

Regular Board Meeting – July 30, 2019

Resolution Summary

Resolution	Description	Byers	Dalton	Doneghy	Luetke	Savage	
Resolution No. 58-19	Ratification of Schedule of Payables	2 nd		Motioned			Approved
Resolution No. 59-19	Request Approval to Declare Equipment Surplus	Motioned		2 nd			Approved
Resolution No. 60-19	Authorization to Request Funding Through the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments to Support Improvements to Anthony Wayne Bridge	2 nd	Motioned				Approved
Resolution No. 61-19	Authorization to Request Funding Through the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments to Support Improvements to Robert Craig Memorial Bridge			2 nd	Motioned		Approved
Resolution No. 62-19	Authorization to Request Funding Through the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments to Support Improvements to Martin Luther King Memorial Bridge	2 nd		Motioned			Approved
Resolution No. 63-19	Authorization to Request Funding Through the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments to Support Development of International Park Riverside Trail Access Points	Motioned	2 nd				Approved
Resolution No. 64-19	Authorization to Request Funding Through the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments to Support Development of Boardwalk under Martin Luther King Memorial Bridge		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

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2019, 8:30 A.M.

WARD PAVILION – WILDWOOD PRESERVE

Commissioners Present:

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

Executive Director, Dave Zenk

Dave Smigelski, Legal Counsel

Staff present: Jill Molnar, Matt Cleland, Matt Killam, Scott Carpenter, Ally Effler, Emily Ziegler, Carrie Alexander, Allen Gallant, Tim Schetter, Joe Fausnaugh, Nate Ramsey, Craig Elton, Jon Zvanovec, Heather Mosqueda, Felica Clark, Wendy Garczynski, Trish Hausknecht, Brad Hooven, Lillie Frybarger, and Pete Boss.

1. NON-RESOLUTION BOARD ITEMS

President Scott Savage called the meeting to order at 8:35 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 June 26, 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. Dr. Scott Abella, Professor, Life Sciences, University of Nevada, Las Vegas ("UNLV"), and Karen Menard, Metroparks Toledo Research and Monitoring Supervisor presented regarding "Using Ecologically Based Monitoring to Drive Metroparks Adaptive Resource Management."

Ms. Karen Menard reported that Lucas County is the top area in the entire State of Ohio for the number (161) of rare, state-listed plant species currently residing here, and the majority of those are within Metroparks Toledo.

Over the course of the summer of 2018, with the assistance of two interns, Metroparks was able to collect data from 138 vegetation plots throughout 14 Metroparks and some Oak Openings corridor properties,

encompassing an area of 17 acres. The monitoring program was designed to track changes in ecological conditions, plant communities, and species diversity patterns within and among various habitats, as well as to provide insight into key natural resource management decisions.

In total, 770 plant species have been counted, with the vegetation plots containing twenty-nine percent (29%) of the entire flora of Ohio. The plot data also can show the status of ash regeneration and current age distribution and canopy structure of oak trees; the change in abundance and distribution of exotic plant species in response to resource management decisions; documentation of new, rare plant finds, and ways herbaceous plant communities are responding to fluctuating deer populations.

Within the Blue Creek glade, a large population of a rare violet has been discovered. “Baxter’s Violet,” which is listed as a threatened species in Ohio, has been found in smaller quantities in other areas of Ohio and New York; however, the area of growth in Blue Creek Glade is the largest known population, due to ongoing restoration at that site. Researchers at Ohio University are studying the DNA for a species determination.

Dr. Scott Abella provided an overview regarding biological conservation, specifically how various pollinators have declined, due to many possibilities, *e.g.*, climate change, land use, chemicals used, fragmentation, etc.

Through Dr. Abella’s research, he has been able to target specific areas for specialized burns, including aiding in the creation of a natural resources fall burn plan in order to assist with future increased pollination areas.

Mr. Dalton inquired about the budgetary costs associated with resource management and what impacts future growth may have on Metroparks’ ability to maintain existing natural areas. Mr. Tim Schetter explained that Metroparks is able to forecast costs associated with various resource management treatments and will take this into account during the annual budget process.

Mr. Savage stated that this information is incredible, and he believes it would be extremely beneficial to be able to share this information in a way that is understandable to the general public.

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

Mr. Matt Cleland stated that at the end of the first six months of 2019, the year-to-date fringe benefits variance significantly exceeds year-to-date salary variance. The primary contributors, which are well below budget, are unemployment and workers’ compensation, neither of which is tied to salaries on a percentage basis. Mr. Cleland also reported that Metroparks Toledo expects a workers’ compensation refund in October 2019. He stated that another item of note is that the Programming/Education fund salaries exceed half of the annual budget midway through the year as a result of severance payments made. The programming department responded to this with a plan for staffing that will keep the department within budget and deliver services as planned.

BOARD APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS, DEEDS, AGREEMENTS, ETC.

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

Resolution No. 58-19 - 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 Mrs. Doneghy:

Resolution No. 59-19 – Request Approval to Declare Equipment Surplus

Mr. Joe Fausnaugh reported that this equipment will be auctioned off and funds received will go toward the General Fund.

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. 60-19 – Authorization to Request Funding Through the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments to Support Improvements to Anthony Wayne Bridge

Mr. Allen Gallant reported that these projects will be funded by two different agencies and will be in conjunction with the City of Toledo. He stated that all of these projects will coincide with the Glass City Metropark project. The timing of these projects will occur in 2024-2025.

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 Mrs. Doneghy:

Resolution No. 61-19 – Authorization to Request Funding Through the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments to Support Improvements to Robert Craig Memorial Bridge

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 Mr. Byers:

Resolution No. 62-19 – Authorization to Request Funding Through the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments to Support Improvements to Martin Luther King Memorial Bridge

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. Dalton:

Resolution No. 63-19 – Authorization to Request Funding Through the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments to Support Development of International Park Riverside Trail Access Points

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 Ms. Luetke:

Resolution No. 64-19 – Authorization to Request Funding Through the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments to Support Development of Boardwalk under Martin Luther King Memorial Bridge

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

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:46 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

Mrs. Doneghy - Yes

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 10:10 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 10:11 a.m., which was seconded by Mrs. Doneghy and approved.

Scott Savage, President

Attest: _____
Dave Zenk, Executive Director

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7/30/2019