

Regular Board Meeting – August 21, 2019

Resolution Summary

Resolution	Description	Byers	Dalton	Doneghy	Luetke	Savage	
Resolution No. 65-19	Ratification of Schedule of Payables		Motioned		2 nd		Approved
Resolution No. 66-19	Authorization to Request Funding Through the France Stone Foundation	Motioned			2 nd		Approved
Resolution No. 67-19	Authorization to Request Funding Through the Toledo Roadrunners Club Community Grant Program	Motioned	2 nd				Approved
Resolution No. 68-19	Contract Approval, Glass City Metropark Professional Surveying Services	2 nd			Motioned		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 21, 2019, 8:30 A.M.

WHEELHOUSE – BEACH RIDGE AREA

Commissioners Present:

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

Executive Director, Dave Zenk

Dave Smigelski, Legal Counsel

Unable to attend: Lera Doneghy, Vice President

Staff present: Jill Molnar, Matt Cleland, Matt Killam, Scott Carpenter, Emily Ziegler, Carrie Alexander, Allen Gallant, Tim Schetter, Joe Fausnaugh, Nate Ramsey, Craig Elton, Chris Smalley, Heather Mosqueda, Felica Clark, Amy Mossing, Trish Hausknecht, Brad Hooven, Josh Brennehan, Lori Miller, Jim Cassidy, Meredith Busic, and Hannah Calandra.

1. NON-RESOLUTION BOARD ITEMS

President Scott Savage called the meeting to order at 8:41 a.m.

Mr. Savage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Fritz Byers stated there is an addition to the consent agenda to add an Executive Session to discuss the potential of land acquisition. Mr. Byers then made a motion to approve the consent agenda and for the disposition of the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on July 30, 2019. This motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Dalton and approved.

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

A. Jennifer Plowden, Senior Conservation Economist, Trust for Public Land – Presenting Results from Study

Ms. Jennifer Plowden began her presentation stating that Trust for Public Land's role is to educate the general population as well as political leadership about the economic benefits of park systems.

The report identifies seven categories of economic benefits provided by Metroparks Toledo, in summary:

- Enhancing property value
- Infiltrating stormwater
- Reducing air pollution
- Bolstering tourism
- Enabling recreation
- Improving health
- Propelling economic development

With the findings in the report, Metroparks Toledo will be able to communicate factual statistics with the community supporting its ongoing efforts of improving the northwest Ohio region.

Mr. Fritz Byers inquired if the specific metric findings are more detailed within the report. Ms. Plowden responded that extensive research supports and outlines the level of detail within each of these areas in the report.

Mr. Savage thanked Trust for Public Land for creating this benchmarking tool as Metroparks Toledo continues to grow and develop other park areas.

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

Mr. Matt Cleland stated that last month Metroparks Toledo had a variance between salaries and fringe benefit trends, but within the past month the workers’ compensation payment was made, which brought the variance in line.

Mr. Savage stated that the budget seems to be on track and in line with expectations; he thanked the finance team for its great work.

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

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

Resolution No. 65-19 - 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. Mr. Byers offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Ms. Luetke:

Resolution No. 66-19 – Authorization to Request Funding Through the France Stone Foundation

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

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

Resolution No. 67-19 – Authorization to Request Funding Through the Toledo Roadrunners Club Community Grant Program

Mr. Allen Gallant reported that Metroparks Toledo previously joined in a partnership to develop 5Ks throughout the park system. These efforts have been tremendously successful, and Metroparks Toledo is in

need of some support in signage, and the requested funding would allow Metroparks Toledo to do that.

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

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

Resolution No. 68-19 – Contract Approval, Glass City Metropark Professional Surveying Services

Mr. Byers inquired how services are charged. Mr. Tim Schetter responded that it is project-based. The invoices will be submitted project-by-project and then approved under the basis of this resolution.

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

5. UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- **BugFest, Saturday, August 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Secor**
This event is to educate and entertain all about bugs. Dr. Insecta will do two shows, at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. This is a family-friendly event.
- **Paws in the Park, Monday, August 26, 3 to 7 p.m., at Middlegrounds Dog Park**
Celebrate National Dog Day and connect with Middlegrounds Dog Park users. This event will feature a dog show by Team Zoom Canine Entertainment.
- **Trail Challenge ‘Stick Party Celebration’, Friday, September 6, 5 to 7 p.m. at Wildwood Preserve, Ward Pavilion**
This event celebrates all of the Trail Challengers who met or exceeded their hiking and paddling goals for the year. They will pick up their hiking stick and mileage badges at this event.
- **FitPark Ride, Thursday, September 12, 10:30 a.m. to Noon, at Wheelhouse**
Mercy and Metroparks will announce their continued partnership and introduce the newest addition to the Metroparks FitParks. This newest addition will open to the public on Sunday, September 15, noon to 2 p.m.
- **Secret Forest, Friday, September 13, 6 to 9 p.m. at TBG**
This donor reception celebrates those who helped make the Children’s Discovery Trail project possible. Public event will be on Saturday, September 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Bike Rodeo, Saturday, September 21, 9 a.m. to noon, Wildwood Preserve parking lot 7**
Join an action-packed, fun-filled Bike Rodeo for both kids and adults, and a great way to learn about bike safety. A local bike shop, Wersell’s Bike Shop, will have an assortment of demo bikes available to use on the obstacle course.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. David Bench and Mr. Mark Sattler, Jerusalem Township Trustees

Mr. Sattler reported that the Jerusalem Township Trustees are very pleased with the new Howard Marsh and all of the many benefits it has provided. He stated that there is a concern regarding the dike system. The Trustees asked the United States Army Corps of Engineers to review this dike system. Several areas within this system illustrate a potential weakness, some of which are on Metroparks Toledo property. The Trustees are asking Metroparks Toledo to work with them to prevent potential future flooding.

Mr. Byers thanked Mr. Bench and Mr. Sattler for bringing this issue to Metroparks Toledo’s attention. He stated that Metroparks Toledo is committed to working with Jerusalem Township toward potential solutions. Mr. Byers asked Mr. Schetter to comment on their remarks. Mr. Schetter said Jerusalem Township is currently in the discovery phase and the report from the U.S. Corps of Engineers on its findings is due in about three and a half weeks. Mr. Dave Zenk requested a copy of this report.

Mr. Schetter stated these are not the new dikes that Metroparks Toledo recently constructed as part of Howard Marsh Phase 1. Metroparks Toledo inherited approximately 1 mile of failing dikes within the 4 mile area of concern, and the other areas fall out of Metroparks Toledo’s ownership. Mr. Schetter additionally reported that Metroparks Toledo is currently working with a contractor to determine ways to improve this system and also will work cooperatively with Jerusalem Township regarding this issue.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:39 a.m., President Scott Savage made a motion to recess into executive session to consider the items that qualify for consideration in executive session. Mr. Savage stated that the purpose of the executive session was to discuss pending land acquisition pursuant to Ohio R.C. §121.22(G)(2). Mr. Savage asked if there was any discussion and reported, under Ohio R.C. §121.22, that a roll call vote on this motion is necessary. Ms. Jill Molnar conducted a roll call vote of the commissioners.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Leutke – Yes
Mr. Dalton – Yes
Mr. Byers - Yes
Mr. Savage – Yes

Mr. Savage reported, upon roll call vote, that the motion passed, and the Board recessed into executive session.

The Board adjourned executive session at 10:09 a.m. and resumed its regular session.

With no further business or action to be taken, Ms. Luetke made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 10:10 a.m., which was seconded by Mr. Dalton and approved.



Scott Savage, President

Attest: 

Dave Zenk, Executive Director

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