

**Minutes of
Trumbull County MetroParks Board
Wednesday, December 23, 2020**

A meeting of Trumbull County MetroParks was called to order by the Chair, Nicolette Darkangelo, on Wednesday, December 23, 2020, at 4:15 p.m. via Zoom. Those in attendance included the following:

Nicolette Darkangelo, Chair
Steve Maas
Kurt Sauer
Zachary Svette, Operations Director
Mitzi Sabella, Secretary

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

I. Approval of Board Minutes of October 28, 2020

Mr. Sauer made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2020, regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Maas. The motion carried.

II. Financial Report

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

Budget

The board had a discussion about the budget hearing for 2021 held in December. Mr. Sauer reported that Commissioner-Elect Niki Frenchko was at the hearing for the MetroParks via Zoom. He stated that she did ask some good questions He stated that it would be a good idea to enlighten her on the MetroParks after she becomes Commissioner. Mr. Svette stated that around \$40,000 will be a carryover for the budget.

Ms. Darkangelo stated that more publicity was needed during the levy campaign, and more promotion of the park system. She felt the social media needed to be flooded with information on the parks.

Independent contractors for 2021 Discussion

Mr. Svette stated that we presently have two maintenance people that average 44 hours, and he would like to see 3 maintenance people needed at 48 hours. Mr. Maas thought it would be a good idea to have another independent person available. The board stated that is can be readdressed through the season.

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III. General Business

Mr. Sauer made a motion to join the Trumbull County Tourism for 2021 for a cost of \$50.00; seconded by Mr. Maas. The motion was carried.

Mr. Sauer made a motion to approve the purchase of the John Deere zero turn mower for \$7,614.83, subject to available funds, from Cope Farm Equipment; seconded by Mr. Maas. The motion carried.

The board wants to wait on the flail equipment discussion until the January 2021 meeting.

IV. Communications

Caleb Little Letter from Zack Svette - Mr. Maas made a motion to approve the letter as discussed to Mr. Little from Mr. Svette; seconded by Mr. Sauer. The motion carried.

V. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Svette reviewed his report with the board.

VI. Reports on Current MetroParks - No report.

VII. Other Parks, Preserve and Lands - No report.

VIII. Future Planning

The members discussed having the next levy attempt to be in the Spring of 2022.

The next scheduled MetroParks meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 27, 2021**, at 4:15 p.m. via Zoom. This will be a reorganization and regular meeting.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Sauer made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Maas. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitzi Sabella, Secretary