

Approved Minutes of the Wildlife Standing Committee to the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks held on Wednesday December 27, 2018

The Wildlife Standing Committee meeting held at McMahon Hall was called to order at 12:05 PM.

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

Motion to approve minutes of July 23, 2018, moved by Moreland. Deibel seconded the motion, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Deibel, Donoghue, Malloy, Moreland and Logan

Voting Nay: None

Old Business:

1. Reviewed past accomplishments and re-affirmed 2019 Goals.

2018 Annual Report:

The Wildlife Committee was pleased with the Board creating the position of Natural Resources Steward and filling the position with a very qualified individual. This action fulfilled a verbal goal of the Committee and makes significant progress to properly and professionally manage the District's wildlife and corresponding habitats.

The Committee was also pleased with the Goose egg assessment reports and felt that they confirmed the need for continuous assessment and consideration of scientifically-based management techniques.

2019 Goals:

- 1) *Continue to review wildlife conflicts, issues and assessments with Management;*
- 2) *Support and assist Administration and Planning Department in developing site-specific, science-based, natural resources plans and parameters.*

Motion to approve 2019 Goals moved by Deibel, seconded by Donoghue, and the vote taken resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Deibel, Donoghue, Malloy, Moreland and Logan

Voting Nay: None

2. Discussed trapping request from member of public. Re-affirmed satisfaction with Derico handling denial of request until site-specific managements plans adopted.

New Business:

1. Derico handed out copies of draft *Wildlife Sanctuary Natural Resources Management Plan*.

Initial discussions were positive because of the comprehensive, science-based approach that Derico utilized.

Committee members will remain in contact with Derico during further refinement and development of the plan.

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

Voting Aye: Deibel, Donoghue, Malloy, Moreland and Logan

Voting Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Submitted by Sean Logan