

**Minutes of
Trumbull County MetroParks Board
Thursday, September 23, 2021**

A meeting of the Trumbull County MetroParks was called to order by the Chair, Nicolette Darkangelo, on Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 4:15 p.m. at the Park Office at 3983 N. River Road in Howland Township. Those in attendance included the following:

Nicholette Darkangelo, Chair
Kathy DiCristofaro
Steve Maas
Zachary Svette, Operations Director
Mitzi Sabella, Secretary

Also in attendance: Mayor Kenneth Kline, Newton Falls Village
Bob Copland, Tribune Chronicle

Public Comments

Mayor Kenneth Kline who is also the Chairman of the Republication Party was in attendance by invitation of the MetroParks. The board wanted to inform him on their activities and updates on their parks located in and around Newton Falls.

I. Approval of Board Minutes of August 26, 2021

Mr. Maas made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2021, regular meeting; seconded by Ms. DiCristofaro. The motion was carried.

II. Financial Report

The list of the bills paid were reviewed by the board. Ms. DiCristofaro made a motion to approve the financial report; seconded by Mr. Maas. The motion was carried.

Ms. DiCristofaro made a motion and seconded by Mr. Maas to approve the following transfers:

981-060-5600-5600-3-506401 to Taxes	981-060-5600-5600-3-505522 Utilities	\$ 69.24
981-060-5600-5600-3-505214 to Operation Supplies	981-060-5600-5600-3-505522 Computer Equipment	\$ 6.70
981-060-5600-5600-3-505409 to Furniture and Fixtures	981-060-5600-5600-3-505522 Utilities	\$ 65.87

The motion was carried.

Mr. Maas made a motion to approve the proposed MetroParks budget of \$514,851.00 which includes \$400,000.00 for design work for bridge and other trail work; seconded by Ms. DiCristofaro. The motion carried.

III. General Business

Mr. Maas made a motion to approve a quote from Shelly Company for a state contract for West Branch Wetlands Hunting Lot for \$41,849.00 to be paid from State Road Tax Funds – no local funds will be needed; seconded by Ms. DiCristofaro. The motion was carried.

Ms. DiCristofaro made a motion to approve King Brothers to do trail work at Swift MetroPark for \$7,149.60 (\$3,149 stone and \$4,000.00 to put in place) using Health Department Grant funds – no local funds; seconded by Mr. Maas. The motion was carried.

Ms. DiCristofaro made a motion to authorize Mr. Svette to start the donation process with John and Mary Jo Dugan for three parcels along North Road in Howland Township to be donated to the MetroParks; seconded by Mr. Maas. The motion was carried.

Mr. Maas made a motion to approve Mr. Svette to begin negotiations with ms Consultants for the Baughman Creek Bridge and Trail Work study; seconded by Ms. DiCristofaro. The motion was carried. Note: ms Consultants was ranked the most qualified engineering firm after Mr. Svette, Mr. Sauer, and Mike Sliwinski, Trumbull County Chief Building Official, ranked submitted RFP's.

Mr. Maas said that we should show what neighboring county Metroparks have for their budgets.

It was reported that the Friends Groups are leaning for a park levy to be put on the November 2022 election.

IV. Communications

Mr. Svette showed the board members an article that was in the Cleveland Plain Dealer regarding dam removals.

V. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Svette reviewed his report with the board.

VI. Reports on Current MetroParks – No further reports.

VII. Other Parks, Preserve and Lands

MetroParks Events

Ms. Darkangelo reported on various events that will be held including:

Beekeeping 101 Workshop – October 5, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. at Park Office

S'mores Under the Stars – October 9, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. at Park Office

Fun Bike Ride – October 23, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. – Sunside Trailhead

Pups N Pumpkins – October 31, 2021 – 1:00 p.m. – Park Office

VIII. Future Planning

The next scheduled regular meeting of MetroParks will be held on **Thursday, October 28, 2021**, at 4:15 p.m. at the Park Office on North River Road.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Maas made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. DiCristofaro. The motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitzi Sabella, Secretary