

Regular Board Meeting – August 19, 2020

Resolution Summary

Resolution	Description	Byers	Dalton	Doneghy	Luetke	Savage	
Resolution No. 43-20	Ratification of Schedule of Payables			Motioned	2 nd		Approved
Resolution No. 44-20	Authorization of Image Focus Communications to Negotiate on Behalf of Metroparks Toledo for the Placement of Additional Advertising		2 nd		Motioned		Approved
Resolution No. 45-20	Ratification of Exchange Agreement with Marina District, LLC	2 nd	Motioned				Approved
Resolution No. 46-20	Ratification of Land Purchase: 0 Riverside Drive (Part of Lot 5, Marina District Deux)	Motioned		2 nd			Approved
Resolution No. 47-20	Ratification of Land Purchase: 0 Riverside Drive (Lot 5 and Lot A, Marina District)			Motioned	2 nd		Approved
Resolution No. 48-20	Ratification of Land Purchase: 9425 Garden Road			2 nd	Motioned		Approved
Resolution No. 49-20	Ratification of Land Purchase: 9440 Garden Road		Motioned	2 nd			Approved
Resolution No. 50-20	Ratification of Land Purchase: 0 River Road (Hunt Island)	2 nd		Motioned			Approved
Resolution No. 51-20	Ratification of Land Purchase: 13581 Airport Highway, 1370 Airport Highway, and 0 Waterville Swanton Road		2 nd		Motioned		Approved
Resolution No. 52-20	Ratification of Land Purchase: 12651 and 12701 Waterville Swanton Road	Motioned		2 nd			Approved

The mission of Metroparks of the Toledo Area is to conserve the region’s natural resources by creating, developing, improving, protecting, and promoting clean, safe, and natural parks and open spaces for the benefit, enjoyment, education, and general welfare of the public.



Board Minutes

METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT OF THE TOLEDO AREA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020, 8:30 A.M.
OAK OPENINGS LODGE – LIVE STREAM

Commissioners Present:

Scott Savage, President
Fritz Byers, Vice President
Lera Doneghy, Vice President
Molly Luetke, Officer
Kevin Dalton, Officer

Dave Zenk, Executive Director

Dave Smigelski, Legal Counsel

Staff Present: Matt Cleland, Jill Molnar, Emily Ziegler, Joe Fausnaugh, Matt Killam, Scott Carpenter, Tim Schetter, Carrie Alexander, Ally Effler and Allen Gallant

1. NON-RESOLUTION BOARD ITEMS

President Scott Savage called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

Mr. Savage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Fritz Byers made a motion to approve the consent agenda and for the disposition of the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on July 22, 2020. This motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Dalton and approved.

3. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR AND EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT FOR REVIEW

A. Policy Update

Mr. Savage stated that Metroparks Toledo’s staff and the Board of Park Commissioners have engaged in a significant amount of work regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion within Metroparks’ policies. This includes the diligent work of Mrs. Lera Doneghy and Ms. Molly Luetke on such policies. Mr. Savage said this work is ongoing, and he anticipates having another update in the next month or two.

B. Matt Cleland, Deputy Director & Treasurer – Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Matt Cleland provided an overview of the Treasurer’s Report. He noted that cash had declined due to payments to the contractors for Glass City Metropark in addition to land acquisitions. Dr. Tim Schetter is submitting for reimbursements for the land acquisitions.

Ms. Doneghy inquired about the then-and-now, which represents land acquisitions. Mr. Cleland responded that they were closed in escrow with payment made the following day.

Mr. Fritz Byers inquired about the status of inter-governmental revenue, and asked Mr. Cleland to provide an update. Mr. Cleland reported that Metroparks is averaging about \$50,000.00 per month in payments. He further reported that revenue looks a little better from an agency standpoint due to the bolstered rentals at Cannaley Treehouse Village.

4. BOARD APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS, DEEDS, AGREEMENTS, ETC.

- A. Ms. Doneghy offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Ms. Luetke:

Resolution No. 43-20 – Ratification of Schedule of Payables

After discussion and upon unanimous vote the resolution was declared duly adopted and recorded in the appendix to these minutes.

- B. Ms. Luetke offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Mr. Dalton:

Resolution No. 44-20 – Authorization of Image Focus Communications to Negotiate on Behalf of Metroparks Toledo for the Placement of Additional Advertising

Mr. Savage noted that the Board received an updated version of this resolution, which primarily addressed language, and not substance. Mr. Byers noted the support Metroparks receives in this marketplace, and asked for additional comments on the purchase advice. Mr. Matt Killam stated that this provider serves Metroparks’ interests from a cost-savings standpoint, and also due to time savings. Mr. Byers asked if a commission is built into this, and Mr. Killam responded yes.

After discussion and upon unanimous vote the resolution was declared duly adopted and recorded in the appendix to these minutes.

- C. Mr. Dalton offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Mr. Byers:

Resolution No. 45-20 – Ratification of Exchange Agreement with Marina District, LLC

Dr. Schetter stated that all of the remaining resolutions are related in regard to resource renovations and overall connectivity. This particular resolution worked out well as to Glass City Metropark regarding Metroparks’ operations building. Additionally, Metroparks Toledo will be able to reuse the surplus soils located on the site.

After discussion and upon unanimous vote the resolution was declared duly adopted and recorded in the appendix to these minutes.

