

**Minutes of
Special Meeting
Trumbull County MetroParks Board
Tuesday, October 1, 2024**

A special meeting of the Trumbull County MetroParks and Trumbull County Commissioners was called to order by the Chair, Randy Fabrizio, and Denny Malloy President of Trumbull County Commissioners, on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Trumbull County Commissioners Hearing Room at 160 N High Street in Warren City. Those in attendance included the following:

MetroParks Board Members:	John Brown Randy Fabrizio Kurt Sauer
MetroParks Staff:	Zachary Svette, Executive Director
Trumbull County Commissioners:	Denny Malloy, President Mauro Cantalamessa
Trumbull County Engineer:	Randy Smith
Warren Township Trustees:	Kay Anderson Edward Anthony Ryan Yoho
Tribune Chronicle:	Raymond Smith
Also in attendance:	Debbie Roth Jim Hessler Julie Schott Mike Arnold Myron Schott Sean Shook

- I. A the Commissioners and Township Trustees asked questions and concerns about the Leavittsburg Dam Removal and the Study DLZ produced.
- II. Question was asked of the Park District about alternatives to dam removal within grant funds.
- III. **Public Comment**
 - Jim Hessler: Dam removal will kill aquatic life, reduce river flow to next to nothing

- Julie Schott: Concern about debris and tress exposed (cleanup); concern about trees falling into river; concern about maintenance of newly-exposed riverbed—vegetation growth, access by public; concern about toxins due to exposed septic outfalls; suggests other options in DLZ report could be completed for less cost than dam removal
- Mike Arnold: trees falling into river may become fish habitat and require permit from Army Corps of Engineers to be removed; concern about Rt. 5 bridge that will now have less water flowing beneath it
- Deb Roth: concern about overall health and safety primarily due to septic exposure; concern about road situation; loss of recreational use due to level drop; concern about integrity of contractor; requests commissioners halt the project.
- Myron Schott: MetroParks doesn't listen to residents; if no action taken, threatens class action lawsuit.
- Sean Shook: asked at "last meeting" if MetroParks could stop the dam removal project, and would we stop the dam removal project, and got no answer; how much would it cost to stop? How much would it cost to pursue alternates?

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Sauer. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Zachary Svette

Zachary Svette, Interim Board Secretary