

**Minutes of
Trumbull County MetroParks Board
Monday, November 23, 2015**

A meeting of Trumbull County MetroParks was called to order by the Chairman, John Brown, Jr., on Monday, November 23, 2015, at 4:33 p.m. in the Conference Room at 185 E. Market Street in Warren, 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, W.R. Land Conservancy

I. Approval of Board Minutes of October 28, 2015, meeting

Ms. Darkangelo made a motion to approve the minutes of October 28, 2015; 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.

Mr. Sava made a motion and seconded by Ms. Darkangelo to approve the following transfer:

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| From: 03-981-060-5600-6600 | To: 03-981-060-5600-5200 | \$500.00 |
| Leases & Rentals | Supplies | |

The motion carried.

Mr. Svette reviewed with the Board members present the budget request that was sent to the Trumbull County Commissioners for 2016.

III. General Business

Ms. Darkangelo made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-8, Pymatuning Creek; seconded by Mr. Sava. The motion carried. **Note:** This resolution is requesting the Ohio Department of Natural Resources – Division of Watercraft to study the Pymatuning Creek for designation as a component of the state scenic rivers system and declaring intent to cooperate with the Department of Natural Resources, and other agencies and units of government in the preservation of Pymatuning Creek should the study result in designation.

III. General Business – Continued:

Alex Czayka of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy was in attendance to review property they want to acquire through the Clean Ohio Program known as the Button Property located next to the MetroParks' Coffee Creek MetroPark in Mesopotamia Township. He stated that he will be submitting a full application in February and will request a resolution from the MetroParks at that time. xxxx

Next, Mr. Czayka spoke with the members about the farm land adjacent to the soccer fields (Sheridan property). He stated that he is requesting that the MetroParks turn over the wildlife management to the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, and they in turn will lease the property to a farmer for the rights to hay the field after August 1 of each year for wildlife purposes. Mr. Svette will have Atty. Brutz review this request.

Mr. Sava made a motion to approve the lease agreement for the Sheridan property with any changes that Atty. Brutz made have after his review; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried.

Mr. Czayak presented a check from the Western Reserve Land Conservancy as a donation for the MetroParks for 1,500.

IV. Communications – None.

V. Operations Director's Report

Mr. Sava made a motion to approve two unpaid internships from January 2016 to May 2016, for Richard and Maureen Varvil; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried.

VI. Report on Current MetroParks

Mr. Svette reviewed the Bridge Report from MS Consultants regarding the Baughman Bridge on the bike trail in Bristol Township. Mr. Sava stated that he would like to see the lease agreement with the Ohio Rails Commission and reseach the MetroParks responsibility and far as repairing the bridge. Mr. Svette said that he will email the lease agreement to the members on Tuesday.

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

VIII. Future Planning

The next scheduled MetroParks meeting will be held on December 9, 2015, (immediately following the MetroParks' budget hearing) in the Planning Commission Conference Room at 185 E. Market Street in Warren.

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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 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitzi Sabella, Secretary