

Canfield, Ohio
July 9, 2012

The Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks met in Regular Session on Monday, July 9, 2012, at 5:00 p.m., with members Bob Durick, Valencia Marrow, and Louis Schiavoni present. Jay Macejko and John Ragan were excused due to prior commitments.

Mr. Schiavoni moved the Minutes of the Meeting of June 11, 2012, be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Marrow and passed.

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

Kevin Smith, Administrative Services Director/Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Marrow moved, the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #58068 through #58373 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, Marrow, Schiavoni
Voting Nay: None

Kevin Smith requested that the Board allow him to increase our Farmer's Bank Visa credit card limit from \$5,000 to \$10,000. After discussion, Mr. Schiavoni moved that the motion 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, Marrow, Schiavoni
Voting Nay: None

Kevin Smith presented the Board with the Income Statement as of July 2, 2012, for the 2012 Rib Burn-Off.

Kevin Smith requested to increase the Rib Burn Off appropriations for either \$31,795.15 or \$42,541.48 depending on whether the Board would like to include comp time as an expense or not. After discussion, Mr. Schiavoni motioned that \$42,541.48 be approved as an increase for the 2012 Rib Burn Off appropriations. The motion was seconded by Ms. Marrow and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Keith Kaiser, Horticulture Director, introduced the two new Horticulture Department interns, Nathan, and Jodi.

Dr. Durick asked for discussion on moving the regular Board Meeting times from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. for the remainder of the year. After discussion, Mr. Schiavoni motioned that the time be changed. The motion was seconded by Ms. Marrow and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Steve Avery, Operations Director, presented the following bid tabulations for Improvement of Sugar Creek Bridge.

TABULATION OF BIDS

PROJECT NAME: Improvement of Sugar Creek Bridge
BID OPENING: July 5, 2012 CONTRACT TERM: 40 Calendar Days

ESTIMATE: \$64,169.00 10% BID CAP: \$70,585.90

Name of Bidder
Total Amount
of Bid as Read
at Bid Opening

Total Amount
of Bid After
Tabulation

DOT Construction Corp.
Canfield, Ohio
99,390.00

99,390.00

NOTES:

One (1) bid was received, checked and tabulated. The total amount of the bid exceeded the 10% bid cap.
No errors were found in DOT Construction's bid.
The low bidder at bid opening and after tabulation is DOT Construction Corp.
All required bonds, documents, forms and attachments were included with DOT Construction's bid.

RECOMMENDATION:

In accordance with Section 153.12 of the Ohio Revised Code, the bid received from DOT Construction Corp. must be rejected since the total amount of their bid exceeded the 10% bid cap.

After discussion, Ms. Marrow moved that the only bid received will be rejected since the total amount of their bid exceeded the 10% bid cap, and that the project will be re-bid after breaking it out into two projects. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schiavoni and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Clarke Johnson, Executive Director, announced that the Board has made no decision on well drilling in the MetroParks; and that public forums will be held at a later date, prior to any contractual agreements, after sufficient research and education takes place.

The Board received the following public comments:

- Chris Kumprakob of Youngstown presented photos of construction activity near the McGuffey Wildlife Preserve property in Coitsville.
- Nancy Brundage of Canfield thanked the Board for moving the meetings to 6 p.m. She also mentioned that the recent event at the Ford Nature Center for its 100th birthday, and 40th anniversary of the opening of the Nature Center was very nice.
- Mr. Schiavoni assured those in attendance that the Board very much loves the park, and because of that they volunteer countless hours to be on the Board, and that nothing is being hidden regarding well drilling in the MetroParks.

â€¢ Lynn Anderson â€œ Youngstown - spoke regarding well drilling in the MetroParks, asking for the Board to join forces in fighting what is happening on properties adjacent to Park property, and that the Park prohibit any type of industrial activity.

â€¢ Clarke Johnson announced that we have no authority on neighboring properties, to amend or change their existing leases. He also recommended that the group in attendance contact the city or townships regarding zoning issues they may disagree with.

â€¢ John Williams â€œ McDonald â€œ spoke regarding well drilling in the MetroParks
â€¢ Jean Engle â€œ Youngstown â€œ asked that the Board not be silent regarding well drilling

â€¢ Dr. Durick â€œ reinforced that the Board has not been silent, that there is nothing to say, no news to report regarding well drilling

â€¢ Suzy Biersdorfer â€œ Youngstown â€œ thanked the Board for their work on the well drilling issues thus far, and spoke regarding the groupâ€™s passion and frustration.

â€¢ Rick Shale â€œ Boardman â€œ spoke regarding the monies received over the past few decades by the MetroParks due to well drilling, were natural gas wells, not deep wells, and that the Board at that time approved it.

â€¢ Rosemary Schiavone â€œ Youngstown â€œ asked that the Board declare their support for their group.

â€¢ Jonathan Sidney â€œ Youngstown â€œ asked for the right to sit in on closed Executive Sessions.

â€¢ Clarke explained the right of Boards to hold closed sessions, in order to minimize any litigation for the Board, and that no decisions are being made in Executive Session.

â€¢ Chris Black â€œ Youngstown â€œ regarding well drilling being a secretive industry

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, August 13, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at Fellows Riverside Gardens.

John Ragan arrived for the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Mr. Schiavoni moved the Board meet in Executive Session to discuss pending land issues. The motion was seconded by Ms. Marrow and the vote taken resulted as follows:

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

The motion was passed, and the Board met in Executive Session at 5:50 p.m.

The Board returned from the Executive Session at 6:08 p.m.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.