

# Ashtabula County Metroparks

## Board Meeting Minutes

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

### Call to Order- 4:30 PM 4:31

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

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

*Guests in attendance:* Mary Neary, Bike Patrol

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

Kohli moved to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes, April 13, 2022, with the additional language: Mike Sords, a long-time board member; Carpenter seconded. All in favor, "aye".

Mayernick moved to approve the April 27, 2022, Work Session Minutes; Kohli seconded. All in favor, "aye".

Mayernick moved to accept the April 2022 financial reports, including the Appropriation Status, Fund Summary and Payment Listing; Carpenter seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Lane invited Mary Neary, Bike Patrol to present at this time. Neary suggested, Metroparks provide a program that instructs people how to change a tire and use the bike tool/repair stand equipment that is on the Greenway Trail. Lane advised Neary to contact Swegheimer.

### *Presidents Report:*

Lane stated she does not have additional information at this time.

### *Staff Report:*

Kohli inquired on the status of Red Brook trail restoration. Bellas responded there will be approximately 5 miles of trails when this project is complete. The park will not lose any miles of trails. The work will resume when weather permits.

Swegheimer added, portion of Red Brook Metropark, south of Carpenter Road will be closed for approximately 3-4 months when the construction begins, Spring of 2023.

Lane commented that the Civic Development Corporation 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting and Tree Dedication Ceremony held at Red Brook Metropark was very nice.

Swegheimer shared that Justin Cline, Ashtabula County Engineers office will be relocating the Metroparks access sign next to the *Road Closed* sign. This should eliminate confusion that the parks are open.

Kohli inquired on the status of the Rock Creek Connector. Bellas shared the planning will begin in May or June and the project will take approximately 3 weeks to complete.

Lane asked Ranger Dietrich to present a report on concerns regarding safety and repairs needed on the Greenway Trail. Dietrich shared information and presented exhibits, see attached. A discussion was held. He shared that the area residents welcomed his presence and told him that they are looking forward to the Pymatuning Valley Trail. It was suggested that the Metroparks place cement blocks to prevent unauthorized motorized vehicles on the trail.

Mayernick moved to approve \$1,500 to be used to purchase cement blocks for a barricade; Tredent seconded. All in favor, "aye".

Lane stated that the Metroparks will place a press release in the Gazette and the Star Beacon to remind users that unauthorized motor vehicles are not permitted on the trails.

Mayernick moved to adjourn the meeting and enter Executive Session at 5:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing property, personnel and legal; Carpenter seconded. All in favor, "aye".

Lane invited Swegheimer to join the executive session.

The executive session ended, and all returned to regular session at 5:53 p.m.

Mayernick moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:53 p.m.; Kohli seconded.

Upcoming:

- Next Board Meeting  
June 8, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.  
Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark  
Ellsworth Pavilion  
1101 Harpersfield Road  
Geneva, Ohio 44041



Marie Lane, ACMP Board President



Laura Beattie, Fiscal Officer/Clerk of the Board