

**Minutes of
Trumbull County MetroParks Board
Wednesday, July 27, 2016**

A meeting of Trumbull County MetroParks was called to order by the Chairman, John Brown, Jr., on Wednesday, July 27, 2016, at 4:30 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
Steve Papalas
Steve Zerefos
Zachary Svette, Operations Director
Mitzi Sabella, Secretary

I. Approval of Board Minutes of May 25, 2016, meeting

Mr. Papalas made a motion to approve the board minutes of May 25, 2016; seconded by Mr. 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 Mr. Zerefos. The motion carried.

Mr. Papalas made a motion to accept a \$110 donation from Laird Controls North America, Inc. for a tree to be planted at Clarence Darrow MetroPark; seconded by Mr. Zerefos. The motion carried.

III. General Business

Mr. Papalas made a motion to approve renew/join the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association for \$300 for one year; seconded by Mr. Zerefos. The motion carried.

IV. Communications

Mr. Papalas made a motion to accept the WOW Ride 2016 Committee meeting report; seconded by Mr. Zerefos. The motion carried.

Mr. Zerefos made a motion to accept a letter from Atty. Todd L. Brainard dated July 1, 2016, regarding dead trees; seconded by Mr. Papalas. The motion carried.

Mr. Svette reviewed a letter from Atty. Brutz on behalf of the MetroParks in answering Atty. Brainard's above-mentioned letter. Mr. Zerefos made a motion to approve this letter from Atty. Brutz; seconded by Mr. Papalas. The motion carried.

IV. Communications, continued:

Mr. Svette reviewed a letter from Jeff Orr, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 75 in Bristolville, requesting a location at one of the Metroparks to place an area where proper flag disposition can occur. Mr. Papalas made a motion to designate an area at Clarence Darrow MetroPark for a flag disposal area; seconded by Mr. Zerefos. The motion carried.

Mr. Papalas made a motion to approve a request to spend an estimated \$700.00 for a mountain bike/hiker boardwalk at the North Road Nature Preserve; seconded by Mr. Zerefos. The motion carried.

V. Operations Director's Report

Mr. Svette reported on the status of all the projects he is working on. He also gave a report on vehicle counts at the parks.

VI. Report on Current MetroParks

Mr. Papalas made a motion to approve Addendum No. 1 to the State of Ohio Lease between the State of Ohio and the Trumbull County Metropolitan Park Board; seconded by Mr. Zerefos. The motion carried. Note: these amendments affect Article 5 (Construction/Improvements) and Article 17 (Notices) of the railroad lease for the bike trail.

The board members in attendance were informed by Mr. Svette through Mr. Holbrook (maintenance) that approximately two weeks ago, Mr. Bill Flynn removed bird houses from Young's Run Disc Course at Clarence Darrow MetroPark in Champion Township without MetroParks permission. Mr. Svette reviewed a draft letter with the members present that he wrote to send to Mr. Flynn regarding this matter. After much discussion, Mr. Zerefos made a motion to approve sending the letter to Mr. Bill Flynn; seconded by Mr. Papalas. The motion carried.

VII. Other Parks, Preserves and Lands

Mr. Svette reported that the paper work is in process for the Button Property in Bloomfield Township.

VIII. Future Planning

The next scheduled MetroParks meeting will be held on September 28, 2016, in the Conference Room at the Planning Commission office in downtown Warren at 4:30 p.m.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Papalas made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Zerefos. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitzi Sabella, Secretary