

**Minutes of
Trumbull County MetroParks Board
Wednesday, May 25, 2016**

A meeting of Trumbull County MetroParks was called to order by the Chairman, John Brown, Jr., on Wednesday, May 25, 2016, at 4:30 p.m. at the Young's Run Disc Course in Champion Township, Ohio. Those in attendance included the following:

John Brown, Jr., Chairman
Nicolette Darkangelo
Mike Sava
Zachary Svette, Operations Director
Mitzi Sabella, Secretary

Also in attendance:

Alex Czayka, Western Reserve Conservancy
Laura Johnson, Youngstown/Warren Chamber of Commerce
William Flynn

I. Approval of Board Minutes of April 27, 2016, meeting

Ms. Darkangelo made a motion to approve the board minutes of April 27, 2016; seconded by Mr. Sava. The motion carried.

II. Financial Report

A list of all bills paid since the last meeting was reviewed by the board members. Mr. Sava made a motion to adopt the report on the finances; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried.

Ms. Darkangelo made a motion to accept a \$25 donation from John Mancino for the bike trail; seconded by Mr. Sava. The motion carried.

Ms. Darkangelo made a motion to accept the Trumbull County MetroParks District Agreed Upon Procedures Report for the Years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015; seconded by Mr. Sava. The motion carried.

III. General Business

Mr. Sava made a motion to approve renewing membership to the Trumbull Township Association for \$12; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried.

Mr. Sava made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-6 – Authorizing NatureWorks Grant; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried.

IV. Communications

Ms. Darkangelo made a motion to accept a letter from Bloomfield Township dated May 10, 2016; seconded by Mr. Sava. The motion carried. (This letter enclosed a check for \$1.00 for 2016 rent due for the Soccer Field Lease).

Ms. Darkangelo made a motion to accept a letter from William Flynn dated May 16, 2016; seconded by Mr. Sava. The motion carried. Mr. Flynn was in attendance at this meeting to discuss an incident at the Young's Run Disc Course where a swarm of bees were on the disc basket at hole 16 and how they were disposed of. Mr. Svette stated that the bees were destroyed for the safety and welfare of the public. Mr. Svette stated that there was a second swarm of bees at the park later the next week, and he had them transferred out of the park. Mr. Flynn also stated that the bird boxes at the park were put there for blue birds, but have been invaded by aggressive sparrows and suggested that they should be removed.

V. Operations Director's Report

Mr. Sava made a motion to purchase the following:

IPad Pro 9.7-inch (32GB) with keyboard:	\$ 749.00
City Reporter software:	\$1,749.00 + \$1,000 a year cost in year 2 and beyond

The motion was seconded by Ms. Darkangelo, and the motion carried.

Mr. Sava made a motion to approve the purchase and installation by King Brothers of 10 cement blocks (3,500 lbs. each) on the bike trail to block the bridge, cost not to exceed \$850; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried.

VI. Report on Current MetroParks

Lauren Johnson from the Chamber of Commerce was in attendance at this meeting to discuss the removal of the dam (owned by the MetroParks) in Leavittsburg. She said that there are several entities working together to submit an Innovative Readiness Request (IRT) to the Secretary of Defence on or near July 1, 2016, and if it is approved would substantially reduce the cost of dam removals on the Mahoning River, and they would like to include the dam in Leavittsburg in this application. She said the remainder of the project costs would be potentially covered through a WRRSP grant. The board had lots of questions regarding this project and felt they do not have adequate time at this meeting to discuss all of them. Mr. Brown and Mr. Svette stated that they will try to get some answers and report back to the board at potentially a special meeting regarding the information.

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VII. Other Parks, Preserves and Lands – no reports.

VIII. Future Planning

The next scheduled MetroParks meeting will be held on June 22, 2016, at Sunside Trailhead in Champion Township at 4:30 p.m.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Sava made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitzi Sabella, Secretary