

Canfield, Ohio
January 11, 2010

The Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks met in Regular Session on Monday, January 11, 2010, 6:00 p.m., with members M. Virginia Dailey, Daniel DeSalvo, Robert Durick, Jay Macejko, and John Ragan present.

Ms. Dailey introduced and welcomed the new MetroParks Commissioner John Ragan whose term is January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2011; Commissioner Robert Durick whose term is January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010; and Commissioner Daniel DeSalvo whose term is January 2, 2010, through December 31, 2012.

Approximately 25 staff members were present; each one introduced themselves.

Mr. Macejko presented a copy of the "Historic Mill Creek Park" book to each of the new Board members.

Mr. Macejko moved the Minutes of the Meeting of December 21, 2009, be tabled until the February meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dailey and passed.

Mr. Macejko moved the Minutes of the Meeting of January 6, 2010, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Durick and passed.

Dave Christy gave an overview of Treasurer's Reports and Check Registers, and presented the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Macejko moved, the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #49160 through #49376 be approved.

The motion was seconded by Mr. DeSalvo and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Dailey, DeSalvo, Durick, Macejko, Ragan
Voting Nay: None

Justin Rogers, Planning Manager, gave an overview of conservation easements, and presented the Deed of Conservation Easement, and Management Agreement for Canfield Township, and Poland Township. After discussion, Mr. DeSalvo motioned that the Easement and Agreement be approved.

Mr. Macejko seconded the motion and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Dailey, DeSalvo, Durick, Macejko, Ragan
Voting Nay: None

Executive Director report, Tom Bresko, Interim Executive Director:

- ¥ Stated that the Metro Parks has a quality staff and a wonderful team
- ¥ He spoke with a citizen regarding plowing of our closed drives
- ¥ Labor negotiations are on-going
- ¥ Working on the plans for 2010 capital projects and equipment purchases
- ¥ Thanked Arlene Lanz & staff for setting up the Library at Fellows Riverside Gardens for the swearing in ceremony for the new Commissioners

Staff Reports:

Dennis Miller, Golf Director:

- ¥ Wick Area sledding hill busy
- ¥ Golf Course preparing equipment for season; maintenance

Jim Willock, Chief of Police

- ¥ Met regarding FCC regulations going into affect for 2012 for our radio system, what changes will be necessary, and how it will work with our connection with Youngstown Police Department
- ¥ Met with Sonitrol, ADT to get security system and cameras working properly; discussing money-saving ideas
- ¥ Problems with ATV's on trail being addressed

Linda Kostka, Director of Development & Marketing

- ¥ Set up social media networks @ Facebook, flickr
- ¥ Meeting with local foundation representatives regarding the fountain at Fellows Riverside Gardens
- ¥ Doing a direct mailer fund-raising letter to Friends of FRG and other groups
- ¥ 2008 Annual Report at the printers
- ¥ 2009 Annual Report will be complete by the end of March

Keith Kaiser, Horticulture Director

- ¥ Explained his responsibilities for the Horticulture Department, maintenance, education, Friends organization
- ¥ Spoke about the new master plan developed in 2008, and fundraising efforts
- ¥ Just finished with Winter Celebration @ higher than usual attendance
- ¥ Exhibits @ Tumbling Waters; Golf
- ¥ Celebrated the 9th anniversary of the Davis Center being open

Ginny Elser, Recreation Department, Special Events & Programs Manager

- ¥ Gave the Commissioners a copy of Recreation Department's special events list for 2010
- ¥ Reviewing educational programs at the Nature Center and the Farm
- ¥ Readyng seasonal picnic pavilions
- ¥ Getting seasonal staff lined up
- ¥ Ballfield and tennis court reservations
- ¥ Reviewing and updating manuals
- ¥ Getting ready for spring facility inspections

Justin Rogers @ Planning Manager

- ¥ Working on Phase III of the Bikeway
- ¥ Designing and development of the fountain at FRG, and Phase II of the walkway
- ¥ Working on transportation enhancement grants, to restore bridges and like projects
- ¥ Wetland Restoration Project @ working on contract management
- ¥ Getting plans and specs ready for paving of a portion of West Golf Drive this year
- ¥ Working on Clean Ohio Round 5 paperwork

Phil Pezzuto, Maintenance Manager

- ¥ Snow removal
- ¥ Interior painting
- ¥ Daily work orders @ electrical, plumbing, carpentry
- ¥ Vehicle maintenance and repairs

The Board received the following public comments:

- ¥ Nancy Brundage asked the new Commissioners to each give a little background, and a brief explanation about their current involvement in the MetroParks.
- ¥ Frank Waldo complimented the Interim Executive Director.

At the end of the public comment session, the Board thanked the public for their comments.

Ms. Dailey announced that the next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., at the MetroParks Farm, Classroom A.

Mr. Macejko moved the Board meet in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Labor Negotiations, and personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Durick, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Dailey, DeSalvo, Durick, Macejko, Ragan
Against Executive Session: None

The motion was passed, and the Board met in Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

The Board returned from the Executive Session at 9:30 p.m. Upon completion of the Executive Session, the Board adjourned its meeting.