

Canfield, Ohio  
October 20, 2008

The Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks met in Regular Session on Monday, October 20, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., with members M. Virginia Dailey, Carl Nunziato, and Rick Shale present.

Dr. Shale moved the Minutes of the Meetings of September 15 and October 8, 2008, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nunziato and passed.

Dave Christy, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. Dr. Shale moved, the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #44906 through #45290 be approved.

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

Voting Aye: Dailey, Nunziato, Shale  
Voting Nay: None

Mr. Nunziato further moved that the following income be appropriated:

General Fund:  
Education & Visitors Center \$ 9,237.93

Capital Project Funds:  
Suspension Bridge \$ 2,118.40  
Cohasset Retaining Wall - FEMA 12,299.83

The motion was seconded by Dr. Shale and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Dailey, Nunziato, Shale  
Voting Nay: None

Dr. Shale moved that the following fund transfers be approved:

Transfer of \$4,138.64 from the Capital Project Fund-Suspension Bridge to the Special Revenue Fund-Replacement Reserve. (Project complete).

Transfer of \$68,000.00 from the Special Revenue Fund-Replacement Reserve to the Capital Project Fund-Slippery Rock Bridge. This represents the Park District's share which was previously approved with the adoption of the 2008 Budget.

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

Voting Aye: Dailey, Nunziato, Shale  
Voting Nay: None

Justin Rogers gave an explanation and a brief history regarding the following resolution. Mr. Nunziato moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

R-08-07

The Trumbull - Mahoning Green Pact  
Resolution of Support

WHEREAS, the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, through the Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (EPAC), has developed the Trumbull-Mahoning Green Pact and presented the Pact to community leaders in Trumbull and Mahoning Counties committed to enhancing and protecting the quality of life and improving the economic vibrancy of the region, and

WHEREAS, the Pact affirms that it is in the best interest of our local communities' residents, businesses and natural environment to take practical steps to protect our air and water, preserve natural resources, increase green space, reduce our consumption of raw materials and increase recycling, and

WHEREAS, the Pact defines the following guidelines for local agency implementation: Growing a Strong, Green Economy; Encouraging the Purchase of Green Products; Implementing Sustainable Development Policies and Practices; Building Green Facilities and Reducing Energy Consumption; Reducing Waste; Educating and Engaging Our Communities; Preserving Green Space and Creating Greenways; Reducing Emissions; Greening Public Fleets; Promoting Alternative Transportation, and

WHEREAS, Mill Creek MetroParks, as a viable entity and leader within the community, is committed to lead by example, through this series of common sense steps to accomplish environmental protection, smart growth, sustainable management and green living for the individuals and groups we serve and the jurisdictions in which we operate, and

WHEREAS, Mill Creek MetroParks can apply these guidelines to the ownership, management and stewardship of MetroParks lands, equipment, construction and maintenance practices, programming and services to the public, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks agrees as follows:

1. The Executive Director of Mill Creek MetroParks is hereby authorized and directed to sign the Trumbull-Mahoning Green Pact, and
2. Mill Creek MetroParks supports the adoption of the Pact and will strive to be good stewards of the environment, natural resources and public facilities and will, to the best of its ability, adhere to the guidelines presented within the Pact.

Dr. Shale seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Dailey, Nunziato, Shale  
Voting Nay: None

Mr. Nunziato supports the use of alternative power, such as wind, and encourages the MetroParks to investigate the use of these powers wherever possible.

Linda Kostka, Development & Marketing Director, presented a proposal to acquire fund-raising software by purchasing a users' license for Raiser's Edge software. Currently our fund-raising data is tracked manually. In addition, an online link between the Development Office and Fellows Riverside Gardens would be set up so that development database information could be shared between the two. Networking with the Friends of FRG database with the Development office would be an important step towards a coordinated, MetroPark-wide development effort. Rick Shale moved that we accept the proposal for acquiring Raiser's Edge fundraising software.

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

Voting Aye: Dailey, Nunziato, Shale  
Voting Nay: None

Linda also presented, on behalf of Dennis Miller, Golf Director, a new golf yardage/score card proposal. The card would be provided free of charge, being supported by sponsors who would be acknowledged on it. The map of each hole, as well as other information on the card, would be linked to our website. During discussion the Board confirmed that we would have the right to approve all sponsors recommended by the card's provider, as well as the content of the acknowledgement. They also discussed the pros and cons of combining both courses in one book. It was noted that the scorecard itself should be detachable for league players. The Board approved of the concept in general, but wanted to see a mock up of the card before it goes forward.

