

# Ashtabula County Metroparks

## Board Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2022 - 4:30 p.m.

Henderson Memorial Public Library

54 East Jefferson Street

Jefferson, Ohio 44047

Call to Order- 4:32 PM

Board members in attendance: Marie Lane, Joe Tredent, Paul Carpenter and Holly Mayernick. Charlie Kohli arrived at 4:35 pm.  
Staff in attendance: Brett Bellas, Antoinette Swegheimer and Laura Beattie.

Guests in attendance: Mary Neary, Ashtabula County Metroparks, Bike Patrol Volunteer

Tredent moved to approve the agenda; Mayernick seconded. All in favor, "aye".

Mayernick moved to accept the January 12, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes; Carpenter seconded. All in favor, "aye".

Carpenter moved to accept the January 2022 financial reports including the Appropriation Status, Fund Summary and Payment Listing; Kohli seconded. All in favor, "aye".

Kohli asked for clarification and an update on Red Brook Metropark. Bellas responded that they have begun working on the sanitary sewer line from the trash tank behind Martinis Restaurant and Lounge to the building. The issue was the line had a negative fall and did not free flow to the tank. There has been excavating work done and had to replace a collapsed pipe. Bellas proceeded to give the board additional details about the project and stated that the grease trap will need to be flushed every 6 weeks. The contractor will update the pipes, etc. for the Pro Shop and the Pool House as well. Note: We have researched the budget and this work will be covered under the grant funding.

Swegheimer and Beattie attended the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Conference & Trade Show at Kalahari in Sandusky, February 6-9, 2022. Swegheimer shared that they had a nice time. There were over 1,100 people in attendance. One of the biggest parks that they were promoting was Lock 3 Park in Akron and promoting partnerships with other stakeholders, government and businesses, private organizations, tourism and what the Metroparks bring to the community. The way they bring in the funding is very interesting. She will be visiting Lock 3 Park in a couple of weeks. Kohli stated that the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association have always been very supportive. We have the road tax money, and we will need to use that funding as well.

Swegheimer and Beattie have a zoom meeting February 10, 2022, with Love Insurance to review the quote for our insurance renewal. We want to be sure the future projects will be covered.

Kohli inquired as to the Capital Bill application. Beattie shared that she remains in contact with Lauren Strope, Legislative Aide to Representative Sarah Fowler Arthur. The Ohio General Assembly will consider a state capital budget next year and we received a memo with a brief explanation and guidance of the process. Our representative will be accepting applications through March 18, 2022, and Lauren has offered to schedule a zoom meeting with Sarah Fowler Arthur to review the application process if we would like one. If the board approves the applications, Bellas, Swegheimer and Beattie will meet this Thursday to begin the application process.

Kohli asked the status of the Malak Park deed transfer. Swegheimer stated that we are waiting for the City of Conneaut to return the agreement to us.

Kohli asked for an update on the Nature Center AKA Outdoor Learning Center. Swegheimer responded, we have not been contacted by a representative for the Outdoor Learning Center; therefore, we do not have any information to share at this time.

Swegheimer shared that the Andover Christian Church has a meeting on 2/10/2022. We hope to have information regarding the Pymatuning Valley Trail and the Church property after that meeting. We do know that the surveyors were on site and Charles O'Neil, Representative of the Church was able to speak with them at that time.

Lane stated she has reread the Martinis Restaurant and Lounge lease and there is no action that needs to be taken at this time. It will automatically renew. However, we may need to add to the lease that they are to maintain the grease traps before the end of the year.

Carpenter moved to reschedule the March 9, 2022, Regular Board Meeting date to Wednesday, March 2, 2022; Kohli seconded.

Lane stated that the November 9, 2022, Regular Board Meeting date may be rescheduled, the date has yet to be determined.

Kohli shared that the Rail to Trails meeting will be held via Zoom Tuesday, February 15, 2022, and asked if Swegheimer would represent our Metroparks and share our current projects. The Industrial Heartland Trails Coalition will be meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2022.

Kohli shared that Conneaut Schools are looking at building a nature center. If this happens, it will be on the property adjacent to our Metroparks and Conneaut Creek. Kohli will seek additional information for the Board.

Mayernick moved to approve resolution 2022-01 to authorize the applications to Sarah Fowler Arthur, State Representative for State Capital Funding assistance for the Pymatuning Trail Phase 1.4, Turkey Creek Metropark – Public Access Implementation Project and the Upper Grand River Metropark – Play Area/Recreation Facility and Restoration of Blossom Lodge; Carpenter seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Executive Session to discuss property and personnel.

Mayernick moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 pm and enter Executive Session; Carpenter seconded.

Mayernick moved to adjourn Executive Session at 6:15 pm; Carpenter seconded.

Carpenter wanted to thank the snowmobile clubs for the work they do in maintaining the trails for snowmobilers as far south as Orwell.

As we have in the past all volunteers must submit volunteer applications to the Ashtabula County Office to be processed. We will be expecting updated applications for all the volunteers who continuously assist.

Mayernick moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:17 pm; Carpenter seconded.

**Upcoming:**

Regular Board Meeting

March 2, 2022

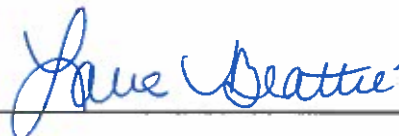
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Marie Lane, ACMP Board President



Laura Beattie, Fiscal Officer/Clerk of the Board