

Ashtabula County Metroparks

Board Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2023 - 4:30 p.m.
Red Brook Metropark
4338 Lake Road West
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

Call to Order - 4:31 PM 4:31

Board members in attendance:

Marie Lane, Board President
Joe Tredent, Board Vice-President
Paul Carpenter, Board Member
Charlie Kohli, Board Member

Staff in attendance:

Antoinette Swegheimer, Administrator
Brett Bellas, Operations Manager
Laura Beattie, Fiscal Officer

Guests in attendance:

Brian Haytcher, Star Beacon
Mary Neary, Bike Patrol
Melina Champine
Michelle Crisan

Kohli moved to approve the agenda; Carpenter seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Carpenter moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes May 10, 2023; Kohli seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Tredent moved to accept the May 2023 financial reports including the Appropriation Status, Fund Summary, and Payment Listing as presented; Kohli seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Audience Participation:

Melina Champine expressed her gratitude for the Metroparks and stated she loves visiting the parks.

Presidents Report:

Lane led a discussion regarding the Rock Creek Connector Ribbon Cutting and a celebration recognizing Charlie Kohli's 36 years of service with the Ashtabula County Metroparks. She asked Swegheimer and Kohli to schedule a date, on a Wednesday, that works for Kohli. Kohli was very surprised and thanked the board and staff.

Staff Report:

Swegheimer shared the next *Senior Walk* will be Tuesday, June 13th at Malek Park.

The *Behind the Scenes* on May 23rd was held in Andover and was very nice. The group was impressed with the heron rookery and were excited about the trail.

Swegheimer spoke on the Storybook Trail project at Malek Park. She showed the board the draft of display panels the Conneaut School students created. The students worked hard and seemed to have

fun with it, per Swegheimer. Lane suggested we think of a way to acknowledge those students such as a plaque. She requested the board consider this and share ideas. A brief discussion was held.

New Business:

Kohli shared information about the recent Industrial Heartland Trails Coalition meeting that he attended.

Action Required:

Carpenter moved to approve the Ohio Public Works Commission Project Grant Agreement Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program for the Mill Creek Preserve, pending approval by legal counsel; Kohli seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Kohli moved to approve the North American Wetlands Conservation Act Proposal Partner Contribution Statement regarding the Mill Creek Preserve, pending approval by legal counsel; Carpenter seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Kohli moved to approve the request to deem the inventory items as presented as obsolete and/or surplus; Carpenter seconded. Roll call, "aye".

Kohli moved to enter executive session to discuss property, legal and personnel at 4:50 pm and the board will break until 5:00 pm upon Attorney Newcomb's arrival; Tredent seconded. Lane invited Swegheimer, Bellas, Beattie and Newcomb to attend.

Tredent moved to end executive session and return to regular session at 5:39 pm; Carpenter seconded.

Trednet moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 pm; Carpenter seconded.

Upcoming:

Next Board Meeting
July 12, 2023 - 4:30 p.m.
Red Brook Metropark
4338 Lake Road West, Building B
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004



Marie Lane, ACMP Board President



Laura Beattie, Fiscal Officer/Clerk of the Board