- D. Mr. Byers offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Mrs. Doneghy:

Resolution No. 46-20 – Ratification of Land Purchase: 0 Riverside Drive (Part of Lot 5, Marina District Deux)

Dr. Schetter noted that the purchase price is \$0, but this is not a donation. Upon approval of the Exchange Agreement (Resolution No. 45-20), Metroparks will receive this property due to its assistance with the soil. From an auditing standpoint, this will be reelected as a \$0 sale.

After discussion and upon unanimous vote the resolution was declared duly adopted and recorded in the appendix to these minutes.

- E. Mrs. Doneghy offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Ms. Luetke:

Resolution No. 47-20 – Ratification of Land Purchase: 0 Riverside Drive (Lot 5 and Lot A, Marina District)

Dr. Schetter stated that this acquisition is part of the development of Glass City Metropark Phase II, which is currently under design. The entire purchase price will be covered by a grant.

After discussion and upon unanimous vote the resolution was declared duly adopted and recorded in the appendix to these minutes.

Mr. Savage inquired as a side note about the relationship with the residential development next door to this property. Mr. Dave Zenk reported that at last conversation with the site manager, rentals are trending higher than expected.

Mr. Savage congratulated the Metroparks Toledo staff for all of their hard work on the creation of Glass City Metropark, and stated that it all is very exciting.

- F. Ms. Luetke offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Mrs. Doneghy:

Resolution No. 48-20 – Ratification of Land Purchase: 9425 Garden Road

Dr. Schetter reported that this will expand to a contiguous 240 acres in the Oak Openings Region. Additionally, the entire purchase price and restoration will be covered by grants. Mr. Byers reported that it is important to note that Metroparks Toledo's expenditure will only be \$1,200.00. Mr. Byers noted that this reflects a well-established pattern of the responsible use of taxpayer dollars.

After discussion and upon unanimous vote the resolution was declared duly adopted and recorded in the appendix to these minutes.

- G. Mr. Dalton offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Mrs. Doneghy:

Resolution No. 49-20 – Ratification of Land Purchase: 9440 Garden Road

Dr. Schetter reported that the purchase price is nominal, but the benefits from this property will be profound.

After discussion and upon unanimous vote the resolution was declared duly adopted and recorded in the appendix to these minutes.

- H. Mrs. Doneghy offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Mr. Byers:

Resolution No. 50-20 – Ratification of Land Purchase: 0 River Road (Hunt Island)

Dr. Schetter indicated that this is the last island around Audubon Island. This will allow an opportunity to provide additional recreational activities. The entire purchase price will be from a Clean Ohio Fund.

Mr. Savage reiterated that there is no cost to Metroparks Toledo and that this is a great opportunity. He thanked Dr. Schetter for all of his hard work.

After discussion and upon unanimous vote the resolution was declared duly adopted and recorded in the appendix to these minutes.

- I. Ms. Luetke offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Mr. Dalton:

Resolution No. 51-20 – Ratification of Land Purchase: 13581 Airport Highway, 1370 Airport Highway, and 0 Waterville Swanton Road

Dr. Schetter stated that this is one of the first six properties announced under Governor DeWine’s H2O projects. Dr. Schetter is working with MAD Scientists on restoration plans. Metroparks Toledo will be able to offset costs from Clean Ohio Funds in order to match some of the acquisition as well as the restoration. In addition to the restoration, Metroparks Toledo will be adding to the Scout Trail.

Mr. Savage commented that this is truly remarkable. Director Mary Mertz, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, announced that this was a project on which they would partner because of the significance of the project and how public it is. Mr. Savage reiterated the importance of this work is and thanked the partners involved.

After discussion and upon unanimous vote the resolution was declared duly adopted and recorded in the appendix to these minutes.

- J. Mr. Byers offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Mrs. Doneghy:

Resolution No. 52-20 – Ratification of Land Purchase: 12651 and 12701 Waterville Swanton Road, Whitehouse, OH 43571

Dr. Schetter reported that this will expand the Oak Openings Region by 64 acres. This land will require very little restoration, as the property already is of phenomenally high quality with at least 56 species, two of which have been acknowledged as globally rare. This property will allow Metroparks Toledo to make connections and expand its service delivery for individuals requiring accessibility opportunities. Mr. Savage recognized Metroparks’ partnership with local non-profit Courageous Community Services, which operates camp Courageous Acres, and he stated that its board has been great to work with throughout this process. He commented that this partnership is a proverbial “win-win.” The acquisition price will be covered by the Clean Ohio Fund, resulting in no net cost for Metroparks Toledo to acquire this property.

Mr. Byers stated that this resolution is the culmination of significant work throughout the agency. As so often is the case, the work was performed without the individuals wanting to be in the limelight or receiving acknowledgement. Mr. Byers thanked those individuals for their hard work, and commented that this is a remarkable accomplishment for the agency and for the community.

After discussion and upon unanimous vote the resolution was declared duly adopted and recorded in the appendix to these minutes.

Ms. Luetke inquired about programming opportunities. Dr. Schetter stated that Metroparks Toledo will offer programming opportunities for day campers as well as campers who stay. Mr. Killam reported that Metroparks had planned to have programming with Courageous Acres one day a week at the site as well as off-site. Courageous Acres typically services just under 400 people a year, but with this expansion, anticipates being able to serve many more.

5. BOARD INITIATED TOPICS AND DISCUSSIONS

With no further business or action to be taken, Mrs. Doneghy made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 9:15 a.m., which was seconded by Mr. Byers and approved.



Scott Savage, President

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Attest: _____
Dave Zenk, Executive Director