A Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks was held on Monday, July 13, 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 June 8, 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 #82480 - #82692 for a total of $678,163.04 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 #82480 - #82692 for a total of $678,163.04 be approved. 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

Kevin Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer requested approval to increase appropriations to account 100-0400-5057 Human Resources - Training by $3,350.00. The prepaid annual H.R. conference was cancelled and this will allow that money to be spent on other training opportunities. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Finance Director, to increase appropriations to account 100-0400-5057 Human Resources - Training by $3,350.00. 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

Kevin Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer requested approval to increase appropriations to account 100-2100-5040 Fellows Riverside Gardens - Materials by $9,194.56. The Mill Creek MetroParks Foundation provided this amount from their Gardens Endowment towards Rose Garden care and maintenance. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Finance Director, to increase appropriations to account 100-2100-5040 Fellows Riverside Gardens - Materials by $9,194.56. 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, presented the 2020 Second Quarter Credit Card Report. No Board action was needed.

Aaron Young, Executive Director shared an update with the Board on a partnership with the Youngstown Clothing Company for the production and sale of Mill Creek MetroParks inspired line of T-shirts. Ten percent of the proceeds from the sale of the T-shirts will benefit the Mill Creek MetroParks Foundation General Endowment Fund.
Chris Litton, Development Director provided an update on the monthly deposit reports for the current month resulting in a total of $101,750. Chris also provided the Board with a copy of the Ensuring the Legacy Campaign Brochure. The Brochure outlines ways to give to the MetroParks including naming rights of significant locations within the MetroParks and was distributed to over 125 Financial Planners and Estate Planners.

Commissioners Comments:

- Germaine Bennett – Echoing other comments of commissioners. The Citizens can appreciate the work on the project and know that money is being well spent. She likes seeing the MCMP Police patrolling the parks.

- Lee Frey – Loves how we are getting our name out in the community. Lots of people going to the parks and they are able to see the improvements.

- Tom Frost – A positive aspect of the COVID Pandemic is seeing more park use by patrons.

- Jeff Harvey – Facebook Educational Videos are great. Lots of projects going on within the MetroParks.

- Paul Olivier – Staff has been doing a great job with the projects.

Public Comments to the Board:

- None

Lee announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2020, at 6 p.m., at the MetroParks Farm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.