

September 10, 2018
Canfield, OH

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks was held on Monday, September 10, 2018, at the MetroParks Farm. President Lee Frey 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, Lee Frey, present; Tom Frost, present; Jeff Harvey, present, and Paul Olivier was not present at the beginning of the meeting, but arrived at 6:06 p.m.

The Board was presented with the Minutes of the Meeting of August 13, 2018. Commissioner Frey moved that the minutes be accepted into the records.

Kevin Smith, Director of Finance, presented the Treasurer's Report. Lee Frey moved, the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #76923 - #77264 for a total of \$968,733.05 be approved. The motion was seconded by Tom Frost and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Frost, Harvey
Voting Nay: None

Kevin presented an appropriation request to increase appropriations to account 100-1753 – Wick Recreation Capital Improvements by \$6,086.13. The MetroParks received a \$6,086.13 donation from The Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation for reimbursement of the scoreboard and installation. Lee Frey moved that the appropriation request be approved. The motion was seconded by Germaine Bennett, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Frost, Harvey
Voting Nay: None

Kevin presented Resolution R-18-12 for approval.

R-18-12

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR
Revised Code Sections 5705.34-5705.35

The Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District, Mahoning County, Ohio, met in Regular Session on the 10th day of September, 2018, at the office of Mill Creek MetroParks, with the following members present: Germaine Bennett, Lee Frey, Tom Frost, Jeff Harvey, and Paul Olivier

Mr. Lee Frey moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, By the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District, Mahoning County, Ohio, in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget or has been granted the authority by the Mahoning County Budget Commission to waive this requirement for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Mahoning County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District, Mahoning County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said Township the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

**SCHEDULE A
SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET
COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES**

Fund	Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 Mill Limitiation	Amount To Be Derived from Levies Outside 10 Mill Limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax to be Levied Inside 10 Mill Limit	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax to be Levied Outside 10 Mill Limit
General Fund		7,836,016	2.00	
Total		\$ 7,836,016	2.00	

**SCHEDULE B
CURRENT PROPERTY VALUES AND
LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES
(see attached)**

And be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

Mrs. Germaine Bennett seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Lee Frey, aye; Mrs. Germaine Bennett, aye; Mr. Tom Frost, aye, Mr. Jeff Harvey, aye; and Mr. Paul Oliver, aye.

Adopted the 10th day of September, 2018.

Finance Director of the Board of Park Commissioners of
Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District
Mahoning County, Ohio

Schedule B MILL CREEK PARK TY17 PY18							
		Taxable Values					
District Name	District Number	Residential Agricultural	All Other Classes	Public Utility		Totals	
				Real	Personal		
County Total		2,913,594,420	935,487,110	2,052,760	257,415,300		4,108,549,590
District Totals		\$2,913,594,420	\$935,487,110	\$2,052,760	\$257,415,300		\$4,108,549,590
INSIDE	Rate		Residential Agricultural	All Other RE Classes	Public Utility	Totals	
Total Inside	0.00		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
OUTSIDE	Full Rate	R/A Rate	C/O Rate	Residential Agricultural	All Other RE Classes	Public Utility	Totals
Mill Creek MetropolitanTY30	1.75	1.643171	1.675521	4,787,534	1,570,868	450,477	6,808,878
Mill Creek Metropolitan AdditionalTY30	0.25	0.250000	0.250000	728,399	234,385	64,354	1,027,137
Total Outside	2.00	1.8932	1.9255	\$5,515,932	\$1,805,253	\$514,831	\$7,836,016

Lee Frey moved that the resolution be approved. The motion was seconded by Jeff Harvey, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Frost, Harvey
Voting Nay: None

Aaron Young presented the Beeghly House auction results for approval. Lee Frey moved that it be accepted. The motion was seconded by Jeff Harvey, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Frost, Harvey
Voting Nay: None

Paul Olivier arrived.

Carol Vigorito, Recreation & Education Director presented a request from the Mahoning County Federation of Sportsmen’s Club, to hold a fundraiser dinner, in McMahon Hall at the MetroParks Farm, on

January 12, 2019. Lee Frey moved that the request be approved. The motion was seconded by Germaine Bennett, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Frost, Harvey, Olivier
Voting Nay: None

Aaron Young, Executive Director presented resolution R-18-14 for approval.

