

Ashtabula County Metroparks
91 N. Chestnut Street Jefferson, Ohio 44047

August 12, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners was held via video conferencing and called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Holly Mayernick, President. Board members attending and completing a quorum were Marie Lane, Vice President, Paul Carpenter, Charlie Kohli and Joe Tredent. Staff in attendance: Antoinette Green, Larry Frimmerman, and Brett Bellas.

Guests in attendance: Gloria Campbell, Robert Best, Kevin Grippi, J.P. Ducro

Marie Lane served as board clerk.

Agenda Review and Approval: Kohli moved to accept the agenda; Carpenter second. All in favor.

Review and Approve:

Kohli moved to approve the July regular meeting minutes; Tredent seconded. All in favor.

Carpenter moved to approve the July 7, 2020 special meeting minutes; Tredent seconded. All in favor.

Kohli moved to accept the July 2020 budget report; Carpenter seconded. All in favor

Tredent moved to accept the July 2020 invoice report; Kohli seconded. All in favor.

Audience Participation:

Gloria Campbell inquired about a formal volunteer list and offered her assistance in building this list. She further inquired about the Metroparks interest in formally participating in the organized bike rides taking place in the parks. Mayernick explained that current COVID restrictions regarding the number of participants prohibited formal involvement at this time.

Robert Best inquired about the status of the policies and procedures regarding issuing hunting permits. Mayernick noted that this topic is on the current agenda for later discussion.

President's Report:

Mayernick reported that Antoinette Green has exceeded expectations during her 90-day probationary period and recommended that she receive the previously established post

probationary pay increase. Kohli moved to approve the increase in Green's pay; Tredent seconded. All in favor.

Staff Reports:

Green noted an adjustment in the written report for North Shore Trail, Item 1 (A), to wit: she has talked with the Ashtabula City Manager and requested that he make a list of concerns. They will then meet to discuss so as to ensure that the City and the Metroparks are on the same page. The City Manager was very receptive to this request.

Green reminded everyone that Red Brook ribbon cutting is scheduled for August 19th and the North Shore Trail ribbon cutting is scheduled for Sept 1st - location TBD.

Green further reminded everyone that Congressman Joyce is going to be visiting the Harpersfield Dam Project on August 19th at 11:00 a.m. Green, Lane, and Kohli plan to be in attendance.

Old Business:

Upper Grand building demolition quotes - Bellas reported that the deadline for submission was last Thursday, but contractors are reportedly reluctant to submit based upon a perception of a lack of follow through on the part of the Metroparks. Bellas estimates this cost will be approximately \$100,000. Mayernick instructed Bellas to proceed with a plan based upon his recommendation that seven (7) buildings be demolished to proceed with the road construction to the river.

Lane moved to modify the request for demolition bids to include all seven (7) buildings necessary to take action to complete the road construction. Following discussion clarifying the identity of these seven (7) buildings, Kohli seconded. Roll call. All "aye"

New Business:

Pump Station at Red Brook - identifying repairs necessary for the Martini's building. Once a formal design is completed by LBJ, costs can be formalized, and potential grant funding can be pursued. More information will be available for next meeting. \$40,000 - \$50,000 is the anticipated estimated cost.

Pro Shop Fire - Bellas has been coordinating with the insurance company and the contractor, Service Masters, to effectuate the repairs.

EnviroScience submitted the 30% review for Red Brook. A public meeting is scheduled for August 26th at 6:00 p.m. It will be held in the open space behind the pro shop. EnviroScience has recommended the removal of several bridges.

Action Required:

Rock Creek Bypass needs to be prepared for winter access. Fence line, culverts, and tree planting needs to be completed. Kohli moved to approve \$50,000 for completion of this work.; Carpenter seconded. Roll call. All “aye”

Hunting licenses – Carpenter moved to approve the continuation of the hunting program as previously established, with no deadline and until maximum capacity has been filled; Kohli seconded. Roll call. All “aye”. Hunting information is to be posted on the website asap.

Red Brook sewer line. Continued problem of system backing up. Grinder pump should fix the issue of guaranteeing that the sewage gets out to the line. It was generally agreed to pump now, do the line read, and repair later. No action required as this time, but Bellas advised that this is an issue that needs to be addressed very soon. Action will be taken once board receives LBJ plan for repair.

Pymatuning Valley Trail - Special meeting will be held Tuesday at 8:00 to make final decision on design firm; raw scores will be provided to the board.

Kohli moved to adjourn; Carpenter seconded. Adjourned at 5:59 pm

Special Meeting scheduled for August 18, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. via zoom.

Next Regular Meeting scheduled for September 9, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. via zoom.