

Environment Committee Notes - March 21

- I. Call to order - 12:03 -
- II. Minutes approved - motion and seconded by Martin and Baron
- III. Nick DeRico reported that the Park Board voted to give Aaron Young the approval to negotiate the agreement between the Metroparks and Enervest regarding the existing gas lines which will be crossed by extension of the bike trail from Western Reserve Road to Washingtonville.
- IV. Old Business

Discussion of pursuing use of renewable energy within the park...both solar power and wind. Campbell was unable to find any one individual who can address multiple sources. Milliken suggested that Dan Quinlan of Valley Energy Solar in Green Township join at our May meeting us along with Ian Benniston YNDC (Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corps) to explore future possibilities.

DeRico provided copies of the brief powerpoint that he will present at the April 8 Board meeting . Motion to approve by Noble, second by Campbell, all approving.

Noble met with the chair of the Horticulture Committee which is divided on the issue of herbicides. A possible collaboration will be pursued to address the use of pesticides within the park with Noble, Mabbot and Derico representing Environment in future discussions.

- V. New Business

Milliken followed up on an email that he sent all committee members regarding two vehicle-related grants being administered by the OEPA's Office of Environment Education. The first grant would address the conversion of clean diesel/compressed natural gas while the second grant is for at the installation of electric vehicle charging stations available for park and public use. In that both of these grants have application deadlines this summer, Milliken will forward the information to the DeRico to make administration aware of these potential grant sources.

Meeting adjourned at 1:28 - motion and seconded by Campbell and Kravitz.

Next meeting April 18, Noon, Metroparks Farm.

