

Approved Minutes of the Wildlife Standing Committee to the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017

The Wildlife Standing Committee meeting was held in Classroom A of McMahon Hall was called to order at 6:23 PM.

Wildlife Committee members present: Suzi Bieber, Dan Donoghue, Dennis Malloy, David Brown, David Deibel, Sean Logan and Justin Rogers (Ex officio). Member(s) excused: Steve Morlan. Quorum established.

Bieber moved, Deibel second, approve minutes of May 25, 2017.

Voting Aye: Bieber, Brown, Deibel, Donoghue, Malloy, Logan

Voting Nay: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

No new wildlife complaints received. In consultation with staff, recent (one – two months ago) complaint regarding possible coyote activity was not substantiated and considered closed.

New Business:

Discussion regarding path forward for committee activity. Reviewed and discussed committee charge, posted here: *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.*

Deibel moved, Logan second:

- 1) Support the continual, and complete implementation of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History Management Plan for the Wildlife Sanctuary;
- 2) Support the development and adoption of facility/site-specific wildlife management plans, and:
- 3) Restore authority of Administrative staff to implement/perform wildlife management actions by deleting “and the Mill Creek MetroParks Board of Commissioners” in the first sentence of Rule 12.1 of the district’s Rules & Regulations.

Voting Aye: Bieber, Brown, Deibel, Donoghue, Malloy, Logan

Voting Nay: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Suggested amendment to 12.1 of MILL CREEK METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

No person shall hunt, pursue with dogs, trap or in any way molest any wild bird or animal or molest any bird or animal nest on Park District lands except with the advance written permission of the Executive Director ~~and the Mill Creek MetroParks Board of Commissioners~~. The MetroParks Police shall have the ability to put down an animal that is injured, rabid, or other threat to the public, as they judge necessary.

Committee members also agreed to seek permission to present the above 3-part motion/recommendation to the Board of Commissioners at their next regularly scheduled meeting on November 13, 2017.

Committee members also discussed how grateful they are to be of service and wish to remain involved in helping the Board and staff, where appropriate, implement the above recommendation.

Tentative future meeting:

Thursday, November 9th 3-4PM, Classroom A of McMahon Hall.

There being no further business, Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Deibel seconded the motion, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bieber, Brown, Deibel, Donoghue, Malloy, Logan

Voting Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Submitted by Sean Logan