

**Meeting Minutes (Draft)**

Natural Resources Citizen Advisory Committee

Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 | 3:00 PM

Outdoor Meeting at Slippery Rock

Pavilion

Prepared by Nick Derico, *Natural Resources Manager*



**Committee Members in Attendance**

Nick Derico ☒ | Joshua Noble ☒ | Vacant | Sean Baran ☒ | Peter Milliken ☒ | Sara Scudier ☒ | John Zimmerman ☒ | Ronald Kichton ☒ | Gary Davenport ☒ | Joshua Emanuelson ☒ |

**Public Attendees:**

None	



I. Call to Order – 3:04 PM

**Old Business**

- \* **Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes**  
Nick Derico provided the meeting minutes from the previous meeting (7.28.22), members reviewed the minutes and offered no revisions or corrections. Josh Noble motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Sara Scudier.
- \* **Roll Call**  
Voting Aye – Scudier, Derico, Baran, Milliken, Davenport, Noble, Kichton, Zimmerman, Emanuelson  
Voting Nay - None

II. **New Business**

**Review of On-Going 2022 Natural Resources Projects**

Hemlock Wolly Adelgid

1. Derico shared an update on hemlock woolly adelgid in the Park including increased treatment zones for 2022 (Bears Den and

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Cascade Run). Treatments are currently on-going and should be completed in the coming weeks.

2022 Tree Plantings

2. Derico shared the status of multiple tree plantings scheduled for the fall of 2022, including the YSU Legacy Forest partnership at the Collier Preserve and several plantings in Mill Creek Park thanks to a private donation.

Healthy Stream Initiative

3. Derico shared the status of the on-going Healthy Streams Initiative project in Hitchcock/Huntington Woods – the project will be completed the week of 10/10.

Hawkins Marsh Improvements

4. Derico shared plans for future site improvements to the newly acquired Hawkins Marsh which include a parking area, trail improvements, ecological restoration, and educational signage. The MetroParks will be pursuing grant funding through the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund for the project and the Committee offered their support of the project, each signing a letter of support.

\* **Roll Call**

Voting Aye – Scudier, Baran, Milliken, Noble, Kichton, Zimmerman, Emanuelson

Voting Nay - None

- \* As a member of the District 6 NRAC Gary Davenport abstained
- \* As the MetroParks Representative, Derico also abstained

**Open Discussion**

1. The group resumed discussions from the previous meeting (7.28.22) revolving primarily around wildlife management in the park including White-tailed Deer, and Canada Geese.
2. The primary concerns of the group include habitat degradation, human wildlife conflict, and wildlife habituation.
3. The group suggested that the MetroParks focus on public education highlighting these concerns including an intensive/expanded “Don’t Feed the Wildlife” campaign.

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**Public Comments**

III. None

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**Committee Questions/Comments.**

IV. None

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V. **Date of Next Meeting**

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VI. Adjournment – 4:29 PM

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