

Ashtabula County Metroparks

Board Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2021 - 4:30 p.m.

Red Brook Metropark

Martinis Restaurant & Lounge

4338 Lake Road West

Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

Call to Order- 4:30 PM

ROLL CALL

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

Guests: Brian Hatcher; Brett Rodstrom and Clyde Koski

Rodstrom stated he really likes the Red Brook Metropark and the progression of its transformation and the way it has been managed.

Koski shared a concern at the Lampson Reservoir Metropark. He has attempted to fish on the pier; however, he has left due to the alge build up. He suggested we add alge eating carp or chemicals. Koski asked the board "Is there something they can do?". Mayernick replied that they will look into this.

Koski inquired as to the Red Brook Metroparks lower portion of the park project. Green stated that this is a stream restoration project and Bellas will be sharing an overview during the staff report. Koski said he does fish at Red Brook Metropark as well and suggested that we widen the stream. There is no room to fight the fish. Mayernick invited Koski to stay and hear Bellas' overview. Koski agreed.

Agenda Review and Approval

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

Meeting Minutes Review and Approval

Kohli moved to accept the August 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes; Lane seconded. All in favor, "aye".

Kohli moved to accept the September 7, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes; Carpenter seconded. All in favor, "aye".

Kohli moved to accept the Budget Performance Report; Lane seconded. All in favor, "aye".

Kohli moved to accept the Cross Fund Report; Tredent seconded. All in favor, "aye".

Kohli moved to accept the Vendor Invoice Summary (Vendor Ledger); Carpenter seconded. All in favor, "aye".

Presidents Report

Mayernick thanked Lane for filling in while she was away and for taking care of the Special Board Meeting.

Mayernick asked for an update on the Rock Creek Connector and the lease. Green stated it is still with the Ohio Rails office; we have not received it back yet. Mayernick stated "We are on hold until we have the lease".

Mayernick posed the question to the board "Would the board members like to visit other parks at next board meeting?" A discussion was held and the Camp Peet Metropark was selected to be the location for the Board Meeting, October 13, 2021. Beattie will update the website accordingly.

Staff Report

Green stated the Ashtabula County Metroparks are hosting Good Morning Ashtabula at the Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark 9/16/21 at 8:00 am. Mayernick suggested the Good Morning Ashtabula Newsletters be forwarded to the staff and the board members upon receiving them.

Green attended the Grand River Advisory Council meeting on 9/14/2021. She reported that the Covered Bridge Project has been delayed due to the needed permits. Green will update the board accordingly.

Bellas reviewed the Red Brook Stream Restoration project on the lower portion of the park. The project began near Lake Road, working toward Carpenter Road. They have created 5 - 6 wetlands. The wetlands that are closest to Lake Road will help grab sediment and filter out. As you come upstream toward Carpenter, these wetlands create pools, riffles and structures to help create additional habitat. We are working on the earth work and putting in boulders. At the beginning of next month we will add plants. Bellas commented that the contractor has been doing a great job. Also, he shared this project is funded through grant funding.

Bellas commented on the Lampson Reservoir Metropark and the concern that Koski mentioned at the beginning of this meeting. Bellas will look into the possibility of adding Asian carp to the water. This will depend on the water level. Rodstrom added that when the land was purchased and it became a Metropark, they had to meet the State requirements due to the dams. This is part of the existing scenario.

Old Business

Ring Property - Official Name

Carpenter suggested that we have the school children decide on what the formal name will be for this park. All of the board agreed. Mayernick advised the staff to organize with the school to begin this process.

New Business

Gateway Outdoor Learning Center - Discovery Day 9/11/2021 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Ranger Dietrich and Mary Neary attended on behalf of the Metroparks. This was a success and they handed out many bike helmets to the children whom attended. Dietrich stated that there were a lot of people that shared positive comments about the Metroparks. Kohli said the Discovery Day was nicely done.

Action Required

Resolution 2021-10 Coastal Management Assistance Grant submittal for Turkey Creek Metropark

Kohli motioned to approve Resolution 2021-10 Coastal Management Assistance Grant submittal for an access lane, driveway, parking area and trails; Lane second. Roll call, "aye".

Resolution 2021-11 Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor beginning January 1, 2022

Lane motioned to approve and adopt Resolution 2021-11 Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor Beginning January 1, 2022; Carpenter seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Resolution 2021-12 Ski Doo Snow PASS Grant Program for the Park Ranger

Carpenter motioned to approve Resolution 2021-12 Ski Doo Snow PASS Grant submittal for a new snowmobile for patrolling the Greenway and Pymatuning Valley Greenway Trail; Tredent seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Lampson Reservoir Metropark

Carpenter motioned to approve additional 1.15 miles of trail and to work towards installing boardwalks and culvert at the Lampson Reservoir Metropark; Kohli seconded. A discussion was held and Tredent asked for additional details. Bellas complied and explained the wet area and what this project would entail. Roll call, "aye".

Obsolete Inventory – Picnic Tables and Cub Cadet

Kohli moved to approve the request and deem the items as presented as obsolete; Tredent seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Surplus Property – Wood Beams

Kohli moved to deem approximately (16) sixteen wood beams located at the Kaval property as surplus property and to allow the staff to begin the public bidding process; Carpenter seconded. Bellas stated we are not sure of the age of the beams. Roll call, "aye".

Ring Property – Official Name – foregone, see above.

Executive Session to discuss legal and property. Mayernick invited Green, Newcomb and Rodstrom into the Executive Session.



Tredent motioned to move into Executive Session at 5:06 pm; Kohli seconded.

Executive session ended at 6:19 pm.

Regular session was reconvened at 6:23 pm. Present were Lane, Carpenter and Mayernick.

Carpenter moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 pm; Lane seconded.

Next Board Meeting – October 13, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

 Pres. 

Holly S. Mayernick, ACMP President

Laura Beattie, Clerk of the Board