

**Minutes of  
Trumbull County MetroParks Board  
Wednesday, January 25, 2017**

**REORGANIZATION MEETING:**

**Location: Trumbull County Planning Commission, 185 E. Market Street, Warren, Ohio**

**CALL TO ORDER:** by the 2016 Board Chair, John Brown, Jr. at 4:27 p.m.

Attendees: Park Commissioners: John Brown, Jr., Nicolette Darkangelo, Steven Maas, Kurt Sauer

Others: Zachary Svette, MetroParks Operations Director, and Mitzi Sabella, Secretary.

Let the record show that the Park Commissioners of the Trumbull County Metropolitan Park District: John Brown, Jr., Nicolette Darkangelo, Steven Maas and Kurt Sauer have been duly sworn and otherwise qualified through the provisions of the *Ohio Revised Code*, and that they are duly appointed Park Commissioners of the Board of the Trumbull County MetroParks.

**REORGANIZATION OF OFFICERS:** Board Chair, and Vice Chair with discussion by the Park Commissioners on what positions they might want.

Motion by Ms. Darkangelo, seconded by Mr. Sauer, to place in nomination and to elect John Brown, Jr. to the position of Board Chair for 2017.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Brown, Jr. – Yes, Ms. Darkangelo - Yes, Mr. Maas - Yes, Mr. Sauer, Yes Approved 4-0

Motion by Mr. Brown, Jr., seconded by Mr. Maas to place in nomination and to elect Nicolette Darkangelo to the position of Board Vice Chair for 2017.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Brown, Jr. – Yes, Ms. Darkangelo - Yes, Mr. Maas - Yes, Mr. Sauer, Yes Approved 4-0

**REORGANIZATION BUSINESS:**

1). The *Revised Roberts Rules of Order* shall be the official guideline for conducting meetings for one year, effective immediately.

Motion by Ms. Darkangelo, seconded by Mr. Sauer to approve this guideline.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Brown, Jr. – Yes, Ms. Darkangelo - Yes, Mr. Maas - Yes, Mr. Sauer, Yes Approved 4-0

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2) The Regular Monthly Board Meeting day shall be set for the Fourth Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. at the Trumbull County MetroParks, 185 East Market Street in Warren, Ohio.

Motion by Mr. Sauer, seconded by Mr. Maas to approve setting regular meeting day.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Brown, Jr. – Yes, Ms. Darkangelo - Yes, Mr. Maas - Yes, Mr. Sauer, Yes  
Approved 4-0

3) **To adopt the following resolution:** (Section 121.22, *Ohio Revised Code*)

WHEREAS, the Park Commissioners of the Trumbull County Metropolitan Park District encourage all interested citizens of Trumbull County to attend meetings of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Section 121.22 requires certain actions by every public body;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Trumbull County Metropolitan Park District that the following policy for Public Notice rules are established:

- 1) All notices to be posted or provided within this policy shall be posted in front of the MetroParks Office. The notice shall also be sent to at least one newspaper of general circulation published within the county provided in the manner or manners described as part of this policy. News media or any other entities or individuals requesting notice in writing to the Trumbull County MetroParks shall also receive a notice of any meeting. This form of notice can be by mail, facsimile, telephone, or by E-Mail. Notices of Regular meetings shall also be posted on the Trumbull County MetroParks Internet Web Site. All meetings to be held at the Trumbull County MetroParks located at 185 East Market Street in Warren, Ohio.
- 2) If the date or time of a regular meeting is changed, or if the location is to be held at a place other than at the location of Section 1 of this policy, notice of the change shall be as provided in Section 1 at least 3 days prior to said meeting.
- 3) All other meetings of the Park District shall be called as required to complete the business of the District and shall be treated as Special meetings or Emergency meetings. Any Special or Emergency meetings will be held at the call of any one of the Board Members.
- 4) The Call for a Special meeting shall specify the date, time, location, and the purpose or purposes of the meeting. A Special meeting requires at least 24 hours notice and to follow the rules as set forth in Section 1.
- 5) The call for an Emergency meeting shall give immediate notice as per Section 1. The notice must disclose the time, place, and purpose or purposes of the meeting.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Trumbull County Metropolitan Park District that the following policy on public comment at monthly board meetings rules are established.

