

December 15, 2014
Canfield, Ohio

The Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks met in Regular Session on Monday, December 15, 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 November 10, 2014, and asked that they be approved. Mr. Macejko 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

Mr. Schiavoni presented the Minutes of the Meeting of November 13, 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: Durick, Macejko, Marrow, John Ragan, Schiavoni
Voting Nay: None

Mr. Schiavoni presented the Minutes of the Meeting of November 17, 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: Durick, Macejko, John Ragan, Schiavoni
Voting Nay: None
Abstain (due to absence at Nov. 17 meeting): Marrow

Mr. Schiavoni presented the Minutes of the Meeting of November 18, 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 December 13, 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: Durick, Macejko, Marrow, John Ragan, Schiavoni
Voting Nay: None

Kevin Smith, Administrative Services Director/Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Marrow moved, the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #66263 through #66520 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 changes be made:

- Request approval to decrease appropriations in account 705-7880-5097 – Bikeway Phase III by \$741,359.25. Work is beginning on the Bikeway Phase III project and this

project will be incorporated into account 701 – Replacement Reserve in order to eliminate account advances now and in the future.

- Request approval to increase appropriations in account 701-7050-5097 – Replacement Reserve by \$552,500. This is to incorporate the Bikeway Phase III project into the Replacement Reserve account.
- Request approval to decrease appropriations in account 704-7900-5097 – Clean Ohio Property Acquisition by \$323,192.74. Several Clean Ohio Conservation fund projects are still active and will continue into 2015.
- Request approval to decrease appropriations in account 805-8650-5097 – Wetland Restoration by \$3,600. Wetland Restoration monitoring will continue into 2015.

Ms. Marrow motioned that the appropriation changes 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

Kevin Smith presented the following resolution:

R-14-12
RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION
TO CONVERT FUND ADVANCES TO FUND TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, Mill Creek MetroParks Treasurer has the full financial authority to manage funds for the MetroParks,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the ORC 5705.14-5705.16, and to satisfy recommendations made by the Ohio State Auditor’s Office, the Treasurer of Mill Creek MetroParks wishes to convert the following fund advances to fund transfers, as follows:

- Fund 705 Bikeway Phase III, \$210.00
- Fund 803 Natural Playground, \$7,097.00
- Fund 805 Wetland Restoration, \$3,400
- Fund 807 Newport Wetlands, \$100,000

and,

WHEREAS, this Resolution will prompt changes in the accounting procedures, relevant to fund 701 which will alleviate the need for the use of future advances.

After discussion, Mr. Macejko moved the Resolution be adopted. Ms. Marrow seconded the motion and the vote taken resulted as follows:

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

Voting Nay: None

Kevin Smith presented the 2015 Temporary Budget, and after discussion, Dr. Durick moved that it be adopted for the first quarter of 2015:

Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District
2015 Temporary Budget

<u>Estimated Expenses Through March 2015</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
Materials & Supplies	
Administration	75,000.00
Development & Marketing	50,000.00
Planning	10,000.00
Golf	90,000.00
Horticulture	60,000.00
Maintenance	100,000.00
Recreation	50,000.00
Police	25,000.00
Total Materials & Supplies	460,000.00
Salaries & Benefits	
Administration	100,000.00
Development & Marketing	50,000.00
Planning	50,000.00
Golf	100,000.00
Horticulture	180,000.00
Maintenance	180,000.00
Recreation	150,000.00
Police	210,000.00
Benefits	925,000.00
Total Salaries & Benefits	1,945,000.00
<u>Total Temporary Budget Estimated Expenses through March 2015</u>	2,405,000.00

After discussion, Mr. Macejko seconded the motion and the Temporary Budget was approved, the vote taken resulted as follows:

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

Kevin Smith presented the 2015 Seasonal and Part-Time rates:

2015
SEASONAL and PART-TIME RATES
Effective January 1, 2015

Seasonal I -- ~~\$8.00/Hour~~ \$8.15/Hour

This classification is the first year rate for office clerks, checkers, Wick Court Area attendants, janitors, open pavilion caretakers, boating attendants, cashiers, laborers, caretakers at recreation areas, Lanterman's Mill attendants or others so designated by the Executive Director.

Seasonal II -- ~~\$8.10/Hour~~ \$8.25/Hour

This classification is the first year rate for utility person, scooter operator, ranger, truck drivers. This is the second year rate for jobs listed under Seasonal I or others so designated by the Executive Director.

