

**Minutes of
Trumbull County MetroParks Board
Wednesday, September 23, 2015**

A meeting of Trumbull County MetroParks was called to order by the Chairman, John Brown, Jr., on Wednesday, September 23, 2015, at 4:30 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
Steve Papalas
Steve Zerefos
Zachary Svette, Operations Director
Mitzi Sabella, Secretary
Bruce Clary, Maintenance

I. Approval of Board Minutes of August 26, 2015, meeting

Mr. Papalas made a motion to approve the minutes of August 26, 2015; seconded by Ms. Zerefos. The motion carried.

II. Financial Report

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

Mr. Papalas made a motion and seconded by Ms. Darkangelo to approve the following transfers:

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
03-981-060-5600-6800 Misc.	03-981-060-5600-5600 Professional Services	\$ 590.00
03-981-060-5600-5200 Supplies	03-981-060-5600-5600 Professional Services	\$ 900.00
03-981-060-5600-5400 Capital Outlay	03-981-060-5600-5600 Professional Services	\$ 600.00
03-981-060-5600-5300 Maint. Materials	03-981-060-5600-5600 Professional Services	\$1,500.00
03-981-060-5600-5700 Travel & Expenses	03-981-060-5600-5200 Supplies	\$1,000.00
03-981-060-5600-6600 Leases & Rentals	03-981-060-5600-5500 Contracted Services	\$1,000.00

The motion carried.

II. Financial Report, continued:

Mr. Papalas made a motion to accept a donation to the MetroParks for \$491.00 from Mary Pasternak from the Larry Furniss Memorial Bike Ride held this past summer for signage on the bike trail; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried.

Mr. Papalas made a motion to accept a \$190 donation from Brad Silvers for the Young's Run Disc Course for a tee-pad and trees; seconded by Mr. Zerefos. The motion carried.

Mr. Papalas made a motion to accept a \$47.50 donation from Bruce Clary for 25 Poplar trees to be planted at Young's Run Disc Course; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried.

III. General Business

Mr. Zerefos made a motion to approve the following to be maintenance (independent contractors) workers for the MetroParks in 2016, at a rate of \$10 per hour:

Roger Cox
James Smith
Joe Holbrook

Mr. Clary was in attendance at this meeting and reported that after 15 years with the MetroParks, he will not be returning as a maintenance worker in 2016. The board thanked him for his years of service to the MetroParks.

IV. Communications

Mr. Svette reported that the bridge inspection report from ms consultants should be completed by the end of the week. Mr. Svette stated that he will show the report to Gary Shaffer at the County Engineer's Department and will report back to the board.

V. Operations Director's Report

Mr. Svette reviewed current projects and work levels with the members that were present.

After reviewing a map of the area in Mesopotamia Township, Mr. Papalas made a motion to move forward with the process to accept a 123.13-acre parcel adjacent to the Coffee Creek MetroPark from the Western Reserve Land Conservancy per the Clean Ohio Program; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried.

VI. Report on Current MetroParks

Mr. Svette reported the following:

VI. Report on Current MetroParks, continued:

- Lockwood ribbon cutting will occur on October 31, 2015.
- Elm Road dumping – working with legal counsel.
- Ohio Edison is going to cut down some trees at Clarence Darrow at no charge.
- The sign at Swift MetroPark has been stolen.
- ATV crash on the bike trail – may be pressing charges.
- Paulette Godfrey, Clerk of County Commissioners, wants to know if the MetroParks can have an ex-con with a felony record to work some hours at the parks for WIC and JFS hours. It was decided that only people with misdemeanor charges are allowed to work at the park.

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

VIII. Future Planning

The next scheduled MetroParks meeting will be held on October 28, 2015, at 4:30 p.m. in the Planning Commission Conference Room at 185 E. Market Street in Warren.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Papalas made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitzi Sabella, Secretary