

**Minutes of
Trumbull County MetroParks Board
Wednesday, August 22, 2018**

A meeting of Trumbull County MetroParks was called to order by the Chairman, John Brown, Jr., on Wednesday, August 22, 2018, at 4:16 p.m. in the conference room at 185 E. Market Street, in downtown Warren, Ohio. 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

The board and staff welcomed Kathy DiCristofaro to the board. Ms. DiCristofaro was sworn in by Judge Fredericka on July 26, 2018.

I. Approval of Board Minutes of July 25, 2018

Mr. Sauer made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2018, regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Maas. The motion carried.

II. Financial

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

III. General Business

Mr. Svette showed the board members an award from Mid-America Trail and Greenway (MATAG Award) presented to Trumbull and Ashtabula Counties for outstanding project for the Greenway Trail.

IV. Communications - None.

V. Operations Director's Report

See attached report.

Mr. Svette also reported that there is a hunting preserve in Braceville Township where a boat launch can be put in. Mr. Svette is working with ODNR which will fund the launch and the MetroParks would fund the parking area.

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VI. Reports on Current MetroParks

No report.

VII. Other Parks, Preserves and Lands

Mr. Svette reported that he is working with the Trust for Public Lands to acquire property through the Clean Ohio Grant around Coalburg Lake which is between Brookfield and Hubbard Townships. Copy of map is attached. Mr. Svette reported that there are 356 acres at the park site and a dam (24' x 200'). He stated that in the 2016 dam inspection report, there are items to be addressed. Mr. Svette stated that we would need a partner for cost sharing of this project, and he has approached the Hubbard and Brookfield Trustees.

Mr. Maas made a motion and seconded by Mr. Maas to approved Mr. Svette moving forward and exploring the possibly of acquiring the Coalburg Lake property through the Trust for Public Lands and Clean Ohio Grant as long as the following items are addressed:

1. No issues with the dam
2. House on small lot is removed
3. No water quality issues
4. No septic issues
5. No oil and gas issues
6. No environmental hazards
7. Review by the Parks' insurance carrier.

The motion carried.

VIII. Future Planning

At 4:55 p.m., Mr. Maas made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter; seconded by Mr. Sauer. Roll call was taken as follows: Mr. Brown, yea; Ms. Darkangelo, yea; Ms. DiCristofaro, yea; Mr. Maas, yea; and Mr. Sauer, yea. The motion carried.

At 5:00 p.m., Mr. Maas made a motion to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular order of business; seconded by Mr. Sauer. Roll call was taken as follows: Mr. Brown, yea; Ms. Darkangelo, yea; Ms. DiCristofaro, yea; Mr. Maas, yea; and Mr. Sauer, yea. The motion carried.

The next scheduled MetroParks meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 26, 2018**, at the Conference Room at 185 E. Market Street, Warren, Ohio, at 4:15 p.m.

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IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Sauer made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Darkangelo. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitzi Sabella, Secretary

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