

**Minutes of
Trumbull County MetroParks Board
Wednesday, October 24, 2018**

A meeting of Trumbull County MetroParks was called to order by the Chairman, John Brown, Jr., on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, at 4:16 p.m. in Room 113 of the Tech Building at the Trumbull Campus at Kent State University. Those in attendance included the following:

John Brown, Jr., Chairman
Nicolette Darkangelo
Kathy DiCristofaro
Steve Maas
Kurt Sauer
Zachary Svette, Operations Director
Mitzi Sabella, Secretary

I. Approval of Board Minutes of August 22, 2018

Ms. Darkangelo made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2018, regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Maas. The motion carried.

II. Financial

Mr. Maas made a motion to approve the list of bills paid since the last MetroParks meeting; seconded by Mr. Sauer. The motion carried.

Mr. Sauer made a motion to approve travel for Zachary Svette to Lima, Ohio, on behalf of the MetroParks Board with Mr. Brown for Log Cabin inspection on September 7, 2018; verbal permission given previously by Mr. Brown; cost \$202.74 (mileage only); seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried.

Mr. Svette then reported that the budget for 2019 is due soon, and he discussed his plans for the budget. He said that he has three big issues next year: roof on log cabin at Ellis Property, maintenance at North Road Nature Preserve and possible TJX property maintenance. He said that Mr. Zerefos has stated that he will no longer be able to volunteer maintenance services at the North Road Nature Preserve; therefore, the MetroParks' maintenance men will have to care for the property. Mr. Svette stated that he will ask the Commissioners for the \$95,000 regular budget and an additional amount to cover new costs for a total of \$127,500.

Mr. Svette stated that the budget hearings are scheduled for November 19 and 20, 2018, at the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

III. General Business

No report.

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IV. **Communications** - None.

V. **Operations Director's Report**

Mr. Svette gave his report. See attached report.

VI. **Reports on Current MetroParks**

Tree Management on the Bike Trail

After discussion on the tree management on the bike trail, Mr. Svette will contact the State Forester to walk the trail with him.

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

Mr. Svette reviewed a map with the Board Members of property in Warren Township that the Mahoning Valley Economic Development Corporation (MVEDC) would like to donate to the Trumbull County MetroParks' Board. Ms. DiCristofaro made a motion for Mr. Svette to go into negotiations for the donation of this property with the Trumbull County Probate Court; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo with Mr. Sauer abstaining from voting. The motion carried.

Mr. Svette reported that a decision on Coalburg Lake Property should be made in December.

VIII. **Future Planning**

The next scheduled MetroParks meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 28, 2018**, at the Conference Room at 185 E. Market Street, Warren, Ohio, at 4:15 p.m.

IX. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Maas made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitzi Sabella, Secretary