

**Minutes of  
Trumbull County MetroParks Board  
Thursday, September 22, 2022**

A meeting of the Trumbull County MetroParks was called to order by the Chair, Nicolette Darkangelo, on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 4:17 p.m. at the Park Office at 3983 N. River Road in Howland Township. Those in attendance included the following:

John Brown  
Nicolette Darkangelo, Chair  
Kathy DiCristofaro  
Steve Maas  
Kurt Sauer  
Zachary Svette, Executive Director  
Mitzi Sabella, Secretary

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments at this meeting.

**I. Approval of Board Minutes of August 25, 2022**

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2022, meeting; seconded by Ms. DiCristofaro. The motion was carried.

**II. Financial Report**

The list of the bills paid were reviewed by the board. Mr. Maas made a motion and seconded by Mr. Sauer to approve the Financial Report. The motion was carried.

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

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>	<b>AMOUNT:</b>
981-060-5600-5600-3-505415 Maint. Equipment	981-060-5600-5600-3-505523 Utilities	\$ 150.00
981-060-5600-5600-3-505504 Bonds	981-060-5600-5600-3-505523 Utilities	\$ 200.00
981-060-5600-5600-3-505302 Equip. Maint.	981-060-5600-5600-3-505523 Utilities	\$ 550.00
981-060-5600-5600-3-505303 Bldg./Ground Maint.	981-060-5600-5600-3-505509 Refreshments (for upcoming events)	\$ 500.00
981-060-5600-5600-3-505602 Appraiser (correction – put in wrong account)	981-060-5600-5600-3-505610 Engineering (for Bridge)	\$7,450.00

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**II. Financial Report, Continued:**

981-060-5600-5600-3-505303 Bldg./Ground Maint.	981-060-5600-5600-3-505501 Advert. & Printing (for banner)	\$ 7.00
983-060-5600-5610-3-505419 Permits and Licenses (Bike Trail)	983-060-5600-5610-3-506880 Land & Site Improvements (Bike Trail)	\$1,080.00

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

+\$4,950.00 – 981-060-5600-5645-3-40900 – Sept spin revenue  
+\$ 90.00 – 981-060-5600-5645-3-506512- Sept spin refund

The motion was carried.

**III. General Business**

Mr. Sauer made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brown to accept the following donations:

Steve Maas: \$45	Greg and Alice Greenwood: \$90
Tim Nash: \$45	United Healthcare: \$1,500
Nancy Vallen: \$45	

The motion was carried.

Note: these donations were for registration/sponsorship fees for the September Spin event, but since the event was canceled, the above-mentioned people/organization decided to donate their registration/sponsorship fees to the MetroParks instead of asking for a refund.

**Resolutions:**

Mr. Sauer made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-2 – Authorizing the Executive Director of the Trumbull County MetroParks to submit an application for Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Grant funding for the purchase and protection of the range four preserve property; seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion was carried.

Ms. DiCristofaro made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-3 – Authoring the Executive Director of the Trumbull County MetroParks to submit an application for Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Grant funding for the purchase and protection of the Kinsman Swamp Enhancement Project; seconded by Mr. Sauer. The motion was carried.

**IV. Communications**

Mr. Svette shared with a board an online article that states that the presence of urban green spaces, defined as “any type of plant-covered environment (public or private) located within a city,” correlated with a lower risk of crime, according to a new study that involved about 300 U.S. cities with more than 100,000 residents. Researcher attributed the reduced risk to residents’ better quality of life, mental health, physical activity and sense of community.

**V. Executive Director’s Report**

Mr. Svette reviewed his report with the board calling attention to the following:

- Planning is going on for the Pups N Pumpkins and Smores Under the Stars events.

**VI. Reports on Current MetroParks**

No further reports.

**VII. Other Parks, Preserve and Lands**

No further reports,

**VIII. Future Planning**

The next scheduled regular meeting of MetroParks will be held on **Thursday, October 27, 2022**, at 4:15 p.m. at the Park Office on North River Road.

**IX. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Sauer made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Maas. The motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Mitzi Sabella*

Mitzi Sabella, Secretary