

Canfield, Ohio  
September 12, 2011

The Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks met in Regular Session on Monday, September 12, 2011, at 5:00 p.m., with members Jay Macejko, Bob Durick, John Ragan, Valencia Marrow, and Louis Schiavoni present.

Jim Willock, Police Chief, announced that Christian Hunter has been promoted to full time officer effective October 12, to replace retired officer Donald Carney.

Carolyn Pofok, Recreation Director, gave a presentation on the past quarter's highlights throughout the MetroParks.

Mr. Ragan moved the Minutes of the Meetings of August 8, and September 2, 2011, be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Marrow and passed.

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

Clarke Johnson, Executive Director presented the Board with information and photos of a property in Goshen Township for their perusal.

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 disbursement #55141 be approved.

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

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

Dave Christy gave an explanation and a brief history regarding the following resolution.

R-11-10

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

WHEREAS, The Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District, Mahoning County, Ohio, met in Executive Session on the 12th day of September, 2011, at the office of the MetroParks in Canfield, Ohio, with the following members present: Bob Durick, Jay Macejko, Valencia Marrow, John Ragan, and Louis Schiavoni.

Ms. Marrow moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, by the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District, Mahoning County, Ohio, in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget or has been granted the authority by the Mahoning County Budget Commission to waive this requirement for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Mahoning County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill limitation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Park Commissioners of the Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District, Mahoning County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission, in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said Park District the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitations as follows:

SCHEDULE A/SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES

FUND  
Amount  
Approved by  
Budget  
Commission  
Inside 10 Mill  
Limitation  
Amount to Be  
Derived from  
Levies Outside  
10 M Limitation  
County  
Auditor's  
Estimate of Tax  
Rate to be  
Levied Inside  
10 Mill Limit  
County  
Auditor's  
Estimate of Tax  
Rate to be  
Levied Outside  
10 M Limitation

Column I  
Column II  
Column III  
Column IV  
General Fund  
  
6,396,546.48  
  
1.75

TOTAL  
  
6,396,546.48

1.75

And be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of the Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

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

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

Mr. Macejko, presented Resolution R-11-11 to honor retiring Recreation Director/Deputy Director Tom Bresko. Mr. Ragan moved the resolution be approved.

Resolution R-11-11  
Resolution Honoring Retiring Recreation Director, Thomas J. Bresko

Whereas, Tom Bresko began his career with Mill Creek Park in 1973 as a seasonal employee and was promoted to Recreation Director in 1977, and

Whereas, from 1977 to 1981, Tom directed the operations of Pioneer Pavilion, Slippery Rock, Chestnut Hill and Walter Stitt Pavilions, Volney Rogers, Walter Scholl, and James Wick Recreation Areas, and the Lake Glacier and Lake Newport Boathouses, and

Whereas, beginning in 1982 Tom took on additional administrative duties of Ford Nature Center, Lanterman's Mill, MetroParks Farm, including the development of the Mindy Henning Nature Trail, Yellow Creek Park, The Graphics Division, Vickers Nature Preserve, and McGuffey Wildlife Preserve, and

Whereas, Tom expanded recreational programming including annual events which he conceived and coordinated, such as Easter Eggstravaganza, Sunset at the Farm, and Sunfest. Tom had enormous influence in the creation of The Nature Photography Exhibit, Boy Scout Earth Day Clean-up, Halloween at the Morley, Reptile & Raptor Exhibit, Bug Day and Olde Fashioned Christmas at the Mill which annually attract thousands of visitors, and

Whereas, Tom cultivated relationships with community organizations and encouraged them to use the MetroParks for fun and fundraising events, from road races large and small, including the Peace Race, bicycle races, walk-a-thons, and other special events that bring participants from around the world, into the MetroParks who may otherwise never visit, and

Whereas, Tom set a record for longevity breaking the previous record of the Park's first Recreation Director, Walter Scholl, It was often said that "no one made more friends for Mill Creek Park than Walter." Tom, with his quick wit, warm personality and hard work, continued Walter's legacy making countless friends for Mill Creek MetroParks.

Whereas, Tom became the MetroParks Interim Executive Director, in September 2009, and served in that position until December 2010, when he became the Deputy Director for the MetroParks, and ended his career helping with the transition of the new Executive Director, and Recreation Director.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That, The Mill Creek MetroParks Board of Park Commissioners and staff wish to thank Tom Bresko and honor him for his outstanding service to the MetroParks and this community, serving in each of the past 5 decades, and that upon Tom's retirement, and due to his dedication and devotion to the Mill Creek MetroParks, it is proposed that the Pavilion in the James L. Wick, Jr. Recreation Area be named the Thomas J. Bresko Pavilion.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That, A suitable copy of this Resolution shall be prepared and presented to Tom Bresko and an additional copy shall be placed in the permanent archives of Mill Creek MetroParks.

Tom thanked the Board and staff.  
Dr. Durick seconded the motion and the vote taken resulted as follows:

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

Kirsten Peetz, Environmental Land Planner made a request of the Board that The Birds in Flight Sanctuary be given permission to accept donations at their booth during the Mill Creek MetroParks Watershed Festival at the MetroParks Farm on Saturday, October 1. Mr. Schiavoni motioned that the request be approved.

Ms. Marrow seconded the motion and the vote taken resulted as follows:

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

The Board received the following comments from the public:

¥ Nancy Brundage mentioned her next bird walk, and thanked Tom Bresko.  
¥ Jeff Harvey thanked Tom Bresko.

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

Mr. Macejko announced that the next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. at the MetroParks Farm.

Mr. Ragan moved the Board meet in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel. The motion was seconded by Dr. Durick, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

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

The motion was passed, and the Board met in Executive Session at 5:38 p.m.

The Board returned from the Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. Upon completion of the Executive Session, the Board adjourned its meeting.

Presiding Officer

Secretary