Seasonal III -- ~~\$8.20/Hour~~ \$8.35/Hour

This classification is the first year rate for semi-skilled seasonal laborers or others so designated by the Executive Director. It is the second year rate for jobs listed under Seasonal II. It is the third year rate for jobs listed under Seasonal I.

Seasonal IV -- ~~\$8.30/Hour~~ \$8.45/Hour

This classification is the second year rate for jobs listed under Seasonal III. It is the third year rate for jobs listed under Seasonal II.

Seasonal V -- ~~\$8.50/Hour~~ \$8.65/Hour

This classification is the first year rate for seasonal supervisors and third year rate for semi-skilled seasonal laborers or others so designated by the Executive Director.

Seasonal VI -- ~~\$8.75/Hour~~ \$8.90/Hour

This classification is the second year rate for seasonal supervisors or others so designated by the Executive Director.

Seasonal VII -- ~~\$9.05/Hour~~ \$9.20/Hour

This classification is the third year rate for seasonal supervisors or others so designated by the Executive Director.

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES -- HOURLY
(Except Police Officers)
Effective January 1, 2015

Part-Time I -- ~~\$8.00/Hour~~ \$8.15/Hour

This is the first year rate for attendants at the Ford Nature Education Center, Pioneer Pavilion, Yellow Creek Park and other Park District facilities or others so designated by the Executive Director.

Part-Time II -- ~~\$8.10/Hour~~ \$8.25/Hour

This is the second year rate for attendants at the Ford Nature Education Center, Pioneer Pavilion, Yellow Creek Park and other Park District facilities or others so designated by the Executive Director.

Part-Time III -- ~~\$8.20/hour~~ \$8.35/Hour

This is the third year rate for attendants at the Ford Nature Education Center, Pioneer Pavilion, Yellow Creek Park and other Park District facilities or others so designated by the Executive Director.

Part-Time IV -- ~~\$8.65/Hour~~ \$8.80/Hour

This is the first year rate for part-time Naturalists, part-time supervisors, part-time custodians, part-time rangers, part-time Farm Technicians, part-time guest services (EVC) or others so designated by the Executive Director.

Part-Time V -- ~~\$9.25/Hour~~ \$9.40/Hour

This is the second year rate for part-time Naturalists, part-time supervisors, part-time custodians, part-time rangers, part-time Farm Technicians, part-time guest services (EVC) or others so designated by the Executive Director.

Part-Time VI -- ~~\$9.80/Hour~~ \$9.95/Hour

This is the first year rate for Mill Managers, Graphic Specialists, Educators, Trolley Driver, and Police Dispatchers or others so designated by the Executive Director. This is the third year rate for part-time Naturalists, part-time supervisors, part-time custodians, part-time rangers, part-time Farm Technicians, part-time guest services (EVC) or others so designated by the Executive Director.

Part-Time VII -- ~~\$10.30/Hour~~ \$10.45/Hour

This is the second year rate for Mill Managers, Graphic Specialists, Educators, and Police Dispatchers or others so designated by the Executive Director. This is the fourth year rate for part-time Naturalists, part-time supervisors, part-time Farm technicians, part-time guest services (EVC) or others so designated by the Executive Director.

Part-Time VIII -- ~~\$10.80/Hour~~ \$10.95/Hour

This is the third year rate for Mill Managers, Graphic Specialists, Educators, Police Dispatchers or others so designated by the Executive Director.

Part-Time IX -- ~~\$11.30/Hour~~ \$11.45/Hour

This is the fourth year rate for Mill Managers, Graphic Specialists, Educators, Police Dispatchers or others so designated by the Executive Director.

Part-Time X -- ~~\$11.90/Hour~~ \$12.05/Hour

This is the rate for Mill Managers, Graphics Specialists, Educators, Police Dispatchers or others so designated by the Executive Director that have at least 10 years of service, with recommendation of Department Director and Executive Director.

Part-time employees with at least 10 years of service are eligible to be advanced one additional step upon recommendation of Department Director and approval of Executive Director.

Dependent upon experience, new employees may be started at a rate higher than the first year rate with approval of the Executive Director.

Mr. Ragan moved the rates be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Macejko, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

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

Kevin Smith presented the 2015 Fees and Charges Schedule, which are not changed from the 2014 Schedule.

