

MILL CREEK METROPARKS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2017

PRESENT: James Bolchalk, Ed Howley, Frank Krygowski, Anne Liller, Rick Shale, and staff liaison Jaime Yohman. One member of the public also attended.

The meeting started at 9:30am in Classroom A of the MetroParks Farm. Members introduced themselves and briefly gave background and personal information.

A motion was made by Rick Shale to use Robert's Rules of Order as the committee's parliamentary authority. The motion was unanimously adopted.

The Committee then selected Rick Shale as Chairperson and Anne Liller as Secretary for terms of one year.

A discussion on a quorum then ensued. A motion was made by Jim Bolchalk that four committee member attendees would constitute a quorum. Motion passed unanimously.

The chair explained that until meeting minutes are approved, they do not become a public record.

A brief discussion in regards to dealing with media transpired. Jim Bolchalk then made a motion to have Rick Shale, our Chair, be the official spokesperson if/when the media contact committee members. Motion passed unanimously.

We then discussed the charge of our committee. Jaime Yohman noted that there are between 350-400 active and inactive volunteers at the present time. Rick Shale put forward two goals for our consideration during year one. The first goal is to explore the need for volunteer training and also the criteria for volunteer appreciation.

The second goal concerns historic sites within the park that are in need of special care, Rick Shale suggested that the committee should be an advocate for the care of these sites.

After some discussion about reports to the board, Rick Shale made a motion to allow minority reports if any members in the minority felt strongly that the Board should hear their opinion. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee briefly discussed the various units of the MetroParks and expressed interest in visiting these areas since recreational areas are part of the committee's charge.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2017; 10am in Classroom A of the MetroParks Farm

Anne Liller, Secretary