

Regular Board Meeting – September 21, 2016

RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Resolution	Description	Byers	Doneghy	Savage	
Resolution No. 58-16	Additional Expense Approval, Professional Services Associated with Howard Marsh Metropark Class 1 Dam Certification	Motioned		2 nd	Approved
Resolution No. 59-16	Authorize Copeland Lease Agreement with the City of Toledo, Chessie Circle Trail Parking Lot	Motioned		2 nd	Approved
Resolution No. 60-16	Ratification of Land Purchase: Blue Creek Metropark Expansion	Motioned		2 nd	Approved
Resolution No. 61-16	Ratify Approval/Award & Participation in the National Science Foundation Grant Subaward from BGSU-STEM iEvolve Project.	Motioned		2 nd	Approved
Resolution No. 62-16	Ratify Amendment/Supplement to the 2016 Appropriations Measure – OEPA Middlegrounds Storm water Filtration Grant & BGSU NFS IEVOLVE Grant	Motioned		2 nd	Approved
Resolution No. 63-16	Schedule of Payables	Motioned		2 nd	Approved
Resolution No. 64-16	Acceptance of Resignation	Motioned		2 nd	Approved
Resolution No. 65-16	Appointment of Interim Executive Director	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, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016, 8:30 A.M.
FALLEN TIMBERS VISITORS CENTER – FALLEN TIMBERS BATTLEFIELD

Commissioners Present:

Scott Savage, President
Fritz Byers, Vice President

Unable to attend, Lera Doneghy, Vice President

Stephen W. Madewell, Executive Director
David Smigelski, Legal Counsel

Staff present: Dave Zenk, Jill Molnar, Joe Fausnaugh, Scott Carpenter, Sherri Mossing, Michelle Grigore and Amy Mossing.

1. NON-RESOLUTION BOARD ITEMS

President Scott Savage called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Mr. Savage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Fritz Byers commented that he was at Fallen Timbers yesterday and that the overall consensus of those in attendance was that this is just a beautiful park. He went on to say it was very nice to be having the Board meeting at the Fallen Timbers Visitors Center today.

Mr. Savage commented on the talent of Metroparks staff and Jon Zvanovec regarding the entire Middlegrounds project.

Mr. Byers made a motion for approval of the consent agenda, as well as the disposition of the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on August 24, 2016. This motion was seconded by Mr. Savage and approved.

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

A. Sherri Mossing, Comptroller

Ms. Sherri Mossing stated that everything seems to be tracking as expected for the general fund. She also stated that two additional grants have been added to the "all funds." With regard to fund advances, there

were no changes to the outstanding debt report. Mr. Byers inquired if all advances will be reconciled by the end of the year, and Ms. Mossing reported that they will be.

There were some changes to the Morgan Stanley account due to the Howard Marsh project. Mr. Byers inquired if Metroparks would incur any fees by calling the CDs early. Ms. Mossing will verify with Mr. Matt Cleland, but she does not believe there are. Mr. Savage inquired if there will be additional monies required, and Mr. Dave Zenk responded that all monies have been funded, and no future action is acquired. The STAR account, which currently holds the funds, will draw interest. The funds in that account are being held for Metroparks by the State of Ohio. Mr. Byers inquired if STAR was an acronym for something, and if so, what. Ms. Mossing informed him that STAR is an acronym for “State Treasury Asset Reserve.” Mr. Byers stated that this is a surrogate for a bond, but once the project is completed, the funds will return to Metroparks.

Then and Now Report – there will still be some exceptions.

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

- A. Mr. Byers offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution with the correction of the title, with a second by Mr. Savage:

Resolution No. 58-16 – Additional Expense Approval, Professional Services Associated with Howard Marsh Metropark Class 1 Dam Certification

Mr. Zenk reported that the Board of Park Commissioners previously approved this contractor to certify this project and now needs some additional funds to complete the process.

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 Mr. Savage:

Resolution No. 59-16 – Authorize Copeland Lease Agreement with the City of Toledo, Chessie Circle Trail Parking Lot

Mr. Zenk reported that Metroparks has discussed such a lease agreement in the past, and this Resolution derived from conversations with the neighbors in the project area. Mr. Byers inquired as to the term of the lease (30-10-10), and Mr. Zenk responded that the City of Toledo responded with the proposal in the resolution under consideration rather than accepting Metroparks’ proposed 50 years. Mr. Byers stated Metroparks would not want to lose the lease in 30 years, unless the City agrees to take over, and Mr. Zenk agreed. Mr. Savage inquired as to the timeframe for this project. Mr. Zenk reported that the trail project is currently under construction with a completion date of next year; the parking lot project is contingent upon some grant opportunities.