Mill Creek MetroParks
2014 Fees and Charges Schedule

330-702-3000 for rentals of MCP, YCP, MPF, Glacier
330-740-7116 for rentals at FRG

MCP= Mill Creek Park YCP=Yellow Creek Park MPF=MetroParks Farm FRG=Fellow Riverside Gardens

MCP, YCP, MPF, Glacier reservations can be made on line at www.millcreekmetroparks.org.

Location Indoor Facilities	Time Slots		Mahoning County Resident Rate	Regular Rate NR
Boathouse Room Memorial Day through Labor Day Wednesday through Sunday only	One timeslot - 2 - 6 p.m. only Includes Passenger boat 5 - 6 p.m.	Lake Glacier only	\$60	\$120
Old Log Cabin	6am-2pm	MCP	\$60	\$80
	4pm-midnight		\$60	\$80
	6am-midnight		\$100	\$130
Bears Den Cabin	6am-2pm	MCP	\$60	\$80
	4pm-midnight		\$60	\$80
	6am-midnight		\$100	\$130
Birch Hill Cabin	6am-2pm	MCP	\$95	\$125
	4pm-midnight		\$95	\$125
	6am-midnight		\$170	\$220
Classroom A	Minimum 3 hours (each addtl hour \$25R, \$30NR)	MPF	\$75/3hr	\$90/3hr
	extras Use of Playroom during CRA rental	MPF	\$30/hr	\$35/hr
	extras Wagon Tour during CRA rental	MPF	\$30/tour	\$35/tour
	extras Play & Wagon during CRA rental	MPF	\$45/tour	\$60/tour
Tyler Classroom	Minimum 3 hours	FRG	\$75/3hr	\$90/3hr
Kidston Classroom	Minimum 3 hours	FRG	\$75/3hr	\$90/3hr
Radius Room	Three hours or less ending before 5pm	FRG	\$240	\$310
	Each additional hour ending before 5pm		\$60	\$80
	Three hours or less ending after 5pm		\$300	\$390
	Each additional hour ending after 5pm		\$80	\$100
Garden Café	Monday-Thurs 5-11pm	FRG	\$480	\$625
	Fri, Sat, Sun - January-March - 5-11pm		\$480	\$625
	Fri, Sat, Sun - April-December - 5-11pm		\$660	\$860
Yellow Creek Lodge	Minimum 4 hours (each addtl hour \$50R, \$65NR)	YCP	\$200/4hrs	\$260/4hrs
Pioneer Pavilion	Minimum 4 hours (each addtl hour \$50R, \$65NR)	MCP	\$200/4hrs	\$260/4hrs
Kenneth F. McMahon Hall	Minimum 4 hours(each addtl hour \$60R, \$75NR)	MPF	\$240/4hrs	\$300/4hrs
Rossi Auditorium	Monday-Thurs 9am-5pm	FRG	\$480	\$625
	Monday-Thurs 5pm-11pm		\$960	\$1250
	Fri, Sat, Sun - January-March - ending before 5pm		\$480	\$625
	Fri, Sat, Sun - January-March - ending after 5pm		\$960	\$1250
	Fri, Sat, Sun - April-December - ending before 5pm		\$720	\$1050
	Fri, Sat, Sun - April-December - ending after 5pm		\$1320	\$1720
Rossi Auditorium + Radius Room	Monday-Thurs 9am-5pm	FRG	\$810	\$1050
	Monday-Thurs 5pm-11pm		\$1200	\$1560
	Fri, Sat, Sun - January-March - ending before 5pm		\$810	\$1050
	Fri, Sat, Sun - January-March - ending after 5pm		\$1200	\$1650
	Fri, Sat, Sun - April-December - ending before 5pm		\$1110	\$1440
	Fri, Sat, Sun - April-December - ending after 5pm		\$1800	\$2350

MCP= Mill Creek Park YCP=Yellow Creek Park MPF=MetroParks Farm FRG=Fellow Riverside Gardens

