

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

January 13, 2021

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, Board 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, Brett Bellas, and Ranger Eric Dietrich

Guests in attendance: Robert Jurs of LBJ, David Thomas, Ashtabula County Auditor, Paige Williamson of the Auditor's Office, and Gloria Campbell

Marie Lane served as board clerk.

Lane nominated Mayernick for President; Kohli seconded. Roll Call; all "aye".

Mayernick nominated Lane for Vice President; Tredent seconded; Roll call; all "aye".

**Agenda Review and Approval:** Mayernick added Red Brook pro shop renovations under "Action Required". Kohli moved to accept the agenda as amended. Carpenter seconded. Roll call; all "aye".

**Review and Approve:**

Kohli moved to approve the December 2020 regular meeting minutes; Tredent seconded. All in favor.

Kohli moved to accept the December 2020 budget report; Tredent seconded. All in favor.

Carpenter moved to accept the Cross Fund Report; Kohli seconded. All in favor.

Carpenter moved to accept the December Payments (ledger); Kohli seconded. All in favor.

**Audience Participation:**

David Thomas stated that as the fiscal agent he would be happy to attend any future meetings to answer questions.

**President's Report:**

Mayernick reported that Martini's executed the lease renewal, and the staff is reviewing the Metroparks insurance coverage.

Mayernick also thanked Dietrich for his work on the Ranger's handbook.

**Staff Reports:**

Green reported that the Enviro Stream Restoration project will be out for bid tomorrow and EDG has started a survey for Pymatuning Greenway Trail.

Green next reported that she has been meeting with Ashtabula City Manager Jim Timonere and O.D.O.T. regarding the traffic concerns surrounding the North Shore Trail in the city. Dietrich has also been monitoring the traffic to provide additional insight.

Green then reported that an application is due this Friday for the grant for the Friends of Conneaut Creek to build a staircase. Green and Bellas have been working on it in Frimerman's absence

Finally, Green reported that Ashtabula County Metroparks was granted funding from the Capital Bill in the amounts of \$450,000 for the Pymatuning Greenway Trail, \$200,000 for Red Brook, and \$100,000 for the Rock Creek Bypass.

Kohli inquired about the status of relocating the trail at Turkey Creek due to the erosion. Green reported that the EPA is still examining the issue.

Kohli further inquired about the nature of the Pymatuning Greenway Trail survey. Bellas reported that it is a boundary survey. Green will confer with EDG and provide a follow up later.

Kohli next stated that he would like to organize a group to discuss the long-term visions for the Pymatuning Greenway Trail. Mayernick encouraged Kohli to proceed.

Carpenter commended Dietrich on his management of the snow mobiles on the Greenway Trail, and the positive feedback he received by members of the snowmobile club.

**Old Business:**

Tredent moved to seek bids for the repurposing of the pool house for semi open recreational space with remodeled restrooms; Lane seconded. Roll call. All "aye".

**New Business:**

Kohli moved to accept Resolution 2021-01 for the submission of the Clean Ohio Grant for Friends of Conneaut Creek to build a staircase; Carpenter seconded. Roll call; all "aye"

**Action Required:**

Kohli moved to accept the Capital Bill funds in the amounts as follow:

\$450,000 for the Pymatuning Greenway Trail

\$200,00 for Red Brook Metropark

\$100,000 for Rock Creek Bypass

Carpenter seconded. Roll call. All "aye"

Carpenter moved to increase the appropriations in expense and revenue in the budget as follows:

Fund 9404.910.100-410 increase to \$750,000 (revenue)

Fund 9404.910.100-601 increase to \$750,000(expense)

Kohli seconded. Roll call; all "aye"

Kohli moved to accept the bid of B.S.E. Electrical in the amount of \$17,320 to move the electric out of the pool house to a stand-alone pedestal; Carpenter seconded. Roll call; all "aye"

Tredent moved that bids be sought to renovate the Red Brook pro shop to serve as office space. No second. Carpenter moved to retain the services of a consulting firm to provide recommendations for that building; Kohli seconded. Roll call. Tredent "aye", Carpenter "aye", Kohli "aye", Lane "aye". Mayernick stepped away and was therefore absent.

Kohli moved to accept the bid of Kapitalin Incorporated in the amount of \$36,000 to construct the Red Brook Metropark Sanitary Pump; Carpenter seconded. Roll call. Carpenter, "aye", Tredent, "aye", Kohli, "aye", Lane "aye". Mayernick stepped away and was therefore absent.

Tredent moved at 5:32 p.m. to adjourn the regular meeting and proceed to executive session to discuss property and personnel issues; Carpenter seconded. All in favor. Executive session commenced via video conferencing at 5:25 p.m. Legal Counsel Mike Hamper and Antoinette Green were invited to attend.

Regular session, via video conferencing, was reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

Lane moved to authorize Kohli, Carpenter, and Green to attend the forfeited land auction and to bid on viable property in an amount not to exceed \$5,000; Tredent seconded. Roll call. All "aye".

Carpenter moved to accept the Williamsfield property as a gift; Kohli seconded. Roll call. All "aye".

Lane moved to adjourn the meeting; Tredent seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting scheduled for February 10, 2021.

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Holly S. Mayernick, ACMP President

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Marie Lane, Acting Clerk