

February 19, 2008  
Canfield, OH

The Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks met in Regular Session on Monday, February 19, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., with members M. Virginia Dailey, and Rick Shale present. Carl Nunziato was absent.

Tom Bresko, Recreation Director, and Mindy Henning, Manager of Interpretive Services, gave a brief presentation on the "Hike for the Health of It" program. Qualifying participants were awarded with walking sticks and MetroParks stick shields earned in 2007. The Board congratulated the awardees and several hiking program participants thanked the Board, the naturalists, and program volunteers.

Dr. Shale moved the Minutes of the Meeting of December 17, 2007, be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dailey 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 #42504 through #42630 and disbursements #42716 through #42958 be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dailey, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Dailey, Shale  
Voting Nay: None

Dr. Shale further moved that the following two new funds be established in the 2008 Budget, as required by the Auditor of State:

Special Revenue Fund:  
Law Enforcement Assistance Fund

Capital Project Fund:  
Slippery Rock Bridge

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

Voting Aye: Dailey, Shale  
Voting Nay: None

Dave Christy presented the proposed 2008 Budget for approval.

After discussion, Dr. Shale moved the following 2008 Budget be adopted:

Ms. Dailey presented the following statement dated February 7, 2008, from Mr. Nunziato to the Board of Park Commissioners: "This is to acknowledge that I have received and reviewed the 2008 proposed budget. After an extensive discussion with MetroParks' Treasurer David Christy, I am in full support of adopting the 2008 budget as presented."

The motion was seconded by Ms. Dailey and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote

resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Dailey, Shale  
Voting Nay: None

After an explanation of the procedures for receiving Real Estate Tax Advances by the Treasurer, Dr. Shale moved that the Board request property tax advances for the 1st Half Real Estate Property collection on the following dates:

February 29, 2008  
March 7, 2008  
March 14, 2008  
March 21, 2008

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

Voting Aye: Dailey, Shale  
Voting Nay: None

Steve Avery, Chief Landscape Architect, gave details regarding the annual renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with Ohio EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase II Program and Coordination with the Mahoning County Board of Commissioners. Dr. Shale moved to approve the agreement. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dailey and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Dailey, Shale  
Voting Nay: None

Dr. Shale moved that the following requests be approved:

1. Permission for the Canfield High School Cross Country Boosters to hold their Cardinal Classic 5km Run on a section of the MetroParks Bikeway, on Saturday, June 28, 2008.
2. Permission for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to hold their 5km Run, on a section of the MetroParks Bikeway, on Saturday, July 26, 2008.
3. Permission for the Peace Race Foundation to hold the annual Peace Race on Park drives, on Sunday, October 12, 2008.

Tom Bresko, Recreation Director, spoke regarding our long-time involvement with these organizations. Ms. Dailey seconded the motion the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Dailey, Shale  
Voting Nay: None

Tom Bresko, and Keith Kaiser, Horticulture Director, presented the following attached 2008 Fees and Charges Schedule, and Facility Rules and Regulation Changes for approval.

After discussion Dr. Shale moved the changes be accepted, with the understanding that a study will be done on the value of having a "non-resident" rate.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Dailey and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote

resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Dailey, Shale  
Voting Nay: None

Tony Leone, Special Projects Director, presented the attached bids having been received in response to legal advertisement.

Dr. Shale moved the bids marked be accepted, unless we can get a better price through the State Purchasing Program.

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

Voting Aye: Dailey, Shale  
Voting Nay: None

Tony Leone requested that the Board authorize the Executive Director to make slight modifications to the Park District's Drug and Alcohol Free Policy to comply with the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensations guidelines, after review/agreement with both bargaining units (FOP, AFSCME).  
Dr. Shale moved that the Executive Director be authorized to modify the Policy.

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

Voting Aye: Dailey, Shale  
Voting Nay: None

Keith Kaiser requested the Board's approval of the Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens Master Plan for Fellows Riverside Gardens. Dr. Shale moved the plan be accepted.

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

Voting Aye: Dailey, Shale  
Voting Nay: None

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

Dave Imbrogno, Executive Director announced that McMahon Hall would be used by the Mahoning County Board of Elections in the spring and fall as a polling place.

Dr. Shale gave a summary of the OPRA conference he recently attended with the Executive Director.

The Board received the following public comments:

¥ Nancy Brundage thanked the MetroParks for their help with the Audubon Society's new brochure

"Landscaping with Native Plants."

¥ A member of the hiking group asked about the flooding problems in the Calvary Run area, and about trail maintenance.

¥ Another member of the hiking group asked about restrooms at the East Newport boat ramp at least for special events, such as the kayaking programs.

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

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

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

The Board returned from the Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. Upon completion of the Executive Session, the Board adjourned its meeting.