

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF MILL CREEK
METROPARKS HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at the MetroParks Farm. President Lee Frey welcomed guests and staff and reminded those in attendance to sign-in if they wish to address the Board as part of the public comment portion of the meeting.

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 October 16, 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, at the request of the Finance Director, the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #80534 - #80788 for a total of \$1,251,776.99 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

Megan Millich, Director of Human Resources presented the 2020 Healthcare Insurance plan options and recommended that Anthem be selected. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Director of Human Resources, to approve Anthem as the Healthcare Provider for 2020 as presented. The motion was seconded by Germaine Bennett, after discussion, 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 resolution R-19-09 authorizing the Executive Director to apply for Clean Ohio Conservation Program Funds for potential land acquisition. The Clean Ohio Conservation Program will provide up to 75% of the total acquisition costs for land preservation. Lee Frey moved, at the recommendation of the Planning Manager, to approve resolution R-19-09 as presented. The motion was seconded by Paul Olivier, 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 and requested approval of a proposed rule change to Rule 20.6 Rappelling, Climbing, Bouldering. The proposed rule change was tabled at the October meeting until further exploration of the existing fern population was completed. MetroParks staff identified that none of the existing fern species were on the state endangered or species of concern list. The new rule will read: No person is permitted to climb, rope climb or rappel any hillside, ravine area or rock face on Park District lands, except as described here and in designated areas. Bouldering (low climbing without ropes), along with bouldering specific safety equipment, i.e. helmets and portable bouldering pads, is permitted within the area encompassed by Bears Den Road, Cross Drive and New Cross Drive. All roped

climbing, rappelling, and the placement or use of fixed or removable bolts, anchors, or hardware is strictly prohibited. Lee Frey moved, to remove from the table the proposed rule change. The motion was seconded by Germaine Bennett, after discussion, and roll begin called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Lee Frey moved, at the recommendation of the Executive Director to approve Rule 20.6 as amended. The motion was seconded by Tom Frost, 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

Chris Litton, Development Director provided an update on fundraising through the Mill Creek MetroParks Foundation.

Lee Frey, Board President thanked the Committees and Liaisons for submitting their requested summaries. Correspondence was sent to the Chairs of the respective Standing Committees via the Executive Director requesting the following:

1. Each committee chairperson and each park liaison submit a written summary of their successes/activities over the past three years and reasons as to why their respective committees should/should not continue, to the Board of Park Commissioners by Friday, October 4, 2019.
 - a. These written summaries can be e-mailed directly to the Executive Director in preparation for the October 15, 2019 Board Meeting, so that copies can be made and provided to the Board.
2. Each committee chairperson and liaison shall attend the November 12, 2019 Board of Park Commissioners Meeting.

The information was requested due to the anticipated expiration of the Standing Committees three year terms on December 31, 2019.

Jeff Harvey asked the various committee representatives in attendance if they have set any goals for the year, if they have met those goals, if any members of the public had attended their meetings and if they have reviewed the MetroParks Strategic Plan. Those representatives provided various comments consistent with their written summaries provided to the Board. Those representatives asked if the Board felt the committees were valued. The Board identified that the review of the committees originated with the Board, not the Executive Director as a way to review if the committees were being successful. The Board thanked the committees for their submittals and their feedback. The Board will formally vote on the issue of committees at the December meeting.

Commissioners Comments:

- Germaine Bennett – Thanked the committees for their work.
- Lee Frey – Thanked all for coming and providing their input. Thanked the staff for their hard work and HR for the work on the insurance.
- Tom Frost – Thanked Megan for the work done on Healthcare Insurance. Thanked the committees for their feedback.
- Jeff Harvey – Thanked the committees.
- Paul Olivier – Thanked the staff for the races this season.

Public Comments to the Board:

- Eric Clark spoke in support of the committees.
- Andrew Klapac spoke in support of the committees.
- Jeffrey Senediak spoke in support of the committees.
- Gerri Mikes spoke in support of the committees.

Lee Frey announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2019, at 6 p.m., at the Davis Center at Fellows Riverside Gardens.

Lee Frey moved to exit regular session and enter executive session at 6:50 p.m. for the purpose of; to consider the appointment, employment, discipline, or compensation of public employees and the purchase or sale of property. The motion was seconded by Germaine Bennett, 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 moved to exit executive session and enter regular session at 8:17 p.m. The motion was seconded by Tom Frost, 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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Presiding Officer

Secretary