Resolution R-18-14

The Board of Park Commissioners
of the Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District,
an Ohio public entity doing business as Mill Creek MetroParks

WHEREAS, on February 25, 1993, the Board of Park Commissioners (hereinafter, the "Board") of the Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District *d/b/a* Mill Creek MetroParks (the "MetroParks"), passed a resolution resolving that the public interest demanded the construction of a bicycle path on a railroad right-of-way abandoned by Conrail, stretching from Western Reserve Road on the South to Mahoning Trumbull County line on the north, and having a length of approximately 12 miles, situated in Mahoning County, State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, in the years 2000 and 2001, MillCreek MetroParks constructed 10.6 miles of bikeway trail through Austintown Township, the City of Canfield, and Canfield Township upon such abandoned railroad line purchased by MetroParks, which construction comprised Phases I and II of the MillCreek MetroParks Bikeway project (the "Bikeway"); and

WHEREAS, concurrent with the construction of Phases I and II of the Bikeway, the MetroParks commissioned and obtained a feasibility study for the alignment of Phase III of the Bikeway, which study resulted in the determination that the option to align and construct Phase III of the Bikeway along the former railroad corridor was the preferred alignment; and

WHEREAS, the existing Bikeway spans the northern two-thirds of Mahoning County, while the southern one-third of Mahoning County presently contains no bikeway facility; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Phase III is to extend the existing Bikeway from Western Reserve Road in Canfield Township to High Street near State Route 14 at the Columbiana Count line in the Village of Washingtonville; and

WHEREAS, completion of the 6.4 mile section of the Bikeway, described as Phase III, will provide local and regional users with a safe, uniformly-designed, multi-use, off-road trail facility dedicated for public transportation and recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, since the completion of the feasibility study, the MetroParks has completed preliminary steps in furtherance of Phase III, including programming and securing funding for project planning, environmental studies, aerial surveying, geotechnical testing, site visits, and conducting individual meetings with property owners along the former railroad corridor; further, MetroParks has engaged consultants to assist in the completion of the various phases of the Phase III project; and

WHEREAS, the Board has diligently evaluated the Phase III project, and desires to hereby affirm and memorialize their authorization of the MetroParks to complete Phase III of the Bikeway project.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that we deem it necessary and in the best public interest that the MetroParks be and hereby are authorized to complete Phase III of the Bikeway project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that the MetroParks be and hereby are authorized to consummate and complete all acquisition transactions as may be necessary to acquire the real property

contemplated for inclusion in Phase III of the project or, in instances where agreement cannot be reached with the landowner, the MetroParks and its legal counsel hereby are authorized to appropriate such property by power of eminent domain and initiate legal proceedings pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 163; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the board that the Executive Director of the MetroParks be and hereby is authorized to enter into and execute agreements on behalf of the MetroParks to consummate this Phase III of the Bikeway project.

Lee Frey moved that the resolution be approved. The motion was seconded by Tom Frost. After discussion about the project, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Frost, Harvey, Olivier
Voting Nay: None

Aaron presented the DEK Hockey Rental & Equipment Rates for approval as follows:

DEK Rink

Reservation Fee (60 minutes)

Resident	\$20
Non-Resident	\$30

The DEK Rink is a "FREE PLAY" facility unless reserved and is available on a first come, first served basis by the hour.

Equipment

Hockey Sticks	\$2
Lacrosse Sticks	\$2
DEK Puck/Ball	\$1

Lost or broken hockey and broken Lacrosse sticks are subject to a \$15.00 replacement fee. Lost or non-returned DEK pucks, DEK balls, and or lacrosse balls are subject to a replacement fee of \$5.00.

DEK Leagues

3 Month League

(DEK Hockey – Box Lacrosse – Wall Soccer)

Includes 10 Games + 5 Practices + Playoff Games.

Adult	\$500/team
Kids	\$ 50/individual.

Lee Frey moved that the rates be approved. The motion was seconded by Tom Frost. After discussion about the project and funding, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Frost, Harvey, Olivier
Voting Nay: None

Jim Willock, Chief of Police, presented Resolution R-18-13 for approval as follows:

R-18-13

**AUTHORIZATION FOR AN INTEGRATED RECORDS MANAGEMENT
AND MOBILE DISPATCHING COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP
FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES**

WHEREAS, Mill Creek MetroParks desires to utilize a centralized database with the Police Departments of Mahoning County, Austintown Township, Boardman Township, and Canfield City, and Mahoning County Sheriff's Department, for mobile dispatching and records management, and

WHEREAS, the database allows all communities in the system to reference the same repository of information, to eliminate complicated “internal” interface users from duplicating data entry, which saves time, ensures data accuracy, and improves criminal system management, and

WHEREAS, the Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District (MCMPD) deems it in its best interest to join with other municipalities, townships, and the County in an agreement on terms and conditions that are mutually agreeable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District, State of Ohio, that MetroParks Legal Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate with legal counsel for the parties referenced above the terms and conditions of an Integrated Records Management and Mobile Dispatching Software Agreement, which shall be subject to review and approval by this Board.

