

November 10, 2014  
Canfield, Ohio

The Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks met in Regular Session on Monday, November 10, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. with members Bob Durick, Jay Macejko, Valencia Marrow, John Ragan, and Lou Schiavoni present.

Mr. Schiavoni presented the Minutes of the Meeting of October 14, 2014, and asked that they be approved. Ms. Marrow motioned they be approved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Durick and passed, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

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

Kevin Smith, Administrative Services Director/Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. Dr. Durick moved, the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #65979 through #66262 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

Kevin requested the following appropriation increases be made:

- Request to increase appropriations by \$31,000 to account 100-2103-5097 – Fellows Riverside Gardens, capital expenditures. This is for gazebo repairs that will be reimbursed by the Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens.

Mr. Macejko motioned that the appropriation increase be made. 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

- Request to increase appropriations by \$10,000 to account 100-3530-5097 - Vickers Preserve. This is for the demolition of the barn on the Vickers/Horse Park property due to the severe wind damage.

Ms. Marrow motioned that the appropriation increase be made. 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

Keith Kaiser, Horticulture Director presented amendments to the Agreement between Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens and Mill Creek MetroParks as follows:

**Amendments  
To the Agreement dated November 20, 2000  
Between Mill Creek MetroParks and Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens  
November 10, 2014**

1. Term. The initial term of this AGREEMENT shall be for a period of five (5) years, commencing on the date of occupancy of the CENTER by the BOARD, and ~~may be~~ **will be automatically** renewed from year to year for ninety-four (94) years thereafter unless either party terminates such

AGREEMENT, with or without cause, at the end of any such year to year period, by giving the other party at least sixty (60) days' advance written notice of such intent.

8. Profits. The FRIENDS agree to transfer to the BOARD the “net annual profits” of the ~~GIFT SHOP~~ **SHOP IN THE GARDENS** within ninety (90) days after the close of each calendar year. “Net annual profits” is defined herein as the gross annual profits of the ~~GIFT SHOP~~ **SHOP IN THE GARDENS** less overhead expenses for inventory, labor, supplies and equipment. All monies received by the BOARD pursuant to this AGREEMENT shall be used solely for the operation, maintenance, repair or improvement of Fellows Riverside Gardens and the CENTER. The FRIENDS may at their discretion, place 50% of the “Net Annual Profits” annually into its ENDOWMENT FUND **or other restricted fund** for the operation of the CENTER.

Mr. Macejko motioned that the amendments 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

Mr. Schiavoni presented the following Tentative 2015 Board Meeting Schedule.

Mill Creek MetroParks  
**TENTATIVE** 2015 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday	January 12	6pm	MetroParks Farm – Classroom A
Monday	February 9	6pm	MetroParks Farm – Classroom A
Monday	March 9	6pm	Birch Hill Cabin
Monday	April 13	6pm	MetroParks Farm – Classroom A
Monday	May 11	6pm	Yellow Creek Lodge
Monday	June 8	6pm	Walter Stitt Pavilion
Monday	July 13	6pm	MetroParks Farm – Classroom A
Monday	August 10	6pm	Birch Hill Cabin
Monday	September 14	6pm	Golf Course Hospitality Tent
Tuesday	October 13	6pm	Garden Cafe
Monday	November 9	6pm	Yellow Creek Lodge
Monday	December 21	6pm	Garden Cafe

Dates, time, and location are subject to change.

Please check [www.millcreekmetroparks.org](http://www.millcreekmetroparks.org), or call 330-702-3000 to verify.

After discussion, Mr. Ragan motioned that the scheduled dates 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

Jim Willock, Chief of Police, introduced the new Assistant Chief of Police Randy Campana.

Jim Zuccaro from the Public Entities Pool (PEP) spoke regarding Mill Creek MetroParks' relationship with the Pool.

Keith Kaiser gave a presentation on the canopy walk planned for Fellows Riverside Gardens.

The Board received the following public comments:

- Candice Sinistro-LaRocca, of Boardman, congratulated Judge Rusu on winning the recent election for Probate Judge of Mahoning County. She also spoke regarding her displeasure with the MetroParks' wildlife manager.
- Jamie Jamison, of Canfield, spoke on behalf of the Mill Creek MetroParks Foundation Board regarding the selection of a new Executive Director.
- Cliff Thomas, MetroParks employee, spoke on behalf of AFSCME Local 288 to request a meeting with the Board.
- Rick Kosa, of Youngstown, spoke regarding our naturalizing plans for a parcel of property on Bears Den Road that the MetroParks plans to acquire.
- Jenn Jones, of Youngstown, introduced herself as an applicant for the Executive Director position.

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, December 15, 2014, at 6 p.m. at Fellows Riverside Gardens.

Dr. Durick 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 at 6:30 p.m.

The Board returned from the Executive Session at 9:05 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 9:05 p.m.