

Ashtabula County Metroparks

Board Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Red Brook Metropark

Martinis Restaurant & Lounge

4338 Lake Road West

Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

Call to Order- 4:31 PM

ROLL CALL

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

Guests: Michael J. Smith, Conneaut Township Park; Jennifer Brown, CT Consultants; James Pearson; Mary Neary

Audience Participation

Smith presented a formal request for funds on behalf of the Conneaut Township Park Board of Commissioners to the Ashtabula County Metroparks Board of Commissioners. Smith is requesting the board to approve \$45,000.00 of the ODOT Biannual funds to be utilized for the repairs to Kelsey's Run Bridge. Brown added they were not selected for the recent earmark; however they did secure the CVG funds. A discussion was held. Lane motioned the topic be added to the next meeting so the board can review and allow the Conneaut Township Park Board of Commissioners the opportunity to engage with the Ashtabula Foundation; Tredent seconded. All in favor, "aye".

Kohli thanked Smith for all of the work that Conneaut Township Park Board of Commissioners has done. They are a great asset to Ashtabula County.

Agenda Review and Approval

Kohli moved to approve the agenda; Land seconded. All in favor, "aye".

Meeting Minutes Review and Approval

Kohli moved to accept the June 9, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes; Lane seconded. Roll call. All in favor "aye".

Kohli moved to accept the June 23, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes; Carpenter seconded. Roll call. All in favor, "aye".

Tredent moved to accept the Financial Reports for June 2021 (Budget Report and Cross Fund Report); Carpenter seconded. Roll call. All in favor, "aye".

Tredent moved to accept the Vendor Invoice Summary (Vendor Ledger June 2021); Carpenter seconded. Roll call. All in favor, "aye".

Presidents Report

Mayernick thanked Bellas for attending the Special Board Meeting 6/23/2021.

Mayernick suggested the staff and board discuss names for the Ring property at the August 11, 2021 meeting. She would encourage all to seek out the property history and/or bring some clever name ideas.

Staff Report

Mayernick stated the staff report was very thorough.

Kohli asked for an update on the orphan well at Red Brook. Bellas responded that he had pipes disconnected so this would remain safe during the construction.

Tredent asked for an update on the Red Brook creek and the bubbling in the water. Bellas stated it did stop for a day and then started back up.

Kohli asked for an update on the Pro Shop. Green stated we are working on the final plans now. Once we receive this we will move forward.

Kohli asked for an update on the Rock Creek Connector. Green stated we have the proposed (15) fifteen year contract/lease with the Ohio Rails. Christopher Newcomb, Esq. has reviewed and approved this. Once we receive the signed contract/lease from the Ohio Rails we will notify the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and will be able to proceed. Bellas is hopeful this will be completed by the end of 2021.

New Business

Kohli shared he received information that the Nature conservancy have been working on a rehabilitation project and marking out areas near Carpenter Road. Green added that EDG has been surveying and finalizing their plans.

Kohli shared there are additional line items in the congress budget. Green will be on a Zoom meeting with the Ohio Rails to Trails this week.

Beattie introduced the *Get Rooted with Your Metroparks* scavenger hunt designed to encourage families to visit the website, parks and share their photos with the special features of each park. Once the person and or family achieve visiting and posting (4) of the (10) parks they may claim their prize at the office.

Green stated the Metroparks will have a display table this year at the Ashtabula County Fair 8/10-8/15/2021. We are contacting volunteers this week.

Dietrich will be leading the Metroparks in the upcoming Austinburg Country Days Parade 8/28/2021.

Action Required

Resolution 2021-09 Upper Grand Metropark - Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Parks and Watercraft Paddling Enhancement Subrecipient Grant Agreement

Lane moved to approve resolution number 2021-09 Authorizing and Approving the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Parks and Watercraft Paddling Enhancement Subrecipient Grant Agreement; Carpenter seconded. Roll Call. All in favor, "aye". Motion carries.

State of Ohio Lease - Ohio Rail Development Commission and the Ashtabula County Metropolitan Parks District
Carpenter motioned to approve the State of Ohio Lease for the Ohio Rail Development Commission and the Ashtabula County Metropolitan Parks District pending the approval of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Legal Counsel and the Ohio Attorney General; Kohli seconded. Roll Call.

Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark Temporary Easement Parcel No. 22-011-00-026-00

Tredent motioned to approve the Temporary Easement to the Ashtabula County Engineer's Office for (24) twenty-four months immediately following the date on which the work is first commenced by the grantee, or its duly authorized employees, agents, and contractors to gain access to the bridge structures for rehabilitation. The Metroparks

acknowledge our rights and agree to waive compensation, release ODOT from obtaining an appraisal of acquired property rights, and execute the necessary conveyance instrument (temporary easement) to transfer said property rights to the Ashtabula Count Engineer's Office; Carpenter seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Official Certificate of Estimated Resources 1st Amendment 2021

Kohli motioned to adopt the Official Certificate of Estimated Resources 1st Amendment 2021; Carpenter seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Ashtabula County Metroparks Designated Hunting Areas by Park for the 2021-2022 Hunting Season

Carpenter motioned to approve the Ashtabula County Metroparks Designated Hunting Areas by park for the 2021-2022 Hunting Season as proposed; Tredent seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Executive Session to discuss property and personnel.

Mayernick asked Green and Newcomb to join the board in the Executive Session.

Tredent motioned to move to Executive Session at 5:09 pm; Lane seconded.


Regular session was reconvened at 5:37 pm, with Mayernick, Lane, Tredent, Kohli, Carpenter, Green and Newcomb in attendance.

Mayernick stated the Ashtabula County Metroparks Board will not be hiring a Grant Writer at this time.

Lane motioned to adjust the staff wages as follows: the Operations Manager and Office Administrator to be increased by 4%; Park Ranger to be increased by fifty cents an hour and the Administrative Assistant to be increased by one dollar an hour; Carpenter seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Kohli motioned to adjourn the meeting @ 5:39 pm; Tredent seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: August 11, 2021 @ 4:30 pm.



Holly S. Mayernick, ACMP President



Laura Beattie, Clerk of the Board