Location Outdoor Facilities	Time Slots		Mahoning County Resident Rate	Regular Rate NR
Thomas J. Bresko Pavilion	8am-2pm	MCP	\$35	\$45
	3pm-sunset or 9pm, whichever comes first		\$35	\$45
	8am-sunset or 9pm, whichever comes first		\$60	\$80
Walter Scholl Pavilion	8am-2pm	MCP	\$35	\$45
	3pm-sunset or 9pm, whichever comes first		\$35	\$45
	8am-sunset or 9pm, whichever comes first		\$60	\$80
Cpt. John Struthers Pavilion	8am-2pm	YCP	\$35	\$45
	3pm-sunset or 9pm, whichever comes first		\$35	\$45
	8am-sunset or 9pm, whichever comes first		\$60	\$80
Walter Stitt Pavilion	8am-2pm	MCP	\$55	\$70
	3pm-sunset or 9pm, whichever comes first		\$55	\$70
	8am-sunset or 9pm, whichever comes first		\$90	\$115
Chestnut Hill Pavilion	8am-2pm	MCP	\$55	\$70
	3pm-sunset or 9pm, whichever comes first		\$55	\$70
	8am-sunset or 9pm, whichever comes first		\$90	\$115
Slippery Rock Pavilion	8am-2pm	MCP	\$55	\$70
	3pm-sunset or 9pm, whichever comes first		\$55	\$70
	8am-sunset or 9pm, whichever comes first		\$90	\$115

Location Ceremony Facilities	Time Slots		Mahoning County Resident Rate	Regular Rate NR
Gazebo	2 hour timeslot	FRG	\$180	\$240
Kidston Pavilion	2 hour timeslot	FRG	\$180	\$240

Miscellaneous Fees		Mahoning County Resident Rate	Regular Rate NR
School Group Tour	MetroParks Farm, Ford Nature Center	Free	\$3.00/child
Non-School Group Tour	Ford Center, Mill, Farm	\$1.50/person	\$3.00/person
	During operating hours	\$2.00/person	\$3.50/person
Group Garden Tour	Fellows Riverside Gardens	\$35.00/group	\$100.00/group
Speaker's Fee		Free	\$30.00/hour
Police Crash Report		\$5.00	\$5.00
Commercial Vehicle Permit	Limo, commercial bus, motorcoach, etc	\$5.00	\$5.00
Vehicle Tow Release		\$15.00	\$15.00
Parking Tickets	If paid within 10 days	\$10.00	\$10.00
	If paid after 10 days	\$20.00	20.00
Landscape Waste Permit		\$15.00	\$15.00
Ball Field Rental	Per team in each league	\$45.00	\$45.00
Football Field Rental	Per team in each adult league	\$45.00	\$45.00
Copy Fee for Public Documents		At cost	At cost

Golf Course		Junior/Senior Rate	Mahoning County Resident Rate	Regular Rate NR
9 Holes		\$7.50	\$10.00	\$12.50
18 Holes		\$15.00	\$20.00	\$25.00
9 Holes	After September 30	\$7.00	\$9.50	\$12.00
18 Holes	After September 30	\$14.00	\$18.00	\$24.00
Golf Car 9 Holes		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Golf Car 18 Holes		\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Golf Car 9 Holes	Single Rider	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Golf Car 18 Holes	Single Rider	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Pull Carts	Per 9 holes	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Daily Lockers		\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
Seasonal Lockers		\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00

Wick Recreation Area		Junior/Senior Rate	Mahoning County Resident Rate	Regular Rate NR
Par 3 Golf	9 Holes	\$3.50	\$4.00	\$4.50
	18 Holes	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
	9 Holes evening	\$4.25	\$4.75	\$5.25
Golf Club Rental		\$1.75	\$1.75	\$1.75
Tennis	Advance Court Reservation	\$5.00/hr	\$5.00/hr	\$5.00/hr
	Racket Rentals	\$1.00/hr	\$1.00/hr	\$1.00/hr
	Evening		\$2.50	\$3.00
Volleyball	Court Reservations	\$5.00/hr	\$5.00/hr	\$5.00/hr
	Ball Rentals	\$1.00/hr	\$1.00/hr	\$1.00/hr
Betting Cages	Per Machine		\$5.00	\$5.00

Lanterman's Mill	Children under 8	Student Rate	Senior Rate	Mahoning County Resident Rate	Regular Rate NR
Admission	Free	75¢	75¢	\$1.00	\$2.00

