

Canfield, Ohio  
February 9, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks was held on Monday, February 9, 2015, in Classroom A at the MetroParks Farm. President Lou Schiavoni welcomed guests and staff.

Probate Judge Rusu was present to swear in new MetroParks Commissioner Germaine Bennett, to fill the unexpired term of Valencia Marrow, with a term ending December 31, 2016.

The meeting opened at 6 p.m. with recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was as follows: Germaine Bennett, present; Bob Durick, present; John Ragan, present; Lou Schiavoni, present; and Scott Schulick, present.

This being the second meeting of 2015, and their bonds having been duly provided, the election of officers in accordance with Section I-b of the By-Laws of the Board of Park Commissioners was commenced. Aaron Young, Secretary of the Board, acted as temporary chairman and asked for a motion for the election of officers for 2015. Mr. Ragan moved that Mr. Schiavoni be re-elected President for 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schulick and passed. Mr. Schiavoni moved that Mr. Ragan be elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. The motion was seconded by Dr. Durick and passed. Mr. Schiavoni moved that Dr. Durick be elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bennett and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Durick, Ragan, Schiavoni, Schulick  
Voting Nay: None

Mr. Young returned control of the meeting to the Board President, Lou Schiavoni.

Mr. Schiavoni presented the Minutes of the Meeting of January 12, 2015, and asked that they be approved. Dr. Durick motioned they be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ragan and passed, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Durick, Ragan, Schiavoni, Schulick  
Voting Nay: None

Kevin Smith, Administrative Services Director/Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Bennett moved, the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #66717 through #66870 be approved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Durick and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Durick, Ragan, Schiavoni, Schulick  
Voting Nay: None

Kevin Smith, Administrative Services Director/Treasurer, presented the following resolution for approval.

R-15-01  
RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION  
TO MAKE TAX ADVANCE REQUESTS TO  
THE MAHONING COUNTY AUDITOR ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD  
AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT 2015

*WHEREAS*, per ORC 321.34, the Mahoning County Auditor has procedures available to request Real Property Tax Collection advances for Mill Creek MetroParks, and

*WHEREAS*, the Treasurer of the MetroParks will request advances on the dates listed below:

- February 20, 2015 (if sufficient taxes are collected)
- February 27, 2015
- March 6, 2015
- March 13, 2015 (if settlement is not completed by this date)

and,

*WHEREAS*, the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks authorizes the Treasurer to make this request, and

*WHEREAS*, the Treasurer of the MetroParks will provide the Mahoning County Auditor a copy of this resolution by noon the Monday before the advance is scheduled.

After discussion, Mrs. Bennett motioned that the resolution be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schulick and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Durick, Ragan, Schiavoni, Schulick  
 Voting Nay: None

Kevin introduced Jim Armeni, Youngstown Regional Liaison for the Auditor of the State of Ohio, who presented awards to the MetroParks for exemplary financial audits for 2012 & 2013. This award is only given to 10% of public entities. Kevin thanked his staff, Mark Mrofchak, Susan Kondos, Cindy Gomez, Marie Brickley, and Mandy Walker for their work in making this award possible.

The Board had open discussion regarding levy finance options. Mr. Schiavoni stated that a decision will be made at the March 9, 2015 Board Meeting.

Mr. Schiavoni presented a correction on Fitness Together's request to hold a 5k Fundraiser for May 9, 2014. This should have been approved for May 9, 2015.

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

Voting Aye: Bennett, Durick, Ragan, Schiavoni, Schulick  
 Voting Nay: None

Samantha Villella, Community Engagement Director presented the rental fees for the Trolley.

Trolley Private Rentals	Fee
First Two Hours (minimum)	\$350
Each Additional Hour	\$150
Guide – cannot be less hours than the rental	\$25/hr.

Trolley Organizational Rentals (organizations eligible for this rental rate are non-profits, government agencies, and schools)	Fee
First Two Hours (minimum)	\$150
Each Additional Hour	\$75
Guide – cannot be less hours than the rental	\$25/hr.

After discussion, Dr. Durick motioned that the fees be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ragan and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Durick, Ragan, Schiavoni, Schulick  
Voting Nay: None

Samantha presented a change to the terms and conditions for rental of the Trolley:

**Fuel Surcharge Service Area**

The trolley can travel within Mahoning County or no more than 25 miles from the MCMP Service Facility. It is not permitted to travel on the Ohio/Pennsylvania turnpike, major highways (ex. Rt. 11), or interstates. ~~If the distance of your trip one way is over 30 miles, there will be a \$2 per mile charge added on the rental charge. This fee will be waived if you rent for six (6) or more hours. The Client's credit card used during original reservation will be charged these fees the following business day. However if client paid by cash/check, an invoice will be sent the following business day.~~

After discussion, Mr. Ragan motioned that the change to the terms and conditions be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schulick and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Durick, Ragan, Schiavoni, Schulick  
Voting Nay: None

Mr. Schiavoni announced that the next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, March 9, at 6:00 p.m. at Birch Hill Cabin.

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

Voting Aye: Bennett, Durick, Ragan, Schiavoni, Schulick  
Voting Nay: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.