

January 14, 2013
Canfield, Ohio

The Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks met in Regular Session on Monday, January 14, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. with members Bob Durick, Jay Macejko, John Ragan, and Louis Schiavoni present. Ms. Marrow was excused due to prior commitments.

Mr. Macejko motioned that the Board adjourn into Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations, and personnel issues. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ragan, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Durick, Macejko, Ragan, Schiavoni
Voting Nay: None

The motion was passed, and the Board met in Executive Session at 6:01 p.m.

The Board returned from Executive Session and into Regular Session at 7:23 p.m.

Dr. Durick announced that Commissioner Lou Schiavoni has been reappointed for a 3-year term by Mahoning County Probate Judge Mark Belinky.

Dennis Miller, Executive Director announced that the Job Fair for seasonal employees is scheduled for Monday, February 4, 4-7 p.m. at Fellows Riverside Gardens.

Mr. Macejko moved the Minutes of the Meeting of December 17, 2012, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schiavoni and passed, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Durick, Macejko, Ragan, Schiavoni
Voting Nay: None

Mr. Schiavoni moved the Minutes of the Meeting of December 27, 2012, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ragan and passed, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Durick, Macejko, Ragan, Schiavoni
Voting Nay: None

Kevin Smith, Administrative Services Director/Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Ragan moved, the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #59825 through # 60009 be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schiavoni and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Durick, Macejko, Ragan, Schiavoni
Voting Nay: None

Kirsten Peetz, Natural Resources Manager, presented the following resolution for approval.

R-13-01
Resolution Authorizing Mill Creek MetroParks Executive Director to Apply for Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Program

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners of the Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District, operating under Chapter 1545 of the Ohio Revised Code, intends to apply to the Ohio Public Works Commission for Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Program funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to apply, on behalf of the Board of Park Commissioners, to the Ohio Public Works Commission for Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Program funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, is further authorized to enter into

any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

After discussion, Mr. Macejko motioned that the resolution be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ragan and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Durick, Macejko, Ragan, Schiavoni
Voting Nay: None

Dennis Miller gave a summary of the new Strategic Master Plan, and requested that it be adopted. After discussion, Mr. Macejko motioned that the request be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schiavoni and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Durick, Macejko, Ragan, Schiavoni
Voting Nay: None

Rikki Brammer, Community Events, presented a request from Youngstown Roadrunners Club to hold a half marathon on Sunday, March 3, 2013 in the Wick Recreation Area and Park drives.

After discussion, Mr. Macejko motioned that the request be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schiavoni and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Durick, Macejko, Ragan, Schiavoni
Voting Nay: None

The Board received the following public comments

â€¢ Jean Engle, Youngstown â€” regarding strategic master plan, natural resources, fracking and focus group meetings.

â€¢ Lynn Anderson, Youngstown â€” requesting a public notice to listing current drill areas in the MetroParks; she also spoke regarding our hydrofracking position.

â€¢ Tim Reardon, Youngstown â€” regarding strategic master plan, the length of tonightâ€™s executive session, public speaking time limits at board meetings, and transparency of the Board.

â€¢ Suzy Biersdorfer, Youngstown â€” regarding frack map, wetlands, and the Youngstown Community Bill of Rights.

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

Dr. Durick announced that the next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, February 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the MetroParks Farm.

There being no further business, Mr. Macejko moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ragan seconded the motion, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Durick, Macejko, Ragan, Schiavoni
Voting Nay: None

The meeting adjourned 7:42 p.m.