Boating (\$6.00 deposit on Kayaks and Pedalboats)		Mahoning County Resident Rate	Regular Rate NR
Kayak	One Hour Minimum	\$6.00	\$10.00
	Tandem Second Person One Hour	\$3.00	\$5.00
	Additional Half Hour Single or Tandem	\$3.00	\$5.00
Pedal Boat	One Half Hour	\$3.00	\$4.00
Passenger Boat – Lake Glacier Only	Child 12 years and under	50¢	50¢
	Adult Over 12 years old	75¢	\$1.00
	Babies in Arms	Free	Free
	Charter Per Hour (Wed-Sun in season)	\$15.00	\$30.00
Boat Rack Rental – Lake Newport Only	East Newport Boat Launch	\$25/season	\$40/season

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Ms. Marrow moved the 2015 fees be accepted. Mr. Macejko seconded the motion, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

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

Kevin Smith presented the Gasoline and Fuel Oil Bid Tabulations:

Gasoline & Fuel Oil Bid Tabulations
December 3, 2014

	Reed Oil Co.	All Other Companies declined to bid
Regular Grade Unleaded E-10 Gasoline	0.02	
Medium Grade Unleaded E-10 Gasoline	0.02	
Fuel Oil (Off Road Use, Dyed Low Sulfur)	0.0195*	
Fuel Oil (On Road Use, Ultra Low Sulfur)	0.0195*	

* Reed Oil charges an additional \$.03 per gallon for winter additive on fuel oil from Nov. 1, 2014 -March 2015.

After discussion, Mr. Macejko moved the bid of Reed Oil Company be accepted, it being the lowest and best bid. Ms. Marrow seconded the motion, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

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

Keith Kaiser presented the Garden Café Lease Bid Tabulations:

Mill Creek MetroParks
Lease for the Garden Café at Fellows Riverside Gardens Bid Tabulations
December 15, 2014

Three-year lease, renewable annually, commencing January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2017

Friends and Family, Ltd.

\$1,200 guaranteed rent per month plus 6% of gross sales per month

The Georgetown

\$1,000 guaranteed rent per month plus 5% of gross sales per month

In addition to the rate and financial return to Mill Creek MetroParks listed above, careful consideration was given to the following criteria:

- Background, experience, references, and professional capability of the concessionaire
- Commitment to sustainability and use of locally sourced and/or organic foods
- Ability and creativeness of proposed services for the Café
- Quality and appropriateness of food service and pricing structure
- Degree, amount and value of participation in cooperative MetroParks promotion, advertising and sponsorship
- Creativeness of proposed services regarding area/regional marketing
- Performance on any previous agreements with Mill Creek MetroParks
- Unpaid debt owed to Mill Creek MetroParks

Friends and Family, Ltd. not only offered a higher bid, but they have also determined that the Café should have a "streamlined menu that can be executed quickly" and "high energy servers who can communicate

effectively with guests.” Their menu concept is original and creative and will provide visitors with a unique experience. Also, their pricing structure allows for “a modest priced option for every budget and appetite.” The Georgetown has operated the Café for the past 13 years. Unfortunately, more times than can be counted guests have experience inappropriate wait times for food after placing an order. Additionally, complaints regarding the high prices have been very common. The Horticulture Director and Visitor Services Manager have had many conversations with The Georgetown management over the years, but achieving a consistent level of service in the Café has proven to be challenging.

For the above stated reasons, as well as it is felt that an overall change is needed, we ask that the Board of Commissioners permit the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Friends & Family, Ltd. for the lease of the Garden Café at Fellows Riverside Gardens.

After discussion, Ms. Marrow moved the bid of Friends and Family, Ltd. be accepted, it being the lowest and best bid, and authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with them. Mr. Macejko seconded the motion, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

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

Kevin Smith requested permission for the Executive Director to sign the Employment Contract for Golf Pro Andy Santor for the 2015 golfing season. After discussion, Mr. Ragan moved the Executive Director be permitted to sign the Contract, with the changes indicated. Dr. Durick seconded the motion and the vote taken resulted as follows:

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

Andy Santor thanked the Board for their support, service to the public.

