

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF MILL CREEK
METROPARKS HELD MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks was held on Monday, May 10, 2021.

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m., with recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Lee Frey welcomed staff and guests.

Roll Call was as follows:

Germaine Bennett;	Present
Lee Frey;	Present
Tom Frost,	Absent
Jeff Harvey;	Present
Paul Olivier;	Present

The Board was presented with the Minutes of the Meeting of April 12, 2021. Lee Frey accepted the minutes into the record as written.

Kevin Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer presented the Department Report for Finance and requested that disbursements #84254 - #84474 for a total of \$1,047,549.63 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 #84254 - #84474 for a total of \$1,047,549.63 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, Harvey, Olivier
Voting Nay:	None

Kevin Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer requested to increase appropriations to account 100-6000-5040 Police Department Materials by \$500. The Police Department received a \$500 grant for their Hooked-On Fishing program and would like to use the grant money this year. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Finance Director, to increase appropriations to account 100-6000-5040 Police Department Materials by \$500. 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, Harvey, Olivier
Voting Nay:	None

Aaron Young, Executive Director provided an update on the status of HB 110, which is the State of Ohio Budget, that includes a provision introduced by Representative Al Cutrona, (R) Canfield that would prohibit park districts created under Chapter 1545 of the Revised code in counties with 220,000 to 240,000 residents from using eminent domain to appropriate property for recreational trails. The provision sets an expiration date of July 1, 2026. Paul Olivier requested that the record show that neither Representative Cutrona nor any representative of his office sought out any opinion or information from the MetroParks prior to the drafting and submission of the provision to HB 110.

Aaron Young, Executive Director provided an update on communication with the City of Youngstown on several projects that MCMP has requested the City consider as it begins to develop a plan for how the American Rescue Package Funds will be spent. The listing of projects includes:

1. Upgrades to the Combined Sanitary Storm Sewer Overflows that empty into Mill Creek.
2. Resurfacing and berming of Tod Ave./Price Road
3. Stormwater & Road Improvements on Old Furnace Road (From MCP to Glenwood Ave.)
4. Saddle Bridge Upgrades & Security Fencing

Aaron Young, Executive Director provided an update on a partnership with First Energy that saw 600 trees planted at the Collier Preserve at no cost to Mill Creek MetroParks. Aaron thanked Nick Derico, Natural Resource Steward for facilitating the partnership on behalf of the MetroParks.

Germaine Bennett, Board Vice-President thanked and presented the following Proclamation to Tracie Balentine of the Progress for Mill Creek Park Facebook page group for their positive support of Mill Creek MetroParks.

PROCLAMATION

The Board of Park Commissioners would like to thank, show appreciation and honor the Partners For Progress of Mill Creek Park.

WHEREAS The Partners For Progress of Mill Creek Park were organized on May 10, 2016, and

WHEREAS It was formed under the belief that positive progress can be realized at Mill Creek Park, and

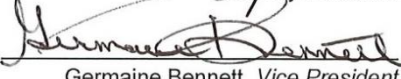
WHEREAS The Partners For Progress Of Mill Creek Park website keeps the public informed in a positive fashion on the projects and beauty of Mill Creek Park, and

WHEREAS The Partners For Progress Of Mill Creek Park are creating a positive image and environment for our Park.

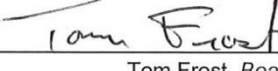
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board Of Park Commissioners designate June 21 as Partners For Progress Of Mill Creek Park Day AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Of Park Commissioners ask all to give thanks for their positive contributions.



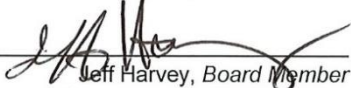
Lee Frey, President



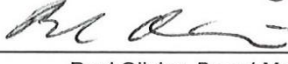
Germaine Bennett, Vice President



Tom Frost, Board Member



Jeff Harvey, Board Member



Paul Olivier, Board Member

Tracie Balentine offered her thanks and will continue to offer positive support of the MetroParks.

Justin Rogers, Planning & Operations Director presented the bid tabulation for the Wick Recreation Center Redevelopment Project. All bids received were over the 10% bid cap and must be rejected in accordance with Section 153.12 of the Ohio Revised Code. Justin identified that his team will review the design and evaluate whether to rebid the project again in 2021 or delay until a more favorable bidding environment in early 2022. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Planning & Operations Director to reject all bids for the Wick Recreation Center Redevelopment Project in accordance with Section 153.12 of the Ohio Revised Code. 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, Harvey, Olivier
Voting Nay: None

Brian Tolnar, Golf & Recreation Director presented and requested approval of the Mill Creek Distance Classic Half Marathon and Five mile race being put on by the Youngstown Road Runners Club. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Golf & Recreation Director, that the Mill Creek Distance Classic Half Marathon and Five mile race being put on by the Youngstown Road Runners Club be approved. 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, Harvey, Olivier
Voting Nay: None

Nick Derico, Natural Resource Steward presented an update dated April 30, 2021 on the meso-predator (raccoons) management at the Wildlife Sanctuary. Nick recommended that the active management of raccoons continue for 2021 through USDA in an effort to maintain current populations at the Wildlife Sanctuary. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Natural Resource Steward, to continue the active management of raccoons for 2021 at the Wildlife Sanctuary. 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, Olivier
Voting Nay: Harvey

Chris Litton, Development Director presented the MetroParks Foundation deposit report for the period of April 1-30, 2021 at a total of \$12,130.00. Chris acknowledged Youngstown Live for their contribution to the AJGA Event and well as the Youngstown Foundation for their contributions.

Commissioners Comments:

- Germaine Bennett – Thanked Tracie Balentine for attending and the beautiful photographs shared on her Facebook page.
- Lee Frey – Thanked Tracie for her work. Would like to see a presentation on the next five-year plan with regards to Capital Improvements. Thanked the presenters who have already presented and thanked those who have yet to present.
- Jeff Harvey – Thanked both Tracie and the staff for their work.
- Paul Olivier – Exciting to be seeing positive trends towards Covid-19 vaccination numbers. Thanked the Staff for their hard work and looks forward to a busy summer.

Public Comments to the Board:

- None

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 14, 2021, at 6 p.m., at the MetroParks Farm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Presiding Officer

Secretary