

Canfield, Ohio  
January 20, 2009

The Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, 6:00 p.m., with members M. Virginia Dailey and Jay Macejko present. Carl Nunziato was not present, but listened by speaker phone.

Ms. Dailey introduced and welcomed the new MetroParks Commissioner, Jay Macejko, whose term is January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2011.

Dave Imbrogno, Executive Director, announced that our Graphics Manager, Julie Peterson, recently lost her son. He asked for a moment of silence in honor of him and his loved ones.

Dave Christy, Treasurer, announced that the State Auditors were finished with their audit of 2006 and 2007. Their final report will not be available for approximately 2 months, but during discussions, they reported no problems or findings.

Dave Christy presented the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Macejko moved, the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #45722 through #45950 be approved.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Dailey and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Dailey, Macejko  
Voting Nay: None

Mr. Macejko moved the Board adopt the following Board Meeting schedule for 2009:

MILL CREEK METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT  
2009 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	PLACE
Tuesday, January 20	6:00 pm	MetroParks Farm (Tues due to MLK Day)
Wednesday, February 18	6:00 pm	MetroParks Farm (Wed due to Pres Day & hall rental)
Monday, March 16	6:00 pm	MetroParks Farm
Monday, April 20	6:00 pm	MetroParks Farm
Monday, May 18	6:00 pm	MetroParks Farm
Monday, June 22	6:00 pm	Fellows Riverside Gardens
Monday, July 20	6:00 pm	Fellows Riverside Gardens
Monday, August 17	6:00 pm	Fellows Riverside Gardens
Monday, September 21	6:00 pm	MetroParks Farm
Monday, October 19	6:00 pm	MetroParks Farm
Monday, November 16	6:00 pm.	MetroParks Farm
Monday, December 21	4:00 pm.	MetroParks Farm

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The motion was seconded by Ms. Dailey the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Dailey, Macejko  
Voting Nay: None

Dave Imbrogno presented a draft of the Temporary Housing and Long Term Guest Policy and Agreement. This would be signed by interns and other long term guests at the Margaret Close Intern and Guest House recently acquired near the Gardens. The agreement was approved in

principal contingent  
upon review by legal council.

Justin Rogers, Planning Manager presented Resolution R-09-01 Resolution Authorizing MetroParks Executive Director to Apply for Clean Ohio Conservation Program Funds to acquire 39 acres in Sebring for approval. After discussion, Mr. Macejko motioned that the resolution be approved.

R-09-01  
Resolution Authorizing MetroParks Executive Director to Apply for Clean Ohio Conservation Program Funds

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 Program Funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that David Imbrogno, MetroParks 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 Program funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that David Imbrogno, MetroParks Executive Director, is further authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

Ms. Dailey seconded the motion and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Dailey, Macejko  
Voting Nay: None

Dave Imbrogno requested that the Board authorize him to modify the current Garden CafŽ Lease Agreement with The Georgetown. The modification would change the term of this year's lease to yearly instead of bi-yearly. The reason for the request was to allow for the possibility of changes to the agreement with the CafŽ that might come out of the strategic planning process which should be complete in late summer or early fall of this year. The Georgetown agreed to the change and had numerous suggestions for ways to improve and enhance the relationship between the MetroParks and The Georgetown. Mr. Macejko motioned that the modifications be made to the Lease.

Ms. Dailey seconded the motion and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Dailey, Macejko  
Voting Nay: None

Tom Bresko, Recreation & Programs Director made the following requests:

1. Mid-Atlantic Coalition for PKU and Allied Disorders to hold a walk-a-thon fundraiser on Saturday, May 2, 2009, in the Wick Recreation Area and on Park drives.
2. Water of Life to hold a half-marathon footrace fundraiser on Saturday, September 5, 2009, on Park drives.

Mr. Macejko motioned that the requests be approved. Ms. Dailey seconded the motion and the

vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Dailey, Macejko  
Voting Nay: None

Staff reports:

Steve Avery, Planning & Operations Director reported that:

¥ Mike Carver, injured Operations Department employee, continues to do well.

¥ The staircase at Pioneer Pavilion is substantially finished but we must wait until the spring thaw to do a final assessment.

¥ He and Justin Rogers, Planning Manager, gave a report on the status of the completion of the MetroParks Bikeway..

¥ Justin Rogers presented an over view of the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund. The MetroParks has had great success in using this fund to acquire and protect land in or near the MetroParks.

Kaiser, Horticulture Director reported:

¥ Furnishing the intern/guest house with donated items is going well.

Tom Bresko, Recreation & Programs Director reported:

¥ One of the first signs of spring in the MetroParks is the upcoming Distance Classic run, our first spring event.

Tony Leone, Special Projects Director reported:

¥ The winter concert series at Yellow Creek Park has begun and is being well received.

¥ Preparation has begun for the 2009 7UP Summer Concert Series at Mill Creek Park.

Linda Kostka, Marketing & Development Director reported:

¥ She and Dave Imbrogno will attend the Struthers City Council Meeting, and talk with them about possibly collaborating on our respective concert series, and possibly other events in Yellow Creek Park.

¥ The Raiser's Edge fundraising software is operational. Linda plans to train the front office staff in the Administration Building to input data.

¥ She and Dave Imbrogno have been meeting with area foundations; have been working on NatureWorks and Clean Ohio grants; and have been researching sponsorship opportunities for playgrounds, trails, golf course tees, concerts, programs and much more.

Dennis Miller, Golf Director reported:

¥ The sled hill in the Wick Recreation Area has been very busy with the abundant snow this year..

¥ Indoor Golf Classes start in February at Fellows Riverside Gardens.

Ms. Dailey announced that the next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., at the MetroParks Farm, Classroom A.

The Board received the following public comments:

¥ Nancy Brundage described an article she saw in the December 28, 2008, edition of the Vindicator about a woman who turned 100 years old recently, who helped raise funds for the Volney Rogers statue. She gave the Commissioners the newspaper article.

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

There being no further business Mr. Macejko moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dailey and passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.