

ASHTABULA COUNTY METROPARKS  
91 N. Chestnut St. Jefferson, Ohio 44047

March 4, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Ashtabula County Metroparks Board of Commissioners was held at the Board Office meeting room at 91 N. Chestnut Street in Jefferson, Ohio and called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Holly Mayernick, President. Board members attending and completing a quorum were Marie Lane, Vice President, Paul Carpenter and Charlie Kohli. Staff in attendance: Larry Frimerman and Brett Bellas. Guests: Sheri Bailey and Rees Davis.

**Agenda Review and Approval:**

Mayernick appointed Lane to serve as Acting Clerk for the meeting.

Kohli moved to approve the agenda; Carpenter seconded. All in favor.

**Audience Participation:**

Sheri Baily reported June 14th will be first annual 5k family fun run and walk - dog friendly. Inquired about charging fees and soliciting sponsors for t shirts and the donation of raffle baskets. Inquired about charging admission into an "after party". The event will be a fundraiser.

Rees Davis spoke on behalf of Ashtabula County Master Gardeners regarding a joint event with the Ashtabula County Bee Keepers and the Soil and Water Conservation District scheduled for June 20th - about bees and pollinating plants - wants to know if Metroparks would like to join as a partner in the event. Event will begin at library and then move to Redbook for a hike.

**Regular Business at Hand:**

Carpenter moved to approve the meeting minutes; Mayernick seconded. Mayernick aye, Lane aye, Carpenter aye, Kohli abstained. Motion passed.

Carpenter moved to approve the March 2020 expenses/payables; Kohli seconded. All in favor.

Carpenter moved to approve the February 2020 financials; Kohli seconded. All in favor

Frimerman reported that the following grants were submitted:

1. PEG grant for \$74,575 for boat launch, driveway and parking lot at Upper Grand.
2. Clean Ohio Trails fund for \$500,000.
3. Ohio AAP Helmet Grant

**Old Business:**

Carpenter moved to authorize Maynerick to hire a temporary employee at a rate of \$13.00 per hour until the position of Administrative Assistant / Board Clerk is filled. All in favor.

Discussion was had regarding the local agency certification and training to be completed by March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion of the North Shore Trail extension; it was agreed that a special meeting will be called to approve/amend resolutions necessary to commence the construction.

Discussion of Redbrook lease; lease will be renewed at the current monthly rate. It was agreed that Mayernick will send letter notifying Martinis of the same.

Discussion was had regarding the volunteer packet; discussion deferred to next work session.

Work session scheduled for April 1st at 4:30 p.m.

**New Business:**

Approval of lowest and best bid for Upper Grand driveway and parking lot, i.e. Hugh's Excavating for Limestone, \$35,078.00. Lane moved to approve subject to the award of the PEG grant. Carpenter seconded. All in favor.

Approval of lowest and best bid for Upper Grand boat and kayak ramp, i.e. Hugh's Excavating for \$23,350.00. Kohli moved to approve subject to the award of the PEG grant. Carpenter seconded. All in favor.

Carpenter moved to approve the LJB Inc. Master Agreements for Consulting Services for Redbook Park improvements and Turkey Creek Park improvements, subject to changes recommended by Michael Hamper, board counsel. Kohli seconded. All in favor.

Carpenter moved to approve the inclusion of a donation link for the Ashtabula County Park Foundation on the Metroparks website, at a cost not to exceed \$500.00. Kohli seconded. All in favor.

Carpenter moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for April 8th at 4: 30p.m.

