

Ashtabula County Metroparks

Board Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2022 - 4:30 p.m.
Henderson Memorial Public Library
54 East Jefferson Street
Jefferson, Ohio 44047

Call to Order- 4:30 PM

Board members in attendance: Marie Lane, President; Joe Tredent, Vice-President; Paul Carpenter; Charlie Kohli

Staff in attendance: Antoinette Swegheimer; Brett Bellas; Eric Dietrich; Laura Beattie

Guests in attendance: Matt Crawford, Outdoor Learning Center President; Mary Neary, Bike Patrol Volunteer and Henry Paschke

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

Kohli moved to accept the March 2, 2022; Regular Meeting Minutes; Carpenter seconded. All in favor, "aye".

Kohli moved to accept the March 2022 financial reports including the Appropriation Status, Fund Summary and Payment Listing; Tredent seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Lane invited Matt Crawford to present at this time. Crawford stated he is the president and founder of the Outdoor Learning Center, and he is in the planning stages of expanding. He plans to raise \$250,000 dollars for the local nature center building, and he provided a drawing of the nature center building project to each board member. Lane thanked Crawford for his presentation.

Presidents Report:

Lane reminded board members they need to confirm their reservation for the Ashtabula County Civic Development Corporation's 63rd Annual Meeting, Thursday, April 28, 2022.

Swegheimer shared the following information:

- The Harpersfield Covered Bridge project will be moving forward in a couple of weeks.
- The Grand River Canoe & Kayak Race will be April 23, 2022, beginning at the Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark.
- Nancy with the Ashtabula Bike Club will be leading a Celebrate Trails Day on April 23, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. beginning in Rock Creek.
- Beattie will continue to lead the Jefferson Church of the Nazarene walking group every Thursday at one of the Ashtabula County Metroparks. The schedule will be posted on our website.
- Red Brook Metropark's southern bridge has been closed for safety reasons due to erosion.
- The Family Pride and Ashtabula County Metropark's family wellness workbook has been completed and

the donated activity bags are available at the office.

Kohli asked for an update on Red Brook, Belles stated they are currently working on this.

Kohli thanked Swegheimer for attending Advocacy Day in Columbus. Swegheimer stated all went well. She met with Sarah Fowler and Representative Holms.

New Business:

Henry Paschke, Boy Scout Troop 72, presented an Eagle Scout Project to the board. Paschke proposed (3) three signs to be replaced. The work will begin May 2022 and expected to be complete by the end of summer 2022. Bellas stated he has reviewed the project and if the project is approved by the board, he would suggest Paschke work directly with Bellas. Beattie will email Paschke the board minutes once approved.

Kohli moved to accept the Eagle Scout Project as presented by Henry Paschke; Carpenter seconded. All in favor, "aye".

Lane shared information regarding the Wine & Walleye Festival.

Lane stated that Mike Sords, who was a long-time board member and has volunteered for many years and continues to volunteer with the "Over the Hill Gang" for the Metroparks will be moving out of the area. He has donated his time and has donated many tools to the Metroparks. We are very grateful for his generosity.

A Work Session has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 4:30 p.m., Red Brook Metropark, Pro Shop. The topic will be Red Brook Metropark.

Action Required:

Kohli moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-2 authorizing the application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources through the State of Ohio NatureWorks grant program for Turkey Creek Metropark Public Access Implementation project; Tredent seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Tredent moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-3 authorizing the application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources through the Recreational Trails Program and Clean Ohio Trail Fund for Turkey Creek Metropark Public Access Implementation project; Carpenter seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Kohli moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ashtabula County Metroparks and Union Industrial Contractors allowing the temporary access drive at the Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark south entrance as presented; Carpenter seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Kohli moved to approve the quote for Lawn Care, East County (Conneaut Area) from JS Hardscapes at the rate of \$560 per cut for the 2022 season; Carpenter seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Kohli moved to approve the quote for Lawn Care, West County (Harpersfield Metropark and Eyring Wetlands) from Anderson View Landscaping at the rate of \$500.00 per cut and \$1,000.00 for Harpersfield Metropark bed maintenance for the 2022 season; Carpenter seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Tredent moved to approve the quote as presented for Lawn Care, North County (Red Brook Metropark and Lampson Reservoir) from JS Hardscapes at the rate of \$230.00 per cut and \$1,550.00 for Red Brook Metropark plow damage repair and bed maintenance for the 2022 season; Carpenter seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Kohli moved to approve the quote for cleaning (3) three vault restrooms at the Harpersfield Metropark, Lampson Staging Area, and Camp Peet from Goodwill Industries at the rate of \$151.00 per cleaning through April 2023; Tredent seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Kohli moved to approve the quote for construction and installation of the staircase at the Friends of Conneaut Creek Metropark from Anthony Moyer DBA T&R Electric in the amount of \$46,634.98; Tredent seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Carpenter moved to approve the quote for clearing and grubbing, grading and installation of asphalt path for the Rock Creek Bikeway from Koski Construction in the amount of \$158,958.00; Kohli seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Carpenter moved to approve the Rock Creek Bikeway project amount not to exceed the amount originally budgeted; Tredent seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Kohli moved to adjourn the meeting and enter Executive Session at 5:14 p.m. for the purpose of discussing property and personnel; Tredent seconded. Lane invited Bellas, Beattie and Swegheimer to the executive session. Roll call, "aye".

The executive session ended and all returned to regular session at 6:35 p.m. Tredent left the meeting prior to the conclusion of the executive session.

Lane moved to approve and accept the purchase agreement with Andover Christian Church, Parcel No. 02-013-40-093-00 for \$3,000.00 subject to any updated legal descriptions and maps. Further, that Paul Carpenter be the authorized signatory of this purchase agreement; Kohli seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Kohli moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:38 p.m.; Carpenter seconded.

Upcoming:

Next Board Meeting - May 11, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m., Henderson Memorial Public Library, 54 East Jefferson Street, Jefferson, Ohio 44047.



Marie Lane, ACMP Board President



Laura Beattie, Fiscal Officer/Clerk of the Board