

Canfield, Ohio  
May 11, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks was held on Monday, May 11, 2015, at Yellow Creek Park, 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, present; Lou Schiavoni, present; and Scott Schulick, present.

Atty. Schiavoni presented the Minutes of the Meetings of April 13, and April 27, 2015, and asked that they be approved. Ms. Bennett 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. Mr. Ragan moved, the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #67293– #67403 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 Smith presented the Board with information regarding the levy, explaining our current status and the proposed options. Public comments made:

- A member of the audience had questions regarding the purchase of land, and what we would use the additional millage for if we choose to go that route.
- A member of the audience had questions regarding cleaning up waterways in the park.

After discussion and public comments, the Board deferred the decision until a later date.

Steve Avery, Planning and Natural Resources Director presented information regarding tabulations for the Rehab of Stone Arch Bridges project. This project cannot be awarded at this time. One bid was received but exceeded the bid cap. Will reassess the project, then go back out to bid.

Kevin Smith presented the following resolution to the Board for approval.

**R-15-06**  
**AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION**  
**IN ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Section 5513.01 (B) provides the opportunity for Counties, Townships, Municipal Corporations, Conservancy Districts, Township Park Districts, Park Districts created under Chapter 1545 of the Revised Code, Port Authorities, Regional Transit Authorities, Regional Airport Authorities, Regional Water and Sewer Districts, County Transit Boards, State Universities or Colleges to participate in contracts of the Ohio Department of Transportation for the purchase of machinery, material, supplies or other articles.

**NOW, THEREFORE**,  
Be it ordained by Mill Creek MetroParks

**SECTION 1.**

That the Executive Director hereby requests authority in the name of Mill Creek MetroParks to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Summer (418-16) and/or Winter (018-16) contracts for road salt.

**SECTION 2.**

That the Executive Director is hereby authorized to agree in the name of Mill Creek MetroParks to be bound by all terms and conditions as the Director of Transportation prescribes.

**SECTION 3.**

That the Executive Director is hereby authorized to agree in the name of Mill Creek MetroParks to directly pay vendors, under each such contract of the Ohio Department of Transportation in which Mill Creek MetroParks participates, for items it receives pursuant to the contract.

**SECTION 4.**

That Mill Creek MetroParks agrees to be responsible for resolving all claims or disputes arising out of its participation in the cooperative purchasing program under Section 5513.01(B) of the Ohio Revised Code. The Mill Creek MetroParks agrees to waive any claims, actions, expenses, or other damages arising out of its participation in the cooperative purchasing program which the Mill Creek MetroParks may have or claim to have against ODOT or its employees, unless such liability is the result of negligence on the part of ODOT or its employees.

Mr. Ragan motioned the resolution be approved. Dr. Durick seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

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

Keith Kaiser, Horticulture Director presented information on the purchase of 26 McKinley Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, with a grant from the Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens, and requested that the board authorize the Executive Director Aaron Young to sign all necessary paperwork on the Board's behalf.

Ms. Bennett motioned the purchase be approved. Dr. Durick seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

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

Carol Vigorito, Recreation & Education Manager, presented the following request for approval:

- Request to hold an overnight campout at the Wick Recreation Area on August 1 & 2, 2015, in the Morley area and roads nearby.

During discussion about this event, Mr. Schiavoni and Dr. Durick offered a donation. Mr. Ragan motioned that the request 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

Rikki Brammer, Programs & Events Coordinator presented the following requests for approval:

- Request for Covelli Enterprises to hold their 10 k Panerathon fundraiser on Sunday, August 23, 2015, 10 a.m. – noon in the Lake Glacier Area

Ms. Bennett motioned that 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, Ragan, Schiavoni, Schulick  
Voting Nay: None

- Request for the YMCA to hold their Community Cup fundraiser on Saturday, September 12, 2015, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Wick Recreation Area

Dr. Durick motioned that 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, Ragan, Schiavoni, Schulick  
Voting Nay: None

- Request to hold the Green Cathedral race on Sunday, September 13, 2015, from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Wick Recreation Area as a fundraiser for the Wick Recreation Area Children's Playground

Mr. Ragan motioned that 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, Ragan, Schiavoni, Schulick  
Voting Nay: None

- Request of the Multiple Sclerosis Services Agency to hold a fundraiser on Sunday, September 27, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Wick Recreation Area

Ms. 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

Jim Willock, Chief of Police introduced Brian Newhard, new Police Sergeant for the MetroParks. Brian spoke and thanked everyone on staff for being wonderful to work with.

Aaron Young acknowledged three (3) police officers for helping a female that had written a letter thanking Officer Novosel, Officer Roth, and Officer Hunter for their help when she fell.

Aaron Young acknowledged Officer Wilkins for assisting a lost park user that had written a letter thanking him for his assistance.

Commissioners Comments:

Mr. Schiavoni thanked Brian, Stacie, and Andy at the MetroParks Golf Course for the May 8 outing that went very well.

Ms. Bennett felt the yearly Campout was a fantastic event for the City, and that maybe the Green Cathedral Fundraiser race could share some profits with the Campout event.

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 6:36 p.m.