

ASHTABULA COUNTY METROPARKS  
91 N. Chestnut St. Jefferson, Ohio 44047

July 8, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Ashtabula County Metroparks Board of Commissioners was held via video conferencing and called to order at 4:32 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 Frimerman, Brett Bellas and Joe Webb

Guests in attendance: Gloria Campbell

Mayernick appointed Marie Lane to serve as board clerk until further notice.

**Agenda Review and Approval:** Mayernick amended the agenda to reflect "Action Required" as part of "New Business". Kohli moved to approve the amended agenda; Tredent seconded. All in favor.

**Reviewed and Approved:**

Kohli moved to approve the June 2020 regular meeting minutes; Carpenter seconded. All in favor.

Green presented the June 2020 Budget Report, Allocations Report, and June Payments ledger. Kohli moved to accept these items; Tredent seconded. All in favor.

Green reported on the successful completion of the state audit. Kohli moved to approve the Auditor's engagement letter; Carpenter seconded. Roll call. All in favor.

**Audience Participation:** None

**Presidents Report:**

Mayernick reported on the problems associated with the continued ATV use on the Greenway Trail. Bellas reported that he will be installing new posts with reflective tape and signage. Green stated that she received a report that ATVs were observed in RedBrook. Carpenter suggested trail cameras, which would capture images of violators. Webb reported that he has issued seven (7) citations for motor vehicles on the trail. It was generally agreed that signage regarding the prohibition should be installed in all the parks. Lane suggested reaching out to the news media to publish article(s) on the safety issues and enforcement by the Ranger. Green reported that there was a letter to the editor in the *Star Beacon*, with a notation that ATVs are prohibited. Mayernick suggested that Green also reach out to the *Gazette*.

Kohli moved to establish spending limits for the office administrator of up to \$5,000 and for the board president of up to \$1000. Carpenter seconded. Roll Call. All in favor.

**Staff Reports:**

Mayernick called for questions or comments on the written staff report. None.

Bellas reported on the proposed Eagle Scout project at Camp Peet. Kohli moved to approve the project; Carpenter seconded. All in favor.

Green reported that the body cameras have arrived for use by the Ranger(s). One invoice mistakenly included the tax; a corrected invoice will be requested and received before payment is made.

**Old Business:**

Kohli moved to approve the First Energy Consent Agreement; Tredent seconded. Roll call. All in favor.

**New Business with Action Required:**

Kohli Moved to accept the bid for N.E.S. Corp for \$203,033.00 for the RedBrook parking lot and walking trail improvements. Carpenter seconded. Roll call. All "Aye"

Green reported that the state auditor's office suggested moving the thirteen hundred dollars (\$1300) contained in the workers compensation line item into the unemployment line item to cover an anticipated unemployment expenditure for former employee Pamela Bradek resulting from COVID-19. Kohli moved to amend the budget accordingly; Carpenter seconded. All in favor.

Kohli moved to approve the 2021 budget commission submission; Tredent seconded; Roll call. All in favor.

Tredent moved at 5:14 p.m. to adjourn the regular meeting and proceed into executive session, via video conferencing, with Green as a guest to discuss real estate and personnel matters. Tredent seconded. Roll call. All in favor. Executive session commenced at 5:25 p.m.

Regular session, via video conferencing, was reconvened at 6:46 p.m.

Carpenter moved to have Bellas proceed with the demolition of the houses located on Route 20 at a cost not to exceed \$10,000, as well as the demolition of the home next to Camp Peet at a cost not to exceed \$5,000; Tredent seconded. All in favor.

Special Meeting to tour Turkey Creek is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Next regular meeting scheduled for August 12, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

Kohli moved to adjourn; Carpenter seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.