- 1) Those who sign in (register) before the meeting is called to order will be allowed to speak at the beginning of the meeting.
- 2) To register a person must fill out the “request to offer public comment” form.
- 3) Each registered speaker will have a maximum of three minutes to speak.
- 4) This policy does not deal with invited guests, supervisors, associates, and staff.

Motion by Ms. Darkangelo seconded by Mr. Sauer to approve the resolution and policies.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Brown, Jr. – Yes, Ms. Darkangelo - Yes, Mr. Maas - Yes, Mr. Sauer, Yes  
Approved 4-0

**Regular Order of Business:**

Mr. Brown, Jr. called the regular meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**I. Board Minutes of December 14, 2016, meeting**

Ms. Darkangelo made a motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2016; seconded by Mr. Sauer. The motion carried.

**II. Financial Report**

A list of all bills paid (2016 - final and 2017) since the last meeting was reviewed by the board members. Ms. Darkangelo made a motion to adopt the report on the finances; seconded by Mr. Sauer. The motion carried.

Mr. Sauer made a motion to set mileage for reimbursement to 53.5 cents per mile for all business miles effective January 1, 2017; seconded by Mr. Maas. The motion carried.

Ms. Darkangelo made a motion to set the per diem (in state) as \$40 per day (\$8 breakfast, \$12 lunch, and \$20 dinner) and \$60 out of state (\$15 breakfast, \$20 lunch and \$25 dinner); seconded by Mr. Maas. The motion carried.

**II. Financial Report, Continued:**

Mr. Maas made a motion to accept a \$1,000 donation from Mrs. Rosemary Heltzel in honor of her husband, Paul E. Heltzel, for the bike trail; seconded by Mr. Sauer. The motion carried.

**III. General Business**

Mr. Sauer made a motion to request the Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office to represent the Trumbull County MetroParks by way of a letter to Trumbull County Prosecutor Dennis Watkins; seconded by Mr. Maas. The motion carried.

Mr. Sauer made a motion to approve the Sick and Vacation Leave Conversation Plan for Zachary Svette for the term effective January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried. Note: The plan is in compliance with *Ohio Revised Code* Section 145.01 and *Ohio Administrative Code* 145-1026, and shall be submitted to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) for acceptance prior to the March 31, 2017, deadline.)

Mr. Sauer made a motion to accept the bid of \$195.00 per mow from Todd's Enviroscapes, Inc. for Clarence Darrow MetroPark in Champion Township; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried. This was the only bid received.

Mr. Sauer made a motion to approve Mr. Svette to make telephone calls to get prices for bids for portable restrooms for the parks for 2017 and bring the list back to the board for approval; seconded by Mr. Maas. The motion carried. Note: Mr. Svette has advertised twice for the portable restrooms and only received one bid the first time and no bids the second time.

**IV. Communications**

The board reviewed and accepted an email from ODOT stating that it will proceed with the installation of four river access signs to Swift MetroPark and Foster MetroPark.

The board reviewed and accepted an email from Josie McKenna, Park Manager at Mosquito Lake State Park regarding the no hunting section where the sled hill is located (East Lake MetroPark). Mr. Sauer then made a motion to **not** allow hunting at East Lake MetroParks; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried.

**V. Operations Director's Report**

Mr. Svette reviewed a pie chart with the board of his workload of 2016.

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**VI. Reports on Current MetroParks – No report**

**VII. Other Parks, Preserves and Lands – No report**

**VIII. Future Planning**

Mr. Svette reviewed a report he made regarding the 2017 and 2018 budget for the MetroParks.

The next MetroParks' meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. at the Trumbull County Planning Commission Office.

**IX. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Ms. Darkangelo made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Sauer. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitzi Sabella, Secretary