

Ashtabula County Metroparks

Board Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2023 - 4:30 p.m.
Ashtabula County Engineer's Office
2nd Floor Conference Room
186 East Satin Street
Jefferson, Ohio 44047

Call to Order 4:31 PM

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

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

Guests in attendance: Mary Neary, Bike Patrol

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

Tredent nominated Lane for President; Carpenter seconded. Roll call, Lane abstained. All in favor, "aye".

Lane nominated Tredent for Vice President; Mayernick seconded. Roll call, Tredent abstained. All in favor, "aye".

Mayernick moved to approve the December 14, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes; Carpenter seconded. All in favor, "aye".

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

Lane addressed the guest in attendance. Neary had no concerns.

Presidents Report:

Lane led a discussion regarding a Work Session to review Projects, Master Plan and Policies. The Work Session has been scheduled for February 15, 2023, at 4:30 PM, Ashtabula County Metroparks office, 91 North Chestnut Street, Jefferson, Ohio 44047.

Staff Report:

Swegheimer shared the following:

The Lake County Metroparks will be holding the Grand River Canoe and Kayak Race Saturday, April 22, 2023. This year they have limited the participants to 250 people.

Environmental Design Group had emailed the Pymatuning Valley Trail Bid Book for the construction of 1.1 and 1.2. Bellas, Swegheimer and Attorney Christopher Newcomb are reviewing it. Kohli thanked Bellas and Swegheimer for working diligently on this.

Kohli asked for an update on the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association and the Attorney General's Opinion. A brief discussion was held.

Kohli asked for an update on the Appalachian grant. A brief discussion was held.

Bellas shared information regarding the search for a vehicle and a tractor for the Operations Department. He is requesting board approval, see below.

Carpenter shared that the Metroparks received Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant funding in the past for equipment and suggested the staff follow up with D'Juan Hammonds, Ohio Department of Natural Resources for other options. Bellas responded that the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant no longer funds equipment; however, stated we will reach out to D'Juan and continue to look for future funding opportunities.

Lane requested Eric Dietrich, Park Ranger inform the board of the incident at Indian Mound Metropark. A brief discussion was held. Dietrich shared that he had submitted a report regarding this reckless operation to the Prosecutor's office and Bellas provided estimates to repair the damage.

Action Required:

Mayernick moved to approve the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and Ashtabula County Metroparks NatureWorks Local Assistance Grant Agreement regarding a parking lot at the Ring property; Kohli seconded. Roll call. All in favor, "aye".

Kohli moved to approve the purchase of a Ford 2021 Super Duty F-250 for the Operations Department from Classic Buick GMC for \$58,185; Mayernick seconded. Roll call. All in favor, "aye".

Mayernick moved to approve the purchase of a Kubota LX2610 for the Operations Department from Bortnick Tractor Sales, Inc. for \$26,261.48; Carpenter seconded. Roll call. All in favor, "aye".

Kohli moved to approve the Pymatuning Valley Trail Bid Documents by Environmental Design Group, pending legal council's approval; Carpenter seconded. Roll call. All in favor, "aye".

Tredent moved to enter executive session to discuss property, legal and personnel at 5:02 p.m.; Mayernick seconded. Lane invited Swegheimer, Beattie and Bellas to attend a portion of the executive session. All in favor, "aye".

Mayernick moved to end the executive session and return to regular session at 5:34 p.m.; Kohli seconded.

Mayernick moved to increase the mileage rate from 45 cents per mile to 55 cents per mile effective for mileage accrued after January 1, 2023; Carpenter seconded. Roll call. All in favor, "aye".

It was agreed that Lane will instruct the staff to submit milage reimbursement for approval on a monthly basis.

It was agreed that the Metroparks office will be closed the day after Thanksgiving.

Mayernick moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m.; Kohli seconded.

Upcoming:

Next Board Meeting

February 8, 2023 - 4:30 p.m.

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Marie Lane, ACMP Board President



Laura Beattie, Fiscal Officer/Clerk of the Board