Justin Rogers, Planning Manager, presented Resolution R-14-11:

R-14-11

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MILL CREEK METROPARKS TO SUBMIT A CLEAN OHIO GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE LITTLE BEAVER CREEK WETLANDS PROTECTION PROJECT – PHASE II

WHEREAS, Mill Creek MetroParks Board of Trustees recognizes the wishes to preserve open space, protect water quality, and create opportunities for passive outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project site, located entirely in Mahoning County, provides important natural habitat for plant and animal species; and

WHEREAS, preservation of the wetlands on site will help protect and maintain ground water supplies and water quality within the Little Beaver Creek Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Little Beaver Creek Wetlands project site will help maintain the amount of greenspace in Mahoning County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mill Creek MetroParks Board of Trustees authorizes the submission of an application to the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund for the Little Beaver Creek Wetlands Protection Project – Phase II; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that _____ is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Ohio Public Works Commission for Clean Ohio Conservation Green Space

Program funds and is authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution become part of the correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened Board meeting held on this date, *IN WITNESS THEREOF*, We, the Board of Park Commissioners hereunto set our hand this _____ day of _____, 2014.

After discussion, Mr. Macejko moved the resolution be approved. Ms. Marrow seconded the motion and the vote taken resulted as follows:

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

Justin Rogers presented a Right of Way Agreement – Hitchcock Woods for approval. After discussion, Dr. Durick moved the agreement be approved. Mr. Macejko seconded the motion and the vote taken resulted as follows:

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

Keith Kaiser, requested approval to hire an Assistant Horticulture Director. Ms. Marrow motioned that Andrew Pratt be hired, to start in early January. Mr. Macejko seconded the motion and the vote taken resulted as follows:

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

Mr. Schiavoni requested a motion to hire Aaron Young as Executive Director. Mr. Ragan made the motion to hire Aaron Young. Mr. Macejko seconded the motion and the vote taken resulted as follows:

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

Mr. Schiavoni noted that this would be the last Board Meeting at which Dennis Miller will be attending. He thanked Dennis for his years of service to the MetroParks, what he has accomplished, and his dedication. Ms. Marrow, Dr. Durick, Mr. Macejko, and Mr. Ragan all thanked Dennis. Mr. Schiavoni thanked all of the MetroParks staff, and wished a Merry Christmas to everyone.

The Board received the following public comments:

- Douglas Fowler, of McDonald, Ohio read a statement regarding preserving wild lands.
- Rick Kosa, of Youngstown, expressed concern over the naturalization of a piece of property on Bears Den Road that the MetroParks recently purchased.
 - Dennis Miller, Executive Director, and Steve Avery, Planning & Natural Resources Director replied that the property would be naturalized, as other properties in the MetroParks have; this property won't
- Jeff Harvey, of Green Township, and the Audubon Society, thanked Dennis Miller.
- Lynn Anderson of Youngstown, expressed concern that the public did not have input on the hiring of an executive director, fracking in and around the MetroParks, and asked for a protection plan from Mr. Young.
 - Mr. Schiavoni made a statement "There is no fracking going on in the Park, and it's not coming." Dennis Miller made a statement "We are doing nothing in secret."
 - Ms. Marrow asked that the Board be addressed with their questions, that it's the decision of the Board to hire an Executive Director, and that any policy decisions come directly from the Board, not the Executive Director

- Jay Blackstone of Boardman, requested that the momentum be continued to preserve the historic integrity of the Ford Nature Center as we move forward with our Master Plan.
 - Steve Avery commented that the new compass document would be presented to the staff at a meeting tomorrow
- Dr. Durick made a comment that the Board is a volunteer board, that the MetroParks is passion for them and that there is no monetary compensation.
- Mr. Schiavoni commented that there was an information gathering the morning of Saturday, December 13, 2014 regarding a Levy campaign for 2015 for the MetroParks. He noted that no one from the Guardians of Mill Creek Park group were in attendance. He asked if we have their support. There was no clear answer.
- Rick Shale of Boardman, thanked the Board for the tough process hiring an executive director. He thanked Dennis for his service to the MetroParks.
- A gentleman spoke directly to Lynn Anderson regarding their continual unsuccessful attempts to pass their bill of rights against fracking in Youngstown.
- A woman spoke asking for transparency; the public is upset that they were not given any prior information regarding the hiring of an executive director.
- Nancy Brundage of Canfield, commented that she's the first official volunteer that the MetroParks had, and has been attending Board meetings since 1985. She said it has been an honor to work with the Board and Dennis. She wishes Dennis the best.

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, January 12, 2015, at 6 p.m. at the MetroParks Farm.

There being no further business, Dr. Durick 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 6:54 p.m.