

Mill Creek Metroparks Community Engagement Committee

Minutes of August 16, 2019 Meeting

Present: Jim Bolchalk, Ed Howley, Frank Krygowski, Anne Liller, Rick Shale, Emily Young, and staff liaison Jaime Yohman. Excused: Pat Rose

Guests: Jean McGeary, Pete Milliken, and MCMP Executive Director Aaron Young

Chairperson Shale called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and distributed copies of the agenda for today and the minutes of the February 22, 2019, meeting.

Minutes of the February 22, 2019, meeting were approved.

The Volunteer dinner will be on September 12 at Fellows Riverside Gardens. Participants must have 20 volunteer hours between July 2018 and the end of June 2019. Reminder to email volunteer hours to Jaime.

Frank Krygowski presented the minutes from the Bicycle Sub-Committee from August 1, 2019:

- Expressed the committee's disappointment with the lack of "early community input" on bicycle facilities as construction has already begun. This seemed to be a contradiction to the Board of Park Commissioners' policy adopted last year.
- Bicyclists are still on the wrong side of the road according to the plans, an apparent violation of AASHTO standards.
- Rumble strips are still a part of the new plans, and this represents a hazard to bicyclists..
- Director Young stated that appropriate signage and road painting are possible and that some changes to the design still are possible. He also stated that the plans call for a "multi-use path" and not a bike path and that the basic design would not be changed. The paved path from the overflow parking lot to Canfield road would be primarily a pedestrian path to get people to the Mill.

Rick Shale reported that the Historic Preservation sub-committee is presently going through color slides to determine the historical significance of the images. Images of possible significance will be saved and returned to the Graphics Dept. for possible scanning. Once the project is completed, Shale will send a report to park police chief Jim Willock, chair of the Public Records Retention Committee.

Rick Shale reported on his conversation with Commissioner Lee Frey:

- The Standing Committees should be re-appointed for another 3-year term at the end of this year. He admitted that some committees are not functioning appropriately and could be adjusted.
- The Buckeye Horse Park was apparently not fully conforming to their contract with the MCMP.
- Should the Community Engagement Committee write a job description for prospective Park Commissioners? The committee decided that the Probate Court Judge in cooperation with the Selection Committee should decide on a job description and qualifications for Commissioners.

The Board of Park Commissioners requests that all committee chairpersons and all park staff liaisons file reports by October 4 on accomplishments from the last three years and list reasons why their respective committees should/should not continue by October 4. The committee should review minutes from past meetings and make a list of accomplishments for our next meeting. Also, the committee should think of projects for the remainder of the year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 6 at 10:00 am at the MetroParks Farm, Classroom A.

Ed Howley, Secretary