

Ashtabula County Metroparks

Board Meeting Minutes

September 7, 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, Holly Mayernick, Charlie Kohli, and Paul Carpenter

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

Guest in attendance: Brenda Craine, Skip Craine, Greg White, and Jeff Gilbert

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

Mayernick moved to approve the August 10, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented; Carpenter seconded. All in favor, "aye".

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

Audience Participation:

Skip Craine requested permission to continue a reenactment event at the Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark during the Covered Bridge Festival. If approved, he and a few friends will perform a 1780 reenactment, and then camp at the Metropark for the weekend. This activity has been taking place for many years. They have not asked permission prior to this; however, they have been informed they need a permit. Kohli stated, this event has been going on for a long time and it is a wonderful thing. Lane requested Craine provide his email to the office and Beattie will send him the Special Use Application. Craine added that everyone is welcome to attend this event. Carpenter asked Craine to provide pictures of this event for our website, etc.

Gilbert requested permission to remove the dead tree near Old Austinburg Road and plant a new tree. He and his family would like to plant this tree to honor his brother that had passed away. Previously the family provided a shelter in this area to honor his father and believe the tree would be a nice addition. The expenses will be provided by the family, per Gilbert. Lane instructed Gilbert to provide his phone number/email and Bellas will contact him to review details.

Neary shared a conversation she had with the person that maintains the restrooms at the Lampson Staging Area. Neary shared several concerns and the misuse of the women's restroom. She suggested wastebaskets be added to the restrooms, locks, and fly strips. Lane thanked Neary for relaying this information to them and stated that the staff will work on these concerns. In addition, Lane asked Neary to notify Swegheimer with future concerns like this.

Presidents Report:

Lane led a discussion on upcoming Work Session, Rock Creek Connector Ribbon Cutting and October Board Meeting, see results below:

Work Session

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

6:00 pm

Ashtabula County Metropark Office

Rock Creek Connector Ribbon Cutting

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

4:30 pm

Rock Creek Connector

October Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

4:30 pm

Henderson Memorial Public Library

Lane updated the board on the 2020 & 2021 State Audit.

Staff Report:

Swegheimer shared October will be a busy month and we have a lot of things in motion. Kohli and Swegheimer attended a Rails to Trails meeting. Kohli inquired on the grants that we are looking into. Swegheimer shared information on the Coastal Management Assistance Grant, Appalachian Community Grant Program with House Bill 377 and the Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies grant.

Lane suggested a press release be placed in the Gazette and Star Beacon for the tour of the former Camp Yakewi. Swegheimer stated they are working on the notice. This would be a great opportunity for the alumni to gather, share stories and see the new park. A discussion was held.

Mayernick requested a grid for the Master Plan and budget needs. Swegheimer stated this is being worked on.

Action Required:

Mayernick moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-10 authorizing the application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Management Assistance Grant for the Turkey Creek Metropark Public Access Project; Kohli seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Carpenter moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-11 authorizing the application to the Appalachian Regional Commission, Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies (ARISE) Grant for the Pymatuning Valley Trail Project; Mayernick seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Kohli moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-12 authorizing the application to the Appalachian Community Grant Program – House Bill 377 for the Pymatuning Valley Trail Project; Tredent seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Mayernick moved to adjourn the meeting and enter executive session to discuss property and personnel at 5:13 pm; Carpenter seconded. Roll call, "aye". Swegheimer, Bellas and Beattie were asked to join executive session.

Mayernick moved to end executive session and return to regular session at 5:48 pm; Carpenter seconded.

Mayernick moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 pm; Kohli seconded.

Upcoming:

Next Board Meeting

October 19, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

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Marie Lane, ACMP Board President



Laura Beattie, Fiscal Officer/Clerk of the Board