

Canfield, Ohio
July 8, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks was held on Tuesday, July 8, 2019, 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
Paul Olivier;	Present

The Board was presented with the Minutes of the Meeting of June 6, 2019. Commissioner Frey accepted the minutes into the records as written.

Kevin Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer presented the Department Report for Finance. Lee Frey moved, the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #79448 - #79770 for a total of \$797,077.11 be approved. The motion was seconded by Tom Frost, after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Kevin Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer presented the quarterly credit card compliance officer report with no changes.

Seth Oldham, Park Planner acknowledged Girl Scout Troop 80088 for their work in building and installing a wood bench at Hitchcock Woods.

Carol Vigorito, Recreation Manager requested approval of a special event fundraiser to be held in McMahon Hall at the MetroParks Farm on Saturday, August 24, 2019 by the Rush Church for The Hope Project Africa. Lee Frey moved to authorize the request. Germaine Bennett seconded the motion. There was no discussion, 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 the following proposed rule change that would expand fishing opportunities throughout the MetroParks:

Existing Rule Language:

- 12.2 Fishing in Park District waters is permitted only during the period March 1 through November 30. Fishing in Park District waters is permitted only in the waters south of Lake Newport Dam, south of Lake Glacier Dam to the Lake Cohasset Dam, and Yellow Creek, and at other facilities with special permission from the Executive Director.

Proposed Rule Language:

- 12.2 Fishing in Park District waters is permitted in accordance with Ohio Division of Wildlife regulations from March 1st through November 30th of each calendar year. Fishing is

permitted in all creeks, streams, lakes and ponds unless otherwise prohibited by the Park District.

Lee Frey moved to authorize the rule change as proposed. Jeff Harvey seconded the motion. After discussion, 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 the First Renewal of Lease between MCMP and Kravitz Delicatessen, Inc. Aaron identified that the first renewal is in accordance with the terms and conditions of the original lease that is set to expire at the end of 2019. The lease renewal is for an additional one year term under the same terms and conditions as the previous lease. Lee Frey moved to authorize the Executive Director to execute the First Renewal of Lease between MCMP and Kravitz Delicatessen, Inc. Paul Olivier seconded the motion. After discussion, 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 the bid results for the 2019 Drive Improvements Project. Justin recommended that apparent low bidder, S.E.T., Inc. be awarded the contract at the total amount bid of \$445,357.18. Lee Frey moved to accept the bid and award the project to S.E.T., Inc. in the amount bid of \$445,357.18. Tom Frost seconded the motion. After discussion, 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 the bid results for the MetroParks Bikeway Improvement Project. One bid was received and it is over the allowable 10% bid cap and must be rejected in accordance with Section 153.12 of the Ohio Revised Code. Lee Free moved to reject the bid in accordance with Section 153.12 of the Ohio Revised Code. Germaine Bennett seconded the motion. After discussion, and the roll *being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:*

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

Nick Derico, Natural Resource Steward presented an update on 2019 goose management efforts and the results of the egg addling performed by USDA Wildlife Services.

Steve Avery, Planning & Operations Director gave a presentation on the history of Phase I & II and current status of Phase III of the MetroParks Bikeway.

Aaron Young, Executive Director acknowledged Officer Nate White for receiving the American Red Cross Life Saving Award for his efforts in assisting a young lady who came to the Police Department with difficulty breathing.

Chris Litton, Development Director provided an update on fundraising through the Mill Creek MetroParks Foundation. Chris presented a naming rights agreement between MCMP and the James and Coralie Centofanti Charitable Foundation who has contributed \$100,000 towards the Ford Nature Center Capital Campaign. The agreement is for the naming of the First Floor Large Exhibit Area and the Entry Plaza. Lee Frey moved to authorize the naming rights agreement as presented. Tom Frost seconded the motion. After discussion, and the roll *being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:*

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

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Comments:

- Jeff Harvey – Park is busy.
- Paul Olivier – Sorry to hear of the rain for the golf course and great work by the golf staff in keeping up.
- Germaine Bennett – People usually do not come forward when they do not have any complaints and wish others would express their support for Phase III of the Bikeway.
- Tom Frost – Thanked Steve for the informative presentation and recommended getting the presentation out to others. Tom is getting great feedback and support for Phase III of the Bikeway. Maintenance is doing a great job.
- Lee Frey – Thanked Steve for the presentation. Thanked Brian for the work that the Golf staff has been doing on the course. The Board thanks the staff for their work.

Public Comments to the Board:

- Nancy Brundage stated that she is surprised that the Bikeway issue has drawn so much scrutiny.
- Rick Shale identified that he felt that the Vindicator reporting has been one sided and recommended that the MetroParks solicit others to speak out on behalf of the MetroParks Bikeway Project.
- Bettyann Nagy provided a copy of the Audubon Society of Mahoning County 2019 goose count to the Board as they have done since 2017. Audubon recommends that the goose management procedures that are currently being utilized continue. Bettyann also thanked those individuals that helped count the geese.

Germaine Bennett moved to exit regular session at 7:10 pm and go into executive session for the purpose of; to consider the appointment, employment, discipline, or compensation of public employees. Tom Frost seconded the motion. After no discussion, and the roll *being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:*

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

Lee Frey moved to exit executive session at 8:07 pm and go into regular session. Jeff Harvey seconded the motion. After no discussion, and the roll *being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:*

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

Lee Frey moved to approve salary adjustments in the amounts of \$2,500 for Cynthia Ellis, Secretary \$2,500 for James Ridge, Staff Accountant and \$3,150 for Megan Millich, Director of Human Resources as the result of additional duties being assign in relation to the full time position of Office Manager not being filled. Paul Olivier seconded the motion. After discussion, and the roll *being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:*

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

Lee Frey announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 12, 2019, at 6 p.m., at the MetroParks Farm.

There being no further business, Lee Frey moved to adjourn the meeting. Germaine Bennett 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 8:08 p.m.

Presiding Officer

Secretary