

**Minutes of
Trumbull County MetroParks Board
Wednesday, December 14, 2016**

A meeting of Trumbull County MetroParks was called to order by the Chairman, John Brown, Jr., on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at 4:53 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
Mike Sava
Zachary Svette, Operations Director
Mitzi Sabella, Secretary

Also in attendance: Kurt Sauer

I. Approval of Board Minutes of October 26, 2016, meeting

Mr. Sava made a motion to approve the board minutes of October 26, 2016; 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. Sava. The motion carried.

III. General Business

Mr. Sava made a motion to approve Roger Cox, Joe Holbrook and James Smith as independent contractors for maintenance services for the parks in 2017 at a rate of \$10.00 per hour; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried.

Ms. Darkangelo made a motion to grant approval to contract with Mitzi Sabella as an independent contractor for 2017 for bookkeeping and secretarial services for the MetroParks at \$200 per month; seconded by Mr. Sava. The motion carried.

Mr. Sava made a motion to grant Approval of Resolution No. 2016-10 – Final Resolution for North Road Parking Lot; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried.

Mr. Sava made a motion and seconded by Ms. Darkangelo for approval for re-advertisement of portable restroom contracts with no changes, and re-advertisement of mowing contracts with the following change: Advertise only Clarence Darrow MetroPark. The motion carried.

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Mr. Sava made a motion for the MetroParks to join the Trumbull County Tourism Bureau for the year of 2017 for \$50.00; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried.

Mr. Sava made a motion to grant approval for Mr. Svette attending various Ohio Parks and Recreation Association (OPRA) meetings in 2017 at a cost of approximately \$75.00 each; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried.

IV. Communications

The board reviewed the following communications:

1. Letter from ODNR – dated October 26, 2016

This letter informs the MetroParks that the application for Eagle Creek Wetlands Park Access Acquisition for the 23rd round of Ohio's NatureWorks grant was not selected for funding.

2. Letter from ODNR – dated October 26, 2016

This letter informs the MetroParks that the application for ODNR's Recreation Trails Program was not selected for funding through the FY2016 round of grant programs.

V. Operations Director's Report

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

Mr. Svette introduced Kurt Sauer who was in attendance at this meeting. He said that Mr. Sauer was recently sworn in by Judge Fredericka as a new board member starting January 1, 2017.

VI. Report on Current MetroParks

Mr. Svette reported on the ribbing-cutting ceremony held this month for the sled hill at East Lake MetroPark.

VII. Other Parks, Preserves and Lands

No report.

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VIII. Future Planning

The next scheduled MetroParks meeting will be held on January 25, 2017, in the Conference Room at the Trumbull County Planning Commission office in downtown Warren at 4:15 p.m. Note: This will be the reorganization meeting, followed by the regular board meeting.

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 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitzi Sabella, Secretary