

Canfield, Ohio  
July 20, 2009

The Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks met in Regular Session on Monday, July 20, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., with members M. Virginia Dailey, Jay Macejko, and Carl Nunziato present.

Steve Avery, Planning & Operations Director introduced the new Environmental Land Manager, Kirsten West Peetz, who began employment with the MetroParks on July 13. Kirsten filled a position that has been vacant for almost two years. Her hiring is part of the regrouping of the Operations and Planning Department to give natural areas preservation and management a base of operation and stronger presence in the MetroParks.

Atty. Macejko moved the Minutes of the Meetings of June 18, 22, 23, 30, and July 17, 2009, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nunziato and passed.

Dave Imbrogno, Executive Director, noted for the record that there were so many Special Board Meetings in June because of the MetroParks Police Chief Search and Interviews.

Dave Christy, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. Atty. Macejko moved, the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements # 47351 through #47786 be approved.

MILL CREEK METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
As Of July 13, 2009

INFORMATION ITEMS:

CASH BALANCES  
As of July 13, 2009

Cashier Change	\$	6,700.00
Cash-Active Account		1,475,560.50
Cash-Payroll Account		5,000.00
Cash-Group Health Ins. Fund		87,323.95
*Star Ohio		393,058.37
*Star Ohio Group Health Acct.		93,722.02
*Star Ohio Replacement Res.		867,943.25
+Farmer's Bank Rep. Res. Acct.		921,640.21
Huntington Bank Inv. Acct.		100.00
**Huntington CDARS Rep. Res.		500,000.00
***Huntington CDARS Gen. Fund		400,000.00
****Huntington Money Market		240,444.99
TOTAL CASH		\$4,991,493.29

\*Star Ohio is currently paying 0.19% on all accounts. There are no time restraints with these investments and can be withdrawn at any time.

+Farmer's Bank  $\text{\textcircled{D}}$  Repurchase Agreement due 08/07/09, at 1.85%

\*\*Huntington CDARS Rep. Res.  $\text{\textcircled{D}}$  CD due 10/08/09, at 1.20%

\*\*\*Huntington CDARS Gen. Fund @ CD due 10/15/09, at 1.20%

\*\*\*\*Huntington Money Market Account @ Guaranteed at 2% for one year, no time restraint on account.

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL:

CHECK APPROVAL

Approval required of checks written per the check register provided to the Board.

INCOME TO APPROPRIATE

General Fund:

Property Acquisition @ Capital Improvements \$20,000.00

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

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

Dave Imbrogno requested approval of the purchase of a house at 45 McKinley Avenue, adjacent to, and part of the Master Plan for Fellows Riverside Gardens. He requested authorization for the Executive Director to proceed with the purchase and sign all necessary paperwork. Mr. Imbrogno noted that the purchase was funded in part by a donation from the Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens.

Mr. Nunziato motioned that the request be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dailey and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Justin Rogers, Planning Manager, presented a letter from the Great Ohio Lake to River Greenway Coalition to ask the Board for support in securing funding to complete the 115+ mile-long greenway stretching from Lake Erie at Ashtabula Harbor to the Ohio River near East Liverpool; eventually connecting to Ohioville via numerous smaller trails located in western Pennsylvania and thence to the Great Allegheny Passage and onto the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal into Washington D.C. The Great Ohio Lake-To-River Greenway covers three congressional districts in Ohio (14, 17 & 6) and one in Pennsylvania (4). Atty. Macejko motioned to sign the letter of support.

After discussion, the motion was seconded by Mr. Nunziato and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Dailey, Macejko Nunziato  
Voting Nay: None

Dave Imbrogno presented information regarding recent discussions about the future plans for the People for MetroParks committee. The group will, at some point, be revitalized to help with an eventual tax levy for the MetroParks, their traditional role. There has also been

discussion about keeping them active as an ongoing MetroParks support group. A meeting of past and potential future members of the group will be held sometime this fall to discuss these and other proposals for the future of the group.

Staff Report:

Dave Imbrogno

¥ A complementary letter regarding the MetroParks Police assistance with a visitor who injured themselves during a summer concert was shared with the board.

¥ A staff Sustainability Group has been formed and met last week. They will work on a park-wide Plan for Sustainability and Best Practice in the MetroParks. This will range from simple projects like a consistent recycling program to larger projects such as helping to research and implement solar and wind powered energy projects, including following up on the proposal of support for solar and wind power by Enviro-wind Inc.

¥ The project with Second Harvest Foodbank is evolving to include adding the participation of the OSU Extension Service to offer food growing and preparation programs for client agencies of the Foodbank.

¥ The Western Reserve Land Conservancy, "Celebration of Conservation" event was a big success. We will follow the kick-off of our collaboration to preserve natural areas in Mahoning County with some joint field trips later this year or early next year.

¥ The Summer Concert Series is doing well. This year's headliner, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, attracted over 4,000 people. Tony Leone, Special Projects Director who organizes the Summer Concerts, thanked the Police, Wick Recreation Area staff, the Marketing and PR Department, and others who helped to make the series work.

¥ Sunfest is this Sunday. Par 3 golf activities, sand sculpture, and music will highlight the day.

¥ Mr. Nunziato commented about a recent newspaper article he read which suggested that certain sand products could contain insects and substances of concern to small children. Recreation and Programs Director, Tom Bresko, said that he would look into that.

¥ As part of our attempt to use the Judge Morley Pavilion more regularly, two events were added. On August 23, the Boardman High School Jazz Ensemble will perform at 7 p.m. Also, Tom Bresko, Recreation & Programs Director, announced a performance of Midsummer Nights Dream, on Friday, July 24, at 7 p.m.

¥ Executive Director, Dave Imbrogno, appeared on the Dee Crawford TV Show. The show addressed current and future plans for the MetroParks and was taped for ongoing use, without specific dates and other references that would give the show a dated shelf life. We have proposed to do some additional such shows, one for each season of the year.

¥ The MetroParks Volunteer Appreciation event will take place on August 6 at the MetroParks Farm. Food, wagon rides and other activities will be offered. All staff and board are strongly encouraged to attend.

¥ Keith Kaiser, Horticulture Director announced the Summer Garden Party is scheduled for July 31 at Fellows Riverside Gardens. It will feature a southern theme associated with the current exhibit.

Ms. Dailey announced that the next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at Yellow Creek Lodge. The meeting of September 21 will be held at the Kirk Road Trailhead. The meeting of October 19 will be held in Sebring (no site yet). The final two meetings of the year, November 16 & December 21 will be held at the MetroParks Farm.

The Board received the following public comments:

¥ Nancy Brundage commented that very much enjoyed Horticultural Director, Keith

Kaiser's tour of the Gardens.

¥ Dr. McConnell expressed appreciation for the other community service our Board members do, noting one example, Carl Nunziato's work with Comprehensive Breast Care Center.

¥ Cecil Duffet and a group of Tennis Players, attended the Board meeting to thank the MetroParks for responding to their requests to complete the improvements to the Wick Recreation Area tennis courts. They said that we did an outstanding job, and thanked Steve Avery for coordinating the project. They also commented that Rich Cerimele at Wick is extraordinarily helpful, friendly and does a great job.

¥ Rick Shale mentioned described a hike he participated on in Lincoln Park. He was very complimentary and noted that 30 people participated.

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

Atty. Macejko moved the Board meet in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real estate issues Ð right of ways and easements, personnel Ð Police Chief Search, and future retirements and related issues. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nunziato, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

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

The motion was passed, and the Board met in Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.

The Board returned from the Executive Session at 8:45p.m. Upon completion of the Executive Session, the Board adjourned its meeting