Tom Bresko, Recreation and Programs Department Director, presented the

following requests for approval:

1. Request of the Youngstown Road Runners Club to hold their ½ Marathon fundraiser on Sunday, March 8, 2009, in the James L. Wick, Jr. Recreation Area, and Park roads.
2. Request of the Multiple Sclerosis Services Agency to hold their Walk-a-Thon Fundraiser on Sunday, April 26, 2009, on Park roads.
3. Request of the Youngstown YMCA to hold their Memorial 5 mile run on Saturday, May 23, 2009, on Park roads.
4. Request of the Youngstown YMCA to hold their Community Cup on Saturday, September 12, 2009, on Park roads.
5. Request of the Youngstown Ultra Trail Classic to hold their 50km Run on Saturday, September 19, 2009, on Park roads.

After discussion, Dr. Shale motioned that the requests be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nunziato and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Dailey, Nunziato, Shale

Voting Nay: None

Staff Report - Executive Director, Dave Imbrogno:

\* Mr. Imbrogno reported that the long range planning process is underway with the MetroParks Leadership Staff. A format for the plan and planning process was created. Initial discussions and base line materials to begin a broader discussion with other staff and the public were put together. These baseline materials included considering updating the MetroParks mission, creating a list of organizational values and beliefs, the beginnings of a vision for the future and, some preliminary "pathways" to that vision. Other staff and the Commissioners will be invited to the next meeting.

\* The Mahoning County Board of Elections will be using McMahan Hall again as a polling place this Election Day.

\* Dave and Linda met with Director of Recreation and Parks for the City of Struthers about working more closely together, perhaps even either coordinating, or merging our Yellow Creek Summer Concert series with the Struthers community concert series...

\* Mindy's scholarship fund has reached \$9,400. We will certainly reach the goal of \$10,000 which will allow us to award a \$500 scholarship each year to an outdoor education student. Tom Bresko thanked Mr. Nunziato for his help in drafting the criteria for awarding the scholarship.

\* This Sunday, Mindy's birthday, there will be a walk at the Ford Nature Center to remember Mindy and share memories. Also, Tom Bresko noted that the Peace Race has named this year's 2-mile run in honor of Mindy.

\* Linda Kostka, Development and Marketing Director, reported that we have finalized arrangements with WYSU to offer a \$150 pledge premium of a tree to be planted as part of the Mill Creek MetroParks natural areas restoration program. Also, contributors will be invited to a special hike to the site with Executive Director, Dave Imbrogno.

\* Dave will be on air on WYSU at 10 a.m. on Wednesday. Keith Kaiser, Horticulture Director, will be on at 2:30 on Thursday.

\* WYTV Channel 33 was at Lanterman's Mill recently filming a Halloween related feature. Every year they do a profile somewhere in the valley that is purported to be haunted. The light hearted feature included members of the Mahoning Valley Paranormal Society who attempted to find evidence of haunting. Their findings will be included as part of the feature which airs October 30 on the early morning show and other newscasts throughout the day.

For the Board Information and Education portion of the agenda, Julie Peterson, Graphics Manger, projected and demonstrated the MetroParks new website. Even though it

is in draft form, all agreed that it had many, many improvements over the existing site which is very old.

Ms. Dailey announced that the next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 17, 2008, 6 p.m. at the MetroParks Farm, Classroom A.

The Board received the following public comments:

\* Mr. Ellis addressed board regarding his son who was murdered in the Park in 1977. He requested that Chief Pinkard submit a piece of evidence to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) for DNA testing. He believes that this might help to identify the person who killed his son. Chief Pinkard has been in contact with Mr. Ellis over the years and with the state and local BCI about the value of submitting the evidence in the context of the entire body of information about the case. After some discussion, the Chief agreed that we would reopen the case and re-interview anyone involved who can be located. He would also talk with Mr. Ellis and make a final decision about whether to submit the evidence and when. The Board expressed their sympathy to Mr. Ellis and all agreed that an update on the situation would be presented at the next board meeting.

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

Dr. Shale moved the Board meet in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real estate issues, and also to discuss personnel matters.

For Executive Session: Dailey, Nunziato, Shale  
Against Executive Session: None

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nunziato and passed, and the Board met in Executive Session at 7:13 p.m.

The Board returned from the Executive Session at 9:27 p.m. Upon completion of the Executive Session, the Board adjourned its meeting.