

Canfield, Ohio  
August 11, 2014

The Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks met in Regular Session on Monday, August 11, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. with members Bob Durick, Jay Macejko, Valencia Marrow, John Ragan, and Lou Schiavoni present.

Mr. Schiavoni introduced Probate Judge Robert Rusu.

Mr. Schiavoni presented the Minutes of the Meeting of July 14, 2014, and asked that they be approved. Mr. Ragan motioned they be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Macejko and passed, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Macejko, John Ragan, Schiavoni  
Voting Nay: None  
Not voting: Marrow, Durick (neither were present at the July 14 meeting)

Mark Mrofchak, Staff Accountant, presented the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Macejko moved, the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #64984 through #65330 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

Steve Avery, Planning & Natural Resources Director requested permission to purchase 1855 McCollum Road, not to exceed \$40,000 from the General Fund and Property Acquisition Fund, to allow the path from the Wick Area to extend to Belle Vista Avenue, as part of the Wick Master Plan. Mr. Macejko motioned that the purchase be made. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schiavoni and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Keith Kaiser, Horticulture Director, presented the following resolution for approval.

R-14-08

TO NAME THE LABYRINTH AT FELLOWS RIVERSIDE GARDENS AND RECOGNIZE THE DONORS  
THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE.

WHEREAS, Mill Creek MetroParks in Mahoning County, Ohio, strives to be responsive to community needs, and

WHEREAS, Fellows Riverside Gardens is owned and operated by Mill Creek MetroParks, and

WHEREAS, the Friends and Family of Christina Camardese Savage desired to donate \$35,000 in her memory, and

WHEREAS, a new area in Fellows Riverside Gardens will be named Christina's Garden Labyrinth, and

WHEREAS, Mill Creek MetroParks, and the Board of Park Commissioners wish to thank the family and friends of Christina Camardese Savage for their generous donation.

The Board thanked the family, and Ms. Marrow motioned that the resolution 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

Steve presented the following resolution for approval.

R-14-09

#### REHABILITATION of ORCHARD MEADOW & ROGERS STONE ARCH BRIDGES

WHEREAS, the Orchard Meadow Stone Arch Bridge located on West Drive and the Rogers Stone Arch Bridge located on Lily Pond Drive, both in Mill Creek Park, need to be rehabilitated, and

WHEREAS, the Orchard Meadow and Rogers stone arch bridges are contributing structures in the Mill Creek Park Historic District, and

WHEREAS, rehabilitation of the Orchard Meadow and Rogers stone arch bridges are transportation activities eligible to receive federal funding, and

WHEREAS, Mill Creek MetroParks applied for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Transportation Alternatives Program funding in March 2014 through the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments (Eastgate) for rehabilitation of the Orchard Meadow and Rogers stone arch bridges at a total estimated cost of \$112,500, and

WHEREAS, Eastgate's General Policy Board approved Resolution #024-2014 on July 28, 2014, which officially added the Orchard Meadow and Rogers stone arch bridge rehabilitation project to the State of Ohio's Transportation Improvement Program and authorized the cost for this project to be financed at 80% using FHWA Transportation Alternatives Program funds, and

WHEREAS, FHWA has designated the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) as the agency in Ohio to administer federally funded transportation projects, and

WHEREAS, Section 5501.03 (C) of the Ohio Revised Code provides that the Director of ODOT may coordinate activities of the Department with other appropriate public authorities and enter into contracts with such authorities as necessary to carry out its duties, powers and functions, and

WHEREAS, it is the mutual desire of both ODOT and Mill Creek MetroParks to have the MetroParks serve as the responsible lead agency for the management of this project.

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

1. The Mill Creek MetroParks' Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to file the programming and environmental documents with ODOT, and to execute an Agreement with ODOT for the Orchard Meadow and Rogers Stone Arch Bridge rehabilitation project, and
2. The Mill Creek MetroParks' Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to have plans and specifications prepared for advertisement of public bids for the project, and
3. The Board of Park Commissioners agrees to the future maintenance of the project, and
4. The Board of Park Commissioners agrees to pay all costs in excess of the amount funded by FHWA.

After discussion, Mr. Ragan motioned that the resolution 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

Keith presented the following request for approval.

- Request from Canfield Athletic Boosters to hold a Night at the Races, on March 14, 2015, in the Davis Center at Fellows Riverside Gardens.

Dr. Durick motioned that the request 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, Macejko, Marrow, Ragan, Schiavoni  
Voting Nay: None

Rikki Brammer, Programs and Events Coordinator, presented the following requests for approval/

- Request to hold the Peace Race on Sunday, October 26, 2014 on various Park Drives

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

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

- Request of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to hold a walk on Sunday, October 11, 2014, in the Wick Recreation Area.

Ms. Marrow motioned that the requests 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

Dennis Miller, Executive Director made a statement regarding wildlife management.

The Board received the following public comments:

- Dr. Durick announced that he was on vacation during the last Board meeting. He thanked the volunteers who were honored at the recent picnic.
- Judge Rusu was impressed that there were over 17,000 volunteer hours in the Park this past year.
- Dennis Miller noted that Nancy Brundage was the Park's very first volunteer in 1986
- Nancy Brundage thanked everyone for the volunteer picnic, and told a story about how the volunteer program came to be in the MetroParks.
- Corey Roscoe, of Columbus, Ohio, representing the Humane Society of the United States offered non-lethal resources for wildlife management (complimentary). They also offer training (fee) for staff.
- Diane Flak, of Youngstown, thanked the Board for being willing to work with the Save the Wildlife group. She thanked staff members, but ultimately put the blame on the MetroParks' Natural Resources Manager.

- Celeste Sinistro, of Youngstown, read a statement regarding poor management of the Park. She read a list of animals, asked for a written apology, and asked other information regarding the Lily Pond project.
- Angie Bradian, of Boardman, thanked Dennis for the statement. Upset about the goose slaughter, and asked for changes in staff and Board, to protect the wildlife.
- Gina Centofanti, of Austintown, thanked Corey Roscoe for appearing this evening. She thanked Nancy Brundage for her long volunteer career. She's looking forward to working with the Park, but feels there was a lack of accountability, documents requested. Interested in understanding and helping.
- Nancy Borowski, of North Jackson, apologized for her manners and heckling at the last Board meeting. Would like a humane solution to the geese issue in the future. She told a personal story about geese.
- Candice Sinistro LaRocca, of Boardman, thanked Dennis for the statement and for the timely response to the public records requests. She spoke about the health of the water in the Park, questioned the cost to do the Lily Pond parking lot project, feels there is a money-making agenda, would like picnic areas, ice rink, and natural areas to be resurrected. "Just let it be." Opposes modifications to the Lily Pond, and is upset with the Park's Natural Resources Manager.
- Pearl Sinistro, of Boardman, does not agree with the crime against the geese in the Park. Don't mess with nature.

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

Mr. Schiavoni announced that the next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, September 8, 2014, at 6 p.m. at Birch Hill Cabin.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.