

Ashtabula County Metroparks
Board Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2020, 4:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

President Mayernick called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Members present: Carpenter, Kohli, Mayernick, Tredent

Staff present: Bellas, Dietrich, Frimerman, Green

Guests present: Rob Jurs and Gloria Campbell

Agenda Review and Approval

Kohli moved that the agenda be accepted. Seconded by Tredent. All in favor.

August Regular Meeting Minutes were approved by Kohli's motion and Carpenter's second. All aye.

The August 2020 Budget Report was approved with a motion from Kohli and seconded by Tredent. All members were in favor.

Cross Fund Report was reviewed. Green has some questions she will get answered at the New World Training.

August Payments were discussed. Kohli moved and Carpenter seconded. Motion carried.

Guest Comments:

G. Campbell reported that she has a list of New Years hikers she will send to Green and that there was a nice hike in Lake County. There were many people but broken into groups of 10. There are other events planned in the county, too. R. Jurs said that he will participate if need be later in the agenda.

President's report:

Planning a meeting with Spire leadership, Harpersfield Township and our organization to discuss care and long-term discussions of the "Spire Trail."

Staff Report: In addition to the written report, an update on the Red Brook Gas Line, says that nothing is definitive, yet. Historical signage is being worked out for the NST.

Old Business:

The fire uncovered other problems at the pro shop. See Action Required.

Rock Creek Bypass is moving. Trees, culvert and fence underway.

Upper Grand Buildings update see Action Required. Discussion included perhaps the boat launch should be closer to the road. Primitive camping should still be considered near the east parking area.

PV Trail Update – Working towards a Master Service Agreement following a meeting with EDG and ODOT.

New Business:

There was a meeting regarding Harpersfield to discuss renovation of covered bridge; Larry attended the discussion of Scenic Rivers and Metroparks. He reported that no entrances will be blocked, but the bridge will be out for two construction seasons as this bridge is repaired and a walkway added on each side, outside. NE parking lot will be the construction storage area.

Applications for special use were reviewed and commented on by the board members. Final approval is up to the Office Administrator.

Action Required:

Coastal Management Assistance Grant, we need to complete the Pre-proposal submittal for Turkey Creek to ensure that we get the trails and parking lots reviewed and submitted. R. Jurs and Larry updated. A map was provided for the trail routes. This does not include overlooks or parking lots but allows a request of \$60K for the trail study. EPA needs to buy in to the route and overall plan. A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Kohli to proceed with the submittal. Roll call: Carpenter, Tredent, Kohli and Mayernick, AYE.

Staff proposed that we pay ServiceMaster approximately \$11,000 to do some additional work along with the insurance work. Since there was only one estimate, the board chose not to proceed. Let's do the insurance work and then evaluate.

The Upper Grand building demolition is \$30-40,000 more than originally discussed, because buildings were added to the list. Paul Carpenter moved that we pay the entire \$79,000 and do the job once. Tredent seconded. Motion carried. Paul mentioned that the boat launch might be better suited closer to the east end. If we had parking on the east end it would serve primitive parking and then use a vault toilet at the west drive/parking.

Next Meeting: October 14, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

Work Session: September 23rd, with rain date of September 30th to tour Turkey Creek trail routes.

Motion to adjourn at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Mayernick, Acting Clerk