

## **Ashtabula County Metroparks**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

June 9, 2021 - 4:30 p.m.

Meeting to be held via zoom Link can be accessed on website

**Call to Order- 4:33 PM**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Board Members in Attendance: Paul Carpenter, Charlie Kohli, Holly Mayernick and Joe Tredent; Staff in Attendance: Bellas, Dietrich, Frimerman, Green, and Beattie

Guests: Rob Jurs, Gloria Campbell, JP Ducro

#### **Agenda Review and Approval**

Tredent moved to accept the May Regular Meeting Minutes; Kohli seconded. Roll call; all "aye".

Kohli moved to approve all (3) three reports: the May 2021 Budget Report, Cross Fund Report and May Payments (Vendor Ledger); Carpenter seconded. Roll call; all "aye".

Gloria Campbell thanked Mayernick for attending and the ride.

Mayernick shared her thoughts and success of the North Shore Trail Celebration. The weather was great and she did enjoy the celebratory bike ride. Mayernick stated that Ashtabula County Common Pleas Probate Judge Albert Campese plans to join us at the Rock Creek Celebration, date TBA.

Mayernick shared her concern with the motorized vehicle activity in Andover. The board will review this topic further at the July meeting. We issued a Public Notice on May 21, 2021 reminding visitors of the Ashtabula County Metroparks Rules and Regulations. Mayernick suggested we include the Public Notice on the local radio stations to reinforce the message.

Mayernick reported that the staff is working on the drafts for the Pro Shop at Red Brook.

#### **Staff report:**

Green stated that Bellas has been working on the plans for the Ring property and the Upper Grand. Green requested the Board schedule a work session to discuss these properties.

Green spoke about the North Shore Trail Celebration on 6/5/2021 and what a beautiful day it was. She thanked the staff for making it a smooth and seamless event. Kohli thanked the North Shore Trail Celebration committee for a job well done and for working well together.

Ranger Dietrick continues to have discussions with ATV riders along the Greenway Trail. Green stated that Ranger Dietrick has been researching the laws regarding electric bicycles. We will be follow up with the Board in the near future. Green thanked Ranger Dietrick for all of his efforts.

Green and Frimerman attended the Grand River Scenic Rivers Advisory Council 6/8/21 at the Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark. The Harpersfield Covered Bridge repair/construction will be starting in August and will be closed for 2 seasons. Green stated that Jeffrey Hayes, the new liaison was introduced at the meeting. Hayes will be replacing Mathew Smith.

Kohli, Frimerman and Green attended the Industrial Heartland and Cleveland Trails Summit via zoom. Kohli shared the North Shore Trail was nominated for an award with the Cleveland Metroparks. Although we did not receive the award; it was an honor to be considered. Kohli also shared there will be a dedicating ceremony on June 26th for Whisky Island.

Beattie stated House Bill 404 expires July 1, 2021. House Bill 43 is still in the House. House Bill 110 was passed by the senate on June 9, 2021; however, section 610.115 and 610.116 regarding the extension to December 31, 2021, the temporary authorization for public bodies to meet via electronic technology had been omitted.

Mayernick, Kohli, Tredent and Carpenter agreed that the July 14, 2021 Regular Board Meeting will be held in person and will have the via Zoom option. This will allow the majority board members to meet in person. If one person could not attend we would still have the in person quorum. The location will be announced at a later time.

Kohli led a discussion on the Staging area and the Greenway Trail. Bellas will investigate the area and report back to the board with his recommendations. This discussion will continue at the work session.

### Action Required

#### Red Brook Metropark Parking Lot and Walking Trail Improvements

Kohli moved to approve the Change Order dated 5/24/2021 No. 0118798A.00 submitted by LJB, Incorporated, Engineer and N.E.S. Corporation, Contractor for additional stone for under cuts at Red Brook Metropark; Tredent seconded. Roll call; all "aye".

#### Metroparks and Ducks Unlimited Agreement pursuant to the *North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grant Sub-Award Agreement Lake Erie Coastal Wetlands – Phase III US-OH-157-1 project.*

Tredent moved to approve a grant sub-award agreement between Metroparks and Ducks Unlimited pursuant to the *North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grant Sub-Award Agreement Lake Erie Coastal Wetlands – Phase III US-OH-157-1 project*, subject to legal review; Carpenter seconded. Roll call; all "aye".

Kohli announced his 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the Metroparks is on April 6th. He has signed up for an additional (3) three years beginning in January.

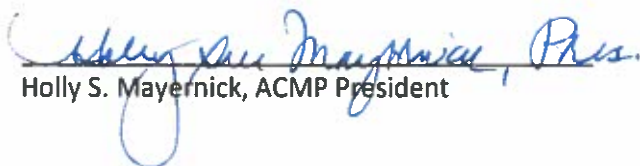
Green suggested the work session to proceed via Zoom. The agenda will include the Rome property, Ring Property and the Upper Grand Metropark. Mayernick will follow up with the Board to schedule the date.

Carpenter inquired when the construction will begin on the Pymatuning Valley Trail. 2023, per Frimerman.

Carpenter moved to adjourn the meeting @ 5:17 pm; Tredent seconded. End recorded Zoom Meeting. All in favor; "aye". Only heard 3 - didn't hear Charlie; quorum was met.

### Upcoming:

Next Board Meeting – July 14, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

  
Holly S. Mayernick, ACMP President

  
Laura Beattie, Clerk of the Board