

Canfield, Ohio
April 14, 2014

The Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks met in Regular Session on Monday, April 14, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. with members Bob Durick, Jay Macejko, Valencia Marrow, John Ragan, and Louis Schiavoni present.

Kevin Smith, Administrative Services Director/Treasurer, introduced Mark Mrofchak as the new Staff Account, replacing retiring Dee Bowersock.

Mr. Schiavoni presented the Minutes of the Meeting of March 10, 2014, and asked that they be approved. Ms. Marrow motioned they be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Macejko and passed, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

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

Kevin presented the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Ragan moved, the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #63801 through #64066 be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Macejko and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Steve Avery, Planning and Natural Resources Director, presented the following resolution for approval:

R-14-05

RESOLUTION FOR BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has launched a new program named "Bridge Inspection Program Services" to help Local Public Agencies (LPA) in achieving full compliance with Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) bridge metrics requirements, and

WHEREAS, ODOT has prepared a Scope of Services document for the bridge metrics work and has secured a professional consultant to carry out the work under ODOT PID 97103, and

WHEREAS, ODOT is currently offering for LPA's to be included in the Bridge Inspection Program Services, whereas the services include but are not limited to bridge load rating calculations, scour assessments, bridge inspections and fracture critical plan development, and

WHEREAS, Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District (MetroParks) is an eligible LPA, the MetroParks currently has nine bridges on the State of Ohio's Bridge Management System, and the MetroParks has determined the need to participate in ODOT's Bridge Inspection Program Services, and

WHEREAS, ODOT shall assume and bear 100% of the cost for the Bridge Inspection Program Services requested by the MetroParks and agreed to by ODOT, in accordance with eligible services as described in ODOT's "Consultant's Scope of Services Task Order Contract".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Park Commissioners of the Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District (Board) agree as follows:

1. The Board hereby determined that participating in ODOT's Bridge Inspection Program Services is in the best interest of the public and hereby gives consent to ODOT's Director of Transportation to complete the services included in the Bridge Inspection Program Services.
2. The Executive Director of the MetroParks is hereby authorized and directed to enter into any necessary contracts with ODOT's Director of Transportation for the Bridge Inspection Program Services.
3. The Board hereby commits to cooperate with ODOT's Director of Transportation in carrying out the Bridge Inspection Program Services.
4. The Board hereby agrees to pay 100% of the cost of all services which are not included in ODOT's "Consultant's Scope of Services Task Order Contract".
5. The Board hereby agrees that all right-of-way required for the services to be performed will be made available in accordance with current State and Federal regulations.

Ms. Marrow moved the Resolution approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Macejko and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Linda Kostka, Director of Development presented the fundraiser "Taste of Tradition at Lanterman's Mill", to highlight the "Recipes of Youngstown" cookbook, in which the proceeds benefit Lanterman's Mill.

Samantha Villella, Community Engagement Director, presented a filming request from the Discovery Channel, for the Executive Director to sign. Mr. Ragan motioned that the Executive Director be authorized to sign all documents for the filming. The motion was seconded by Mr. Macejko and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Macejko, Marrow, Ragan, Schiavoni
Voting Nay: None
Voting to Abstain: Durick due to conflict of interest

Dennis Miller, announced that Tom Bresko, former Recreation Director, and former Interim Executive Director received OPRA's Lifetime Achievement Award, and presented his thank you letter to be recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

Dear Board of Park Commissioners:

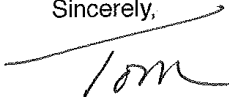
As you may or may not know, I was recently honored by the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association with their Harvey Woods Lifetime Achievement Award. This was a real honor and probably closes my career with the MetroParks. I'm not telling you this in an attempt to increase my "15 minutes of fame," but rather because it presents another opportunity to thank you, the Board specifically, and the Mill Creek MetroParks in general, for creating the career-long atmosphere that allowed this all to happen.

I have enclosed my "thank you" speech for your perusal. It is exactly as I read it during the presentation on Feb. 4, in Sandusky, Ohio. I was originally told that I was supposed to accept the award, shake a hand, and pose for a quick photo. I insisted, however, on having the time to express appreciation to all those who helped make this honor possible. The organizers gave me two minutes. Rules, smules; it took me *almost three minutes* to read this--I think you know I can be pretty bull-headed on occasion. Lucky for me, they didn't immediately rescind the award!

Seriously, if possible, I would like my thanks, and this speech, to become part of the Board's minutes. If desired, the last two paragraphs could be deleted. Gosh, Jay, didn't we have a concern a few years ago with a certain Board member who also wanted to submit something in writing to the Board? I hope this is different. Besides, I can actually smile at those times now. If my request can't be done from a distance, I will make arrangements to come from Cincinnati to attend a future Board meeting.

Regardless, the whole point of this letter is to thank the Board. I thought there was supposed to be a press release about this award in The Vindicator but that didn't seem to happen. But by having this brief speech entered in the Board's minutes, it may help me acknowledge and thank many more who deserve it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom".

Thomas J. Bresko
Former Director of Recreation (and proud of it!) of the Mill Creek MetroParks

Mr. Schiavoni announced that the next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, May 12, at 6:00 p.m. at Yellow Creek Lodge in Yellow Creek Park.

Mr. Ragan moved the Board meet in Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, discipline, or compensation of public employees.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Macejko 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 6:23 p.m.

The Board returned from the Executive Session at 8:04 p.m.

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

Voting Aye: Durick, Macejko, Marrow, Ragan, Schiavoni

Voting Nay: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.