

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF MILL CREEK
METROPARKS HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks was held on Monday, August 10, 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 July 13, 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 #82693 - #82922 for a total of \$1,059,542.48 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 #82693 - #82922 for a total of \$1,059,542.48 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

Aaron Young, Executive Director recommended that the current Facility Rental, Programs and Event Closures previously enacted by the Board through August 31, 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, be extended through at least December 31, 2020 based upon the current orders and findings of the Ohio Department of Health. This closure extension is recommended by Administration in an effort to protect the health, safety and general welfare of both MetroParks employees and visitors during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Lee Frey moved, at the recommendation of the Executive Director, to extend the current Facility Rental, Programs and Event Closures until the Board Meeting currently scheduled for January 11, 2021. 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

Nick Derico, Natural Resource Steward provided the Board with an update on the 2020 Goose Management Program. A copy of a report from the United States Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services, dated June 26, 2020 was included in the Board Meeting Packet. In summary, 34 active nests were located and a total of 154 eggs were treated at various locations throughout Mill Creek Park. Nick also presented the 2020 Population Count as prepared and submitted by the Audubon Society of the Mahoning Valley. The recommendation is to continue the egg addling program.

Aaron Young, Executive Director provided a brief update on behalf of Development due to the current restrictions of no more than 10 people in attendance at the meetings. The July monthly deposits total was \$20,300.

Commissioners Comments:

- Germaine Bennett – Things are going great! The community is enjoying the parks. Thanked the MCPD for patrolling the parks.

- Lee Frey – Thanked the Commissioners for accommodating his schedule for September. Thanked Administration for providing feedback on the closures issues.
- Tom Frost – Thanked the staff and believes we are doing the right thing with regards to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Tom thanked Nick for the report on geese.
- Jeff Harvey – Thanked the Audubon for doing the goose report. Shared that we had a little blue heron in the Parks. Believes we are doing the responsible thing with extending the cancellations.
- Paul Olivier – Is curious how the volume at the Golf Course compares in 2020 to 2019.

Public Comments to the Board:

- None

Lee announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2020, at 6 p.m., at the MetroParks Farm.

Lee Frey moved at 6:22 p.m. to exit regular session and to go into Executive Session for the purpose of pending or imminent court action. 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

Lee Frey moved at 7:02 p.m. to exit Executive Session and to go into Regular Session. 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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Presiding Officer

Secretary