The Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 14, 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 Rusu, Susan Maruca (running for Probate Judge), Struthers Mayor Stocker, and Struthers Councilman Mike Patrick, and thanked them for their attendance.

Mr. Schiavoni presented the Minutes of the Meeting of August 11, 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, John Ragan, Schiavoni

Voting Nay: None

Mr. Schiavoni presented the Minutes of the Meeting of September 29, 2014, and asked that they be approved. Dr. Durick motioned they be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Marrow and passed, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Durick, Marrow, Schiavoni

Voting Nay: None

Mr. Schiavoni presented the Minutes of the Meeting of October 7, 2014, and asked that they be approved. Mr. Ragan motioned they be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Marrow and passed, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

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

Voting Nay: None

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 #65331 through #65978 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

Mark requested the following appropriation increase be made:

 Request permission to increase appropriations Request to increase appropriations by \$4,300 to account 100-2220-5097 – Education & Visitor's Center. This is for unbudgeted expenses related to the Bridal Fair.

Mr. Macejko motioned that the appropriation increase be made. 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

Mark presented a recommendation to the Board regarding the Designation of Depositories required by Ohio Revised Code Section 135. He requested that Home Savings and Loan be added as a depository for Mill Creek MetroParks. After discussion, Ms. Marrow motioned that we request that Home Savings & Loan be added as a depository for Mill Creek MetroParks.

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

The Board tabled the presentation of an adjusted Agreement between Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens and Mill Creek MetroParks, until the November meeting, to be presented in a different format.

The Board received the following public comments:

- Jerry Serbel of Youngstown was concerned about plans for the Bears Den Road property that the MetroParks is purchasing. Concerned about high grass, and unkempt look.
- Justin Rodgers, MCMP Landscape Architect explained the plan for naturalizing the area.
- Nancy Gulfo of Youngstown was concerned about the rodents and ticks if we don't keep our newly-acquired Bears Den Road property from being an eyesore
- Celeste Sinistro of Youngstown commented about the humane wildlife policy we agreed to develop.
- Mike Cardelein of Youngstown commented about the Bears Den Road property, that it looks good now, cut, and he's been taking care of it since the 1970's.
- Mary Lou Kosa of Youngstown was concerned about the Bears Den Road property and high grass obstruction
- Dennis Miller, Executive Director of MCMP, said we will do our best to be good neighbors.
- Mayor Stocker of Struthers thanked the Board for cooperation with the Transportation Enhancement Program. He also complimented the MetroParks on the great job being done.
- Rick of Youngstown commented on the look of the Bears Den Road property; he prefers the short grass.

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, November 10, 2014, at 6 p.m. in Classroom A at the MetroParks Farm.

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

The motion was seconded by Ms. Marrow 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 6:16 p.m.

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

There being no further business, Ms. Marrow 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 8:10 p.m.