Lee Frey moved that the resolution be approved. The motion was seconded by Paul Olivier. After discussion about the value of this networking tool, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Frost, Harvey, Olivier
Voting Nay: None

Justin Rogers, Planning Manager, presented Resolution R-18-15 for approval as follows:

R-18-15

Resolution Authorizing MetroParks Executive Director to Apply for
Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Funds

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners of the Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District, operating under Chapter 1545 of the Ohio Revised Code, intends to apply for Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) funds programmed by the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments (Eastgate) to improve the Old Orchard Bridge on Chestnut Hill Drive in Mill Creek Park; and

WHEREAS, the Old Orchard Bridge Improvements project will preserve and extend the life of existing transportation infrastructure within historic Mill Creek Park; and,

WHEREAS, the Old Orchard Bridge along Chestnut Hill Drive is a viable vehicular and bicycle/pedestrian route throughout Mill Creek Park; and

WHEREAS, the Old Orchard Bridge is in need of maintenance work and repair to maintain safe use and passage for visitors of Mill Creek Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District:

SECTION 1. The MetroParks Executive Director is hereby authorized to apply for Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) Funds programmed by the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments for the following roadway infrastructure capital improvement project:

- (1) Project Name: Old Orchard Bridge Improvements in Mill Creek Park
- (2) Project Description: Improvements to the bridge decking, roadway surface approaches, railing, abutments and retaining walls, drainage infrastructure, beams and structural components of the bridge
- (3) Project Termini: Fifty feet (50') on either side/approach of the bridge
- (4) Estimated Cost: \$200,000.00

SECTION 2. That the Board of Park Commissioners of the Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District acknowledges and understands the Eastgate "Funding Policy Guidelines" and confirms to the best of its knowledge that the information contained in the project application is accurate, that it intends to diligently pursue that project, and that a local share is required in the amount of (\$40,000.00) to match federal funds, as well as any project expenditures in excess of the approved federal funding for the project.

SECTION 3. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were meeting open to the public and in compliance with the law.

SECTION 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety convenience and welfare of Mill Creek MetroParks and the inhabitants thereof, for the reason that it is to apply for this funding within the next seven (7) days, and provided that it receives the approval of a majority of the members of this Board, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval; otherwise to be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MetroParks Executive Director is further authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

Lee Frey moved that the resolution be approved. The motion was seconded by Tom Frost. After discussion about the project, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Frost, Harvey, Olivier
Voting Nay: None

Executive Director's Report (Aaron Young, Executive Director)

1. Mill Creek PGA Junior League Team Acknowledgement – Brian Tolnar spoke about the undefeated Junior Golf Team, and handed out plaques to them.
2. Thank you to MetroParks Staff for the work related to the new DEK Hockey Rink at Wick Recreation Area, in partnership with the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation.

Development Director's Report (Chris Litton, Development Director)

Presented the Annual Development Plan Update as follows:

YTD Funding Totals	
Endowment Drive	\$825,734
Capital Campaign	\$1,000,000
Planned Giving	\$310,000
Memorials/Tributes	\$15,547
Projects	
AJGA Sponsorship	\$25,000
DEK Rink	\$250,000
Golf Course Beautification Project	\$10,000
Total 2018 Private Sector Investment	\$2,436,281

Previous Annual Totals

2016	\$17,334
2015	\$106,325
2014	\$334,625

Carol Vigorito, Recreation & Education Director, and Mandy Smith, Education Manager gave a presentation about how our educational programs correlate and align with State education standards. The Board thanked the staff and the Nature Education Standing Committee.

Commissioners Comments

- Paul Olivier – commended the Park staff on a great, busy summer
- Jeff Harvey – commented that John Guy Petruzzi, an Ohio artist and YSU alumnus, has an exhibit at the McDonough Museum titled “Sanctuary”. Photographs by the artist that were taken at the Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary also will be on display.
- Tom Frost – thanked everyone on the good news presented this evening
- Germaine Bennett – thanked everyone, and noted that there has been so much improvement in the meetings, they are always meaningful, and with more staff and community input.
- Lee Frey – Thanked everyone, for the wonderful presentation, fundraising efforts, golf programs, police presence, and department directors.

Public Comments to the Board – there were none, however Pat McCamy thanked the Board for all that they do.

Lee Frey announced that the next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2018, at 6 p.m. at the MetroParks Farm.

Lee Frey moved the Board meet in Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, discipline, or compensation of public employees. Paul Olivier seconded the motion, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Frost, Harvey, Olivier

Voting Nay: None

The motion was passed, and the Board met in Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

Lee Frey moved to return to Regular Session. Germaine Bennett seconded the motion and the Board returned from Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Frost, Harvey, Olivier

Voting Nay: None

There being no further business, Lee Frey moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Harvey seconded the motion, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Frost, Harvey, Olivier

Voting Nay: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.