

**Minutes of
Trumbull County MetroParks Board
Wednesday, February 22, 2017**

A meeting of Trumbull County MetroParks was called to order by the Chairman, John Brown, Jr., on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Trumbull County Planning Commission in downtown Warren, Ohio. Those in attendance included the following:

John Brown, Jr., Chairman
Nicolette Darkangelo (arrived at 4:15 p.m.)
Steven D. Maas
Kurt Sauer
Zachary Svette, Operations Director
Mitzi Sabella, Secretary

I. Approval of Board Minutes of January 25, 2017, meeting

Mr. Sauer made a motion to approve the board minutes of January 25, 2017; seconded by Mr. Maas. The motion carried.

II. Financial Report

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

Mr. Maas made a motion to accept the \$95,000 from the Trumbull County Commissioners for the MetroParks' budget for 2017; seconded by Mr. Sauer. The motion carried.

For information purposes, Mr. Svette explained with some charts and graphs some of the areas where the MetroParks can make reductions in order to save on costs.

III. General Business

Resolution No. 2017-1

Mr. Sauer made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-1 – Final Resolution for Canoe City MetroPark - for the resurfacing of parking lot and entrance road including pavement repairs prior to resurfacing and for Mr. Svette to enter into an agreement for such; seconded by Ms. Maas. The motion carried.

III. General Business – Continued:

Portable Restroom Contracts

Ms. Darkangelo made a motion and seconded by Mr. Maas to accept the lowest and best bid for portable restroom contracts for the following parks: Clarence Darrow, Canoe City, Foster MetroPark, Lockwood, North Road Nature Preserve, Oakfield Trailhead, Sunside Trailhead, Thomas Swift MetroPark and any special event for \$571.00 per month total. The motion carried. Other bids received were: ASAP Sanitary Sewer Service: \$825.00; Kings Sanitary: \$604.00; and Miller and Company: \$702.00.

North Road Nature Preserve Expansion

Mr. Svette reviewed a map of the 60-acre area north of the North Road Nature Preserve that the property owner wants to sell to the MetroParks. Mr. Svette said it is mostly in a floodplain right of way. Mr. Sauer made a motion for Mr. Svette to investigate the possibility of acquiring this property through the Clean Ohio Fund; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried.

Hunting Permission

Mr. Maas made a motion to allow hunting at the Button Property in Mesopotamia Township; seconded by Mr. Sauer. The motion carried.

Mr. Sauer made a motion to **not** allow hunting at the Sheridan Property in Bloomfield Township; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried.

Mr. Sauer made a motion to allow hunting at the S.R. 5 property in Braceville Township; seconded by Mr. Maas. The motion carried.

Regarding the Sheridan Property in Bloomfield, Mr. Svette stated that there has been no word from Bloomfield Trustees regarding the development of soccer fields at the Sheridan property. Mr. Sauer suggested approaching Bloomfield Township Trustees to explain that we did not allow hunting this year on this property, but may look at other potential uses of this park to move forward on.

IV. Communications

The board reviewed the following communications:

1. Email from ODNR – dated January 26, 2017

This email states that unfortunately ODNR can only permit the generic River Access signs. (The board last month asked if a sign that stated Thomas Swift MetroPark be posted).

V. Operations Director's Report

Mr. Svette reported on the status of all the projects he is working on.

VI. Report on Current MetroParks

Mr. Svette reported that there will be a Paddle Ohio event this year which will run from Swift MetroPark to Canoe City on July 9, 2017.

VII. Other Parks, Preserves and Lands

No report.

VIII. Future Planning

Mr. Svette stated that he will be setting up tours of the parks this spring for the board members and asked them to check their calendars for potential dates.

The next scheduled MetroParks meeting will be held on March 22, 2017, in the Conference Room at the Trumbull County Planning Commission office in downtown Warren at 4:15 p.m.

Ms. Darkangelo explained that it is hard for her to arrive on time for 4:00 p.m. MetroParks meetings because of work and asked if the time can be changed back to 4:15 p.m. All in attendance agreed.

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 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitzi Sabella, Secretary