

Canfield, Ohio
April 13, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks was held on Monday, April 13, 2015, the MetroParks Farm, President Lou Schiavoni welcomed guests and staff.

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

Atty. Schiavoni presented the Minutes of the Meeting of March 9, 2015, and asked that they be approved. Dr. Durick motioned they be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schulick and passed, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

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

Kevin Smith, Administrative Services Director/Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Bennett moved, the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #67060– #67292 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, Schiavoni, Schulick
Voting Nay: None

Kevin requested to increase appropriations by \$299,359.44 to account 701-7881-5097 Bikeway Phase III Right of Way consultant services. This is a 100% reimbursable grant for right of way and property acquisition consultant services. Mr. Schulick moved the request be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bennett and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Kevin requested to increase appropriations by \$15,000.00 to account 100-1150-5097 Golf Course Pro Shop. This is to allow Brian Tolnar to sell logoed golf equipment to his contacts throughout Ohio and New York. Brian has enclosed a brief budget breaking down the expected logoed sales and profits. Dr. Durick moved the request 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, Schiavoni, Schulick
Voting Nay: None

Kevin presented the Board with information regarding the levy, explaining our current status and the proposed options. He informed the Board that a resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax for the use of the MetroParks. This resolution needs to be passed no later than early August of this year. The Board deferred the decision until a later date.

Justin Rogers, Planning Manager presented R-15-05 Industrial Heartland Trails Coalition Resolution of Support for approval.

R-15-05
Industrial Heartland Trails Coalition
Resolution of Support

Whereas, the Industrial Heartland Trails Coalition is working on a planned, multi-county, multi-state trail system. The trail network encompasses a 53-county, five-state area including MD, NY, OH, PA, WV; and

Whereas, “trails” refer to shared-use paths (also known as rail-trails, greenways, pathways), defined as non-motorized, multiple-use transportation and recreation corridors typically allowing hiking, biking, and other non-motorized uses to form active transportation networks.

Whereas, the Network includes over 1,600 miles of mapped trails of which 53% of the system is complete including the renowned Great Allegheny Passage (GAP) Trail from Pittsburgh, PA to Cumberland, MD; and

Whereas, the emerging Pittsburgh to Ashtabula corridor is key to this regional vision; and

Whereas, many communities, agencies, and trail advocates in the region have taken a lead in planning and/or building local trails and greenways, and those efforts can be greatly enhanced by being connected to a larger regional network of shared use paths; and

Whereas, the Great Allegheny Passage trail has demonstrated that trails are significant economic generators, hosting over 800,000 riders per year and generating over \$40 million in direct annual spending by trail users; and

Whereas, property values of land parcels adjacent and near regional, shared-use paths have increased; and

Whereas, regional shared-use paths serve as a critical transportation corridor for residents, commuters, and visitors; and

Whereas, regional shared-use paths contribute to active, healthy lifestyles for people of all ages and abilities; and

Whereas, shared-use paths foster the conversion of degraded, unproductive land to more productive land uses; and

Whereas, shared-use paths allow communities to celebrate and share their rich cultural heritage; and

Whereas, regional shared-use paths have become an important source of community and regional pride; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks will work collaboratively to support the vision of a shared-use trail system between communities along the Pittsburgh to Ashtabula mega corridor, closing the gaps, and helping create the longest connected system of multi-use trails in the United States.

Mr. Schulick motioned the resolution be approved. Ms. Bennett seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

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

Brian Tolnar, Golf Director, presented information regarding a Corporate Logo Sponsorship for the Mill Creek Golf Course. The Board asked for a report at the end of the season. Ms. Bennett motioned that Brian be authorized to put the Corporate Logo Sponsorship in place. Dr. Durick seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

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

Brian requested permission to temporarily allow alcohol to be consumed, served, and sold at Stitt Pavilion, and the Golf Course Overflow Parking Lot, during golf outings until proper licensure is obtained by the new Golf Course restaurant vendor. Proper permits will be obtained from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control. Dr. Durick moved that the permission be granted. Mr. Schulick seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

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

Brian requested permission to close the Golf Course for an outing on May 8, 2015. Mr. Schulick moved that the permission be granted. Ms. Bennett seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

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

Brian requested permission to close the Golf Course for an outing on August 21, 2015. Mr. Schulick moved that the permission be granted. Ms. Bennett seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

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

Commissioners Comments:

- Lou Schiavoni – the Baby Animal Shower was awesome, well run, great job everyone. All programming is great and he appreciates the hard work by the staff and volunteers.
- Bob Durick – Baby Animal Shower - incredible event

Public Comments:

- Jeff Harvey asked if the MetroParks has a policy on drones.
- Nancy Brundage – the Baby Shower went well, she volunteered for several hours, had a wonderful time, and mentioned that the \$1 donation was very popular. She also had a question regarding the Bikeway Phase III. And a question regarding parking lot restrictions during these outings.

Atty. Schiavoni announced that the next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2015, at 6 p.m., at Yellow Creek Lodge in Struthers.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.