

**Minutes of
Trumbull County MetroParks Board
Wednesday, October 28, 2015**

A meeting of Trumbull County MetroParks was called to order by the Chairman, John Brown, Jr., on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, at 4:34 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 Zerefos
Zachary Svette, Operations Director
Mitzi Sabella, Secretary

Also in attendance: Alex Czayka, W.R. Land Conservancy

I. Approval of Board Minutes of September 23, 2015, meeting

Mr. Zerefos made a motion to approve the minutes of September 23, 2015; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried.

II. Financial Report

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

The secretary reported that the FY2016 budget is due at the Commissioners' office on November 16, 2015. Mr. Zerefos made a motion to approve submitting the same MetroParks' FY2016 budget that was submitted in May 2015 to the Commissioners on November 16, 2015; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried.

III. General Business

Ms. Darkangelo made a motion to approve Tom's Sewer and Drain providing port a john services for the MetroParks in 2016 at \$63.00 for the following parks: Foster, Thomas Swift, North Road Nature Preserve, Canoe City, Young's Run Disc Course, State Route 87 (bike trail) and Oakfield Trailhead, \$98.00 for handicapped port a john at Sunside Trailhead (prices are the same as last year); seconded by Mr. Zerefos. The motion carried.

Mr. Zerefos made a motion and seconded by Ms. Darkangelo to approve Valley Lawn Services providing the following mowing services in 2016 as follows:

Clarence Darrow MetroPark: \$100 per mow
Canoe City MetroPark: \$75 per mow
Foster MetroPark: \$65 per mow
Thomas Swift MetroPark: \$75 per mow

The motion carried.

III. General Business – Continued:

Ms. Darkangelo made a motion to send Probate Judge Fredericka a recommendation letter that John Brown, Jr. be reappointed to the Trumbull County MetroParks for another term; seconded by Mr. Zerefos. The motion carried.

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 the property is all wetlands, and it is a great natural resource area and could be used for passive recreation. Mr. Zerefos made a motion for the Western Reserve Land Conservancy to move ahead with the preapplication for the Button property located in Mesopotamia Township; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried. (A motion was made last month to accept the parcel from the Western Reserve Land Conservancy when obtained through the Clean Ohio Program.)

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.

IV. Communications – None.

V. Operations Director's Report

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

VI. Report on Current MetroParks

Mr. Svette reviewed Bridge Report from MS Consultants regarding the Baughman Bridge on the bike trail in Bristol Township. He said the letter states the following:

- The stone arch is in satisfactory condition and does not need any immediate repairs, and for long-term preservation, and they stated a recommendation of repointing the joints between the stones.
- The immediate concern is scour damage to the east embankment behind and south of the south wingwall. MS recommends rebuilding the embankment and either constructing a concrete channel wall or install riprap channel protection to prevent further erosion and instability.

Mr. Svette reported that the MetroParks' insurance company will not insure the structure until the bridge inspection repairs are made. The board ordered the section on the bridge of the bike trail closed until further notice.

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

VIII. Future Planning

The next scheduled MetroParks meeting will be held on November 23, 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. Zerefos made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitzi Sabella, Secretary