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. Savage:

Resolution No. 60-16 – Ratification of Land Purchase: Blue Creek Metropark Expansion

Mr. Zenk reported this land purchase will make this the 3rd largest park in our system; additionally, this purchase is utilizing the last of the land acquisition funds. Mr. Savage would like a tally of the land in comparison to the actual levy.

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 Mr. Savage:

Resolution No. 61-16 – Ratify Approval/Award & Participation in the National Science Foundation Grant Subaward from BGSU-STEM iEvolve Project.

Mrs. Michelle Grigore reported that investigated science is the basis of this grant, and Metroparks' system was one of the agencies chosen to provide assistance to teachers. Metroparks' educators will be working with teachers with the goal of improving overall test scores pertaining to science. Ecological sciences are a challenging subject to teach, and Metroparks is able to reach out and assist within the schools since ecological sciences are one of its specialties.

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

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

Resolution No. 62-16 – Ratify Amendment/Supplement to the 2016 Appropriations Measure – OEPA Middlegrounds Storm Water Filtration Grant & BGSU NFS IEVOLVE Grant

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

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

Resolution No. 63-16 – Schedule of Payables

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

5. PUBLIC ISSUES

Mr. Scott Carpenter reported that Mrs. Martha Sheets, the first woman appointed to the Board of Park Commissioners, has passed away. A recommendation was made to have a reception of all past commissioners of the Board.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:03 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 a personnel issue involving employment and compensation of a public employee, appointing a public official, and a pending or threatened legal matter to be discussed with legal counsel, pursuant to Ohio R.C. §121.22, (G)(1), (2), (3). Mr. Savage asked if there was any discussion and reported, under Ohio R.C. §121.22, a roll call vote on this motion is necessary. Ms. Jill Molnar conducted a roll call vote of the commissioners.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Byers – Yes

Mr. Savage – Yes

Ms. Molnar reported upon roll call vote the motion passed and the Board recessed into executive session.

The Board adjourned executive session at 9:20 a.m.

Mr. Byers reported that one of the items of executive session was to discuss the departure and transition of Mr. Madewell. He commented that it is impossible to overstate the tremendous impact that Mr. Madewell has had on this park system. He has changed the vision and culture and has increased the standards for this system. Not only on a national level, but also on an international level, this system has improved greatly. He has brought a

remarkable sense of integrity and confidence and left a legacy to this system. On behalf of the community, the Board thanked Mr. Madewell for all of his dedication and work on behalf of Metroparks.

Mr. Madewell thanked Mr. Byers and responded that it has been very fun and a lot of work, with more work to be done, and it has been a privilege to be here. Metroparks is an amazing park system with a legacy and is so important to this community; it has the potential of altering this community. Life is all about living fearlessly.

Mr. Savage stated there will be a celebration of Mr. Madewell at Metroparks' golf outing. He went on to say that when people get up in the morning, they make choices of how to spend their day, and to think that over 5 million people choose to visit Metroparks is so thrilling. That is why the Board and park system are here -- to serve. This will be a legacy and mission that Metroparks and the Board will take from Mr. Madewell. Watching the dedication of Middlegrounds, including all of the political aspects, with state, city and county officials all working together, continues that spirit of cooperation and working toward a common goal.

G. Mr. Byers offered and moved to accept Mr. Steve Madewell's resignation, effective October 3, 2016, which will include all final payments due to him, for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Mr. Savage:

Resolution No. 64-16 – Resignation of the Executive Director

H. Mr. Byers offered and moved for adoption, with the amended resolution number corrected, of the following resolution, with a second by Mr. Savage:

Resolution No. 65-16 – Appointment of Interim Executive Director

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

Mr. Savage reported that the search for a new Executive Director has begun with the hope of choosing a new director by December 2016.

Mr. Byers made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 9:34 a.m., which was seconded by Mr. Savage and approved.

Scott Savage, President

Attest: _____
David D. Zenk, Interim Executive Director

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