

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF MILL CREEK
METROPARKS HELD MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks was held on Monday, June 8, 2020. The Meeting was video recorded and broadcasted live via Facebook Live Video.

The meeting opened at 6:00 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 May 11, 2020. Commissioner Frey accepted the minutes into the records as written.

Kevin Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer presented the Department Report for Finance and requested that disbursements #82209 - #82479 for a total of \$656,163.84 be approved. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Finance Director, the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #82209 - #82479 for a total of \$656,163.84 be approved. 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

Kevin Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer requested approval to increase appropriations to account 809-0809-5097 Ford Nature Center Redevelopment Project Fund Appropriations by \$3,567,731.81. This is the amount of the full loan plus 2020 interest for the Ford Nature Center Redevelopment Project. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Finance Director, to increase appropriations to account 809-0809-5097 Ford Nature Center Redevelopment Project Fund Appropriations by \$3,567,731.81. The motion was seconded by Jeff Harvey, after discussion, 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 requested approval from the Board to waive all rental and profit sharing payments associated with Garden Café and Inspired Catering Lessee at the D.D. & Velma Davis Education and Visitors Center for the months of June through August as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Executive Director waive all rental and profit sharing payments associated with Garden Café and Inspired Catering Lessee at the D.D. & Velma Davis Education and Visitors Center for the months of June through August as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic as requested. 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

Aaron Young, Executive Director presented and requested approval from the Board of the revisions to. Section 7.C. will now read: With the approval of the BOARD, the FRIENDS will provide sufficient employees and supervision to ensure the proper and efficient operation of the GIFT SHOP, with all other language within Section 7.C. being stricken. The modification is necessary to reflect the changes in the nature of the employment of the SHOP employees to being direct employees of FFRG moving forward.

Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Executive Director to accept the revisions to Section 7.C. of the agreement between Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens and Mill Creek MetroParks as proposed. The motion was seconded by Paul Olivier, 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, Director of Planning & Operations presented the bids for Fellows Riverside Gardens Outdoor Education Building Project. Justin recommended that in accordance with Section 153.12 of the Ohio Revised Code, all bids must be rejected for the project due to the fact that all bids exceeded the 10% bid cap. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Director of Planning & Operations to reject all bids in accordance with Section 153.12 of the Ohio Revised Code. 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, Director of Planning & Operations presented and requested approval of the Vickers Nature Preserve Master Plan. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Director of Planning & Operations to approve the Vickers Nature Preserve Master Plan as presented. 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

Nick Derico, Natural Resources Steward presented and requested approval of the Vickers Nature Preserve Natural Resources Plan. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Natural Resource Steward to approve the Vickers Nature Preserve Natural Resources Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeff Harvey, after discussion, 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 the monthly deposit reports for the current month resulting in a total of \$1900.

Commissioners Comments:

- Germaine Bennett – Sees a lot of people in the parks and commends the police officers for being out and keeping the park safe. Park has been maintained great.
- Lee Frey – VNP will be very important for that part of Mahoning County. Thanked all staff for what they do and recommended that the Staff in attendance thank their staff for their work.
- Tom Frost – Nice to see everyone face to face. It has been an educational time for all of us for not taking anything for granted. Thanked all for following the rules. Enjoyed seeing the VNP Master Plan and was excited to see it.
- Jeff Harvey – Lot of activity in the Parks and looks forward to getting back to normal.
- Paul Olivier – Sees lots of activity at the Golf Course and commended the Police Department on being out and visible.

Public Comments to the Board:

- None

Lee announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2020, at 6 p.m., at the MetroParks Farm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Presiding Officer

Secretary