

Mill Creek Park Environment Committee Minutes
February 21, 2019

- I. Call to order - 12:02, all present
- II. January 24 minutes approved, motion by Mabbot , second by Milliken
- III. Nick DeRico reported that the boy scouts prefer to do bat houses instead of recycling containers for fishing lines.

Horticulture and Finance committees are challenging the new rules that require the ex-officio to give reports and also requiring committee members to be residents of Mahoning County. These policies are under review;

No news/changes in gas wells.

IV. Old Business

Boy Scouts do not want to do fishing line containers recycling containers in lieu of bat houses

Horticulture and Finance challenging new rules...liason giving reports, second members must be Mahoning County representatives. Board will review this request.

No news on gas wells

The proposed Litter and Recycling document was reviewed with Milliken proposing a thirteenth bullet point to read " place any waste reduction, litter control and recycling recommendations its adopts on the park web site and social media for public education and awareness."

Motion to accept revised document by Milliken, second by Campbell, all voting in favor.

DeRico will prepare a brief powerpoint and present the document hopefully at the April 8 Board meeting.

V. New Business.

Milliken suggested that we look at renewable energy within the park.

Campbell would like to see more habitat/stations for monarchs.Chair Noble suggested each committee member come up with a list of ideas/topics that they would like addressed, thus creating a "living document" for future reference moving forward.

Milliken questioned committee expertise in renewable energy sources (solar, wind) Discussion of what exists now. Nick will report briefly on current park energy usage. Suggestion of starting with a small project...useful for education purposes. Reducing energy (automatic lighting off/on)

Converting to LED bulbs

Possibility of grant monies to fund renewable energy projects

Next Meeting date March 21 ...Noon Metroparks Farm

Motion to adjourn Kravitz, Mabbot. Adjourned at 1:20