

A Special Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks was held on Monday, December 5, 2016, at the MetroParks Farm. President John Ragan welcomed guests and staff.

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; Lee Frey, present; John Ragan, present; and Tom Shipka, present.

Germaine Bennett motioned that the structure of the board advisory committees, as approved at the July 11, 2016, meeting, be amended as follows:

- a. Each Standing Committee will comply with The Ohio Open Meetings Act (O.R.C. 121.22);
- b. Standing Committees will serve in an advisory role to the Board of Commissioners;
- c. Each Standing Committee will consist of seven voting members with knowledge of and interest in the area(s) of concern of the Committee to which he/she is appointed;
- d. The Executive Director of the Park or his/her designee will be a non-voting, ex officio member of each Standing Committee;
- e. Standing Committee members will be appointed by the President of the Board based on the recommendations of other Board members;
- f. Standing Committee members may include current and former Board members;
- g. Each Standing Committee will meet at least two times a year and will report to a meeting of the Board at least once a year;
- h. Each Standing Committee will select its own chairperson for a given calendar year;
- i. The voting members of each Standing Committee will serve for three-year, renewable terms;
- j. Standing Committees will be appointed no later than January, 2017;
- k. Standing Committees will be provided space on Park property to conduct their meetings;
- l. Standing Committees will be provided information which they request by Park staff to carry out their work;
- m. The Finance Committee will monitor and evaluate the Park's revenues and expenditures, evaluate proposed budgets, and make recommendations on these matters to the Board to ensure long-term fiscal soundness;
- n. The Development Committee will monitor and evaluate the Park's fund-raising efforts, including those of the Mill Creek MetroParks Foundation, the Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens, and other relevant Park entities, and make recommendations to the Board to coordinate and improve these efforts;
- o. The Wildlife Committee will monitor and evaluate the welfare and treatment of animals on Park property and make appropriate recommendations to the Board on this matter;
- p. The Nature Education Committee will monitor and evaluate the nature education programs offered by the Park and make appropriate recommendations to the Board on them;
- q. The Environment Committee will monitor and evaluate the current contracts, and proposed future contracts, between the Park and private or public companies which use, or seek to use, Park property to extract or transport gas, oil, or other minerals or chemicals and make appropriate recommendations to the Board on such matters;
- r. The Horticulture Committee will monitor and evaluate the programs used and the practices followed in the Park to grow, sustain, or remove plants, flowers, trees, and other vegetation and make appropriate recommendations to the Board on such matters; and,
- s. The Community Engagement Committee will monitor and evaluate the Park's current efforts to attract and retain qualified and dedicated volunteers, and the recreational sites and activities in the Park, and make appropriate recommendations to the Board on such matters.

The motion was seconded by Lee Frey and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Durick, Frey, Ragan, Shipka

Voting Nay: None

Tom Shipka moved for the purpose of selecting candidates, that the four recommending Board members, excluding the Board President, each submit a written list of four persons recommended for each of the seven committees to the President, with copies to the other Board members. In his/her list of four, each of the recommending Board members will designate one person as a strongly preferred appointee. The President will then appoint the preferred appointee of each of the four Board members for each committee. After that, the President will appoint the remaining members of the seven committees from the other three recommendations of the four Board members for each of the seven committees.

The motion was seconded by Lee Frey.

Discussion on the selection process commenced.

After discussion, the roll being called, the vote resulted as follows:

Germaine Bennett - Aye
Bob Durick – Aye
Lee Frey - Aye
John Ragan – Nay
Tom Shipka - Aye

John Ragan moved the Board meet in Executive Session to consider the appointment of the candidates to the board advisory committees. Lee Frey seconded the motion, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Germaine Bennett - Aye
Bob Durick – Aye
Lee Frey – Aye
John Ragan - Aye
Tom Shipka - Aye

The motion was passed, and the Board met in Executive Session at 6:20 p.m.

Lee Frey motioned to return to Regular Session. Bob Durick seconded the motion and the Board returned from Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. The vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Durick, Frey, Ragan, Shipka
Voting Nay: None

Lee Frey motioned to amend the previous advisory committee selection process motion to allow the Board President to select the balance of the committee members from the entire list of candidates, as noted in the complete application list of December 5, 2016, as opposed to from solely the other Board Members preferred list. The Board President will also be able to solely select any candidate in the event a previously selected candidate resigns or is unable to serve. Germaine Bennett seconded the motion, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Germaine Bennett - Aye
Bob Durick – Aye
Lee Frey – Aye
John Ragan - Aye
Tom Shipka - Nay

There being no further business, Bob Durick moved to adjourn the meeting. Lee Frey seconded the motion, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Durick, Frey, Ragan, Shipka Voting Nay: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.