

Ashtabula County Metroparks

Board Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.
Upper Grand River Metropark
3199 Cork Cold Springs Road
Austinburg, Ohio 44010

Call to Order- 5:05 PM

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

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

Guest in attendance: Mary Neary, Bike Patrol

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

Mayernick moved to approve the July 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented; Tredent, seconded. All in favor, "aye".

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

Beattie stated, as we continue to segregate the Maintenance and Ranger Departments appropriations and expenditures, the Appropriation Status report will include additional account lines. Swegheimer added that this has been one of the things that was spoke about in the past and to as we continue to prepare for future capital improvements.

Beattie reviewed the 2023 Budget/UAN Financial Worksheet.

Lane shared the 2020-2021 State Audit went very well, once this has been completed the board will receive a letter.

Audience participation:

Neary shared that the Rock Creek Connector project is awesome. She really is excited to see so many people utilizing this.

Presidents Report:

Lane led a discussion on the Rock Creek Connector ribbon cutting ceremony. The date is scheduled for 8/24/22 at 4:30 pm. Bellas will notify Terry Burkey.

The September 14, 2022, Regular Board Meeting will be held at the Upper Grand River Metropark, weather permitting. The alternate location will be the Henderson Memorial Public Library.

The October 12, 2022, Regular Board Meeting has been rescheduled to October 19, 2022.

The November 9, 2022, Regular Board Meeting has been rescheduled to November 2, 2022, with financial drafts.

Lane will notify the board when the Budget work session is ready to be scheduled.

Staff Report:

Swegheimer introduced Tia Bliffin, yO! Opportunities to the board and expressed her gratitude of the work that she has provided to the office.

Swegheimer shared that she and Bellas walked Malek Park with Joe Dibell, City of Conneaut to review and confirm the items that need to be completed per the agreement. Lane led a brief discussion and requested the Park Ranger monitor this park. Lane requested Swegheimer to contact the City of Conneaut to monitor this park as well.

Lane asked for an update on the Pro-Shop renovations. Swegheimer shared that she just received a schedule for the project. Mayernick requested that Swegheimer send the board the schedule.

Tredent inquired on addition safety options for the Rock Creek Connector/Water Street area. A discussion was held on a crosswalk, yellow solar powered lights and/or speed bumps. Bellas will investigate these suggestions.

Swegheimer shared information about Reconnecting Communities Pilot, a discretionary grant program. Once obtained, she will share additional details on this grant opportunity. Carpenter suggested the Metroparks consider the Recreational Trails Program funding as well.

Action required:

Mayernick moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2022-9 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, 2023; Carpenter seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Carpenter moved to approve the 2023 Financial Worksheet and Budget Commission submission; Mayernick seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Tredent moved to approve WEX, Incorporated line of credit to \$6,000; Carpenter seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Mayernick moved to approve the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation Individual Retrospective Rating Program payment to the Ashtabula County Commissioners invoice #564; Tredent seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Carpenter moved to accept Ohio Department of Transportation Agreement Right of Entry to access Interstate 90 from Western Reserve Greenway Trail; Mayernick seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Mayernick moved to adjourn the meeting and enter executive session to discuss property and personnel at 5:46 pm; Carpenter seconded. Lane invited Beattie, Bellas and Swegheimer into executive session. Roll call, "aye".

Mayernick moved to end executive session and return to regular session at 6:12 p.m; Tredent seconded.

Mayernick moved to adjourn regular session at 6:12 pm; Carpenter seconded.

Upcoming:

- Next Board Meeting
September 14, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.
Weather permitting:
Upper Grand River Metropark
3199 Cork Cold Springs Road
Austinburg, Ohio 44010

Alternate location:
Henderson Memorial Public Library
54 East Jefferson Street
Jefferson, Ohio 44047



Marie Lane, ACMP Board President



Laura Beattie, Fiscal Officer/Clerk of the Board