Comments to the Board

- Nancy Brundage thanked the staff for another successful Sunset at the Farm event; she encouraged everyone to attend the Pumpkin Walk coming up, she likes the new entrance landscaping on Rt. 224 at the Golf Course, and that the community appreciates what we do.

There being no further business, Lee Frey moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Harvey seconded the motion, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Harvey, Olivier
Voting Nay: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.