

Canfield, Ohio
October 11, 2011

The Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 5:00 p.m., with members Jay Macejko, Bob Durick, Valencia Marrow, and Louis Schiavoni present. John Ragan was excused from this meeting.

President of the Board, Jay Macejko read a statement to the public regarding drilling on MetroParks lands.

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Dear Friends of Mill Creek MetroParks:

Thank you for being here tonight. We understand your concerns about drilling on MetroParks lands, and appreciate the passion that you have for one of the Mahoning Valley's most cherished institutions.

Let us tell you where we stand today. Several companies have wells on MetroParks properties, the oldest of which date back at least 20 years. We are currently researching the contracts we have with those companies, trying to understand exactly how they are structured. As a relatively "young" board and staff, we need to become more familiar with what previous boards have contracted for and the history of the wells that are already here.

In the past week, we've contacted other northeast Ohio parks as well as the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, and they are in the same situation as our MetroParks, struggling to research and study the issue.

The mission of Mill Creek MetroParks is:

to provide park, recreational and open space facilities of regional significance. In fulfilling this mission, our objectives are to be responsive to community needs; to be environmentally sound; to be adaptable; and to be economically responsible.

We are committed to upholding our mission, in words and in action.

Let us assure you that we will hold public meetings so the community can participate in meaningful discussion. This process will be very important because we know there are many viewpoints on this issue and that it has the potential to affect so many. We will also continue to converse and collaborate with similar organizations.

Again, thank you for bringing your concerns to the staff and Board of Mill Creek MetroParks. As stewards of the legacy of Volney Rogers, we support his vision of "pure air, bright sunshine, and grateful shade for daily rest and recreation open to all".

The Board opened the public comment session of the meeting. Several members of the public expressed their opinion regarding gas well drilling in the MetroParks: Chris Khumprakob, Mary, Tom Cvetkovich, Lynn Anderson, Jessica Arnold, Jack Slanina, Trish Ricosky, Tim (Reardon), Suzy Beirsdorfer, Judy Davis, Nancy Brundage, Debbie Carney, and Theresa Biroscak.

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

Dr. Durick moved the Board meet in Executive Session for the purpose of

discussing personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schiavoni, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Durick, Macejko, Marrow, Schiavoni
Against Executive Session: None

The motion was passed, and the Board met in Executive Session at 5:40 p.m.

The Board returned from the Executive Session at 5:45 p.m. Ms. Marrow motioned to return to the public session of the meeting. Mr. Schiavoni seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Schiavoni moved the Minutes of the Meetings of September 22, 27, and 29, 2011, be approved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Durick and passed.

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

Clarke Johnson, Executive Director requested permission to fill the Treasurer/Administrative Services Director position, in anticipation of Dave Christy's pending retirement.

Dr. Durick motioned that Mr. Johnson be given authorization to fill the position. The motion was seconded by and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Clarke Johnson requested permission for the Executive Director to enter into a contract with PRO Consulting for the 2012-2022 Strategic/Master Plan. Ms. Marrow motioned that Clarke be given permission to enter into the contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Macejko, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Durick, Macejko, Marrow
Voting Nay: Schiavoni

Dave Christy, Administrative Services Director/Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Schiavoni moved, the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #55142 through #55466 be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Marrow and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Dave also requested that an appropriation be made from the Replacement Reserve Account for strategic planning. Ms. Marrow moved to approve the appropriation of funds. The motion was seconded by Mr. Macejko and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Durick, Macejko, Marrow
Voting Nay: Schiavoni

Dave presented recommendations to the Board regarding the Designation of Depositories required by Ohio Revised Code Section 135. After discussion, Mr. Schiavoni moved the following:

The period of our designated depositories expires October 31, 2011. As per Section 135 of the Ohio Revised Code, financial institutions must be designated for a five year period beginning November 1, 2011 and ending October 31, 2016.

Applications from financial institutions were sought to enable them to be named a designated depository.

The Treasurer conducted a review of each prospective depository's credit characteristics and financial histories.

Recommended Board Action:

1. Designate as depositories all banks submitting applications and authorize the Treasurer to sign the appropriate agreements.
2. Declare up to \$1,000,000 as active funds. Direct the Treasurer to deposit these funds with Farmers' National Bank, which provides the required banking services at the least cost to the Park District.
3. All funds exceeding the active funds requirement be declared interim funds and be deposited in the depository offering the highest interest rate at the time of the deposit being consistent with the Park District Investment Policy.

StarOhio, operated by the Treasurer of the State of Ohio, is not required to have the five-year depository designation.

The financial institutions that have submitted agreements and are to be named as depositories are as follows:

- ¥ PNC Bank
- ¥ Farmers' National Bank
- ¥ JPMorgan Chase Bank
- ¥ Key National Bank
- ¥ Huntington National Bank

The motion was seconded by Ms. Marrow and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Mr. Macejko announced that the next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. at the MetroParks Farm.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.