

Regular Board Meeting – February 19, 2020

Resolution Summary

Resolution	Description	Byers	Dalton	Doneghy	Luetke	Savage	
Resolution No. 09-20	Approval of Supplement and Amendment to the 2020 Certificate of Estimated Resources and Appropriations Measure	Motioned			2 nd		Approved
Resolution No. 10-20	Ratification of Schedule of Payables		2 nd		Motioned		Approved
Resolution No. 11-20	Authorization to Apply to the Ohio Public Works Commission (“OPWC”) for Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program Funds	2 nd	Motioned				Approved
Resolution No. 12-20	Authorization to Request Funding Through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Clean Ohio Trails Fund	Motioned	2 nd				Approved
Resolution No. 13-20	Authorization to Request Funding Through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program	2 nd			Motioned		Approved
Resolution No. 14-20	Authorization to Request Funding Through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of State Parks and Watercraft	2 nd	Motioned				Approved
Resolution No. 15-20	Authorization to Request Funding Through the U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”) for Community Oriented Policing Services (“COPS”) Hiring Program	Motioned	2 nd				Approved
Resolution No. 16-20	Authorization to Request Funding Through the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities	Motioned			2 nd		Approved
Resolution No. 17-20	Ratification of Land Purchase: 9375, 9401, 9501, 9801 & 9885 West Central Avenue	Motioned	2 nd				Approved
Resolution No. 18-20	Contract Increase Approval, Fort Miamis Shoreline Improvements, 600 Michigan Ave., Maumee, OH 43537	Motioned	2 nd				Approved
Resolution No. 19-20	Purchase Approval, Pre-Case Concrete Restroom Facility, Treehouse Village – Beach Ridge Area	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, FEBRUARY 19, 2020, 8:30 A.M.
WARD PAVILION – WILDWOOD PRESERVE METROPARK

Commissioners Present:

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

Unable to attend: Lera Doneghy, Vice President

Dave Zenk, Executive Director

Dave Smigelski, Legal Counsel

Staff present: Matt Cleland, Emily Ziegler, Joe Fausnaugh, Scott Carpenter, Carrie Alexander, Allen Gallant, Ally Effler, Nate Ramsey, Craig Elton, Heather Mosqueda, Wendy Garczynski, Bethany Sattler, Josh Brenwell, Tim Schetter, Lori Miller, John Zvanovec, Felica Clark, Meredith Busic, Amy Mossing, Hanna Calandra

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 made a motion to approve the consent agenda and for the disposition of the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on January 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. Tim Schetter, Director of Natural Resources; Josh Brenwell, GIS Analyst - Adaptive Natural Resource Management: Tools for Implementation

Mr. Tim Schetter provided a report on the Metropark Toledo natural resource management program, explaining the five divisions: natural areas restoration and management; wildlife and fisheries management; native plant nursery; research and monitoring; conservation planning and land acquisition. Mr. Schetter described the adaptive resource management program which allows for decision-making by learning from

previous management outcomes. The natural resources management processes support the underlying mission of Metroparks to preserve natural areas. The five long-range overarching goals of the natural resources management program include: protect globally rare Oak Openings communities; sustain healthy forests; maintain critical function of floodplains, wetlands and waterways; restore coastal wetland ecosystems; sustain culturally significant natural resources. Within each goal are detailed objectives and site-specific management plans to accomplish those goals. The results of each action plan are reviewed and used to advise future management plans.

Mr. Josh Brenwell provided an overview of the geographic information system (GIS) used by Metroparks. A natural resources management grid is used to plot out each park to provide a way to communicate specific locations for management plans. The grid provides a way to track management areas, habitat and invasive species assessments, and comparisons to past and future states of habitats. Mr. Brenwell also explained the database utilized to record staff activities to track the management activities. The system allows for a consistent way for staff to input data to allow for a historical record of all activities. The data is then compiled into reports to show higher level summaries of the natural resources management activities over time to guide future plans and budgeting.

Mr. Schetter summarized the strategic planning use for the management tools. An important metric is the percentage of attainment for a specific region, measuring the portion of the area that is at the level of preservation that is possible based on the management that has occurred. Annual management costs have been compiled through diligent tracking to allow for forecasting future natural resources budgets for new sites and future projects on existing sites.

Mr. Byers remarked on how important and sophisticated the natural resources management program is in the grander plans of the Metroparks. The base commitment of the Metroparks is that all parks will look and feel like a “Metropark” – clean, safe, natural – and the natural resources management plans ensure that promise is able to be fulfilled consistently.

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

Mr. Matt Cleland reported that with one month into the year, no variation in the projections is expected. The investment ledger has changed due to developments in late December. Some investment accounts have been drawn down in anticipation of land acquisitions, with a replenishment intended for the near future.

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

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

Resolution No. 09-20 - Approval of Supplement and Amendment to the 2020 Certificate of Estimated Resources and Appropriations Measure

Mr. Cleland explained this is an update to the 2020 budget due to the number of grants being received and new projects that are being realized in the nearer future.

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. 10-20 – 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.

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

Resolution No. 11-20 – Authorization to Apply to the Ohio Public Works Commission (“OPWC”) for Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program Funds

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. Dalton:

Resolution No. 12-20 – Authorization to Request Funding Through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Clean Ohio Trails Fund

Mr. Allen Gallant explained this grant will be in partnership with the City of Toledo in regard to improvements to the Anthony Wayne Bridge ramp and trail access.

Mr. Byers inquired into the process for determining the “not to exceed” amount, to which Mr. Gallant confirmed that the amount is about 75% of the total budgeted amount for the project. The results of the application will be known by year-end.

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

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

Resolution No. 13-20 – Authorization to Request Funding Through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program

Mr. Gallant explained this grant program will support the riverside trail access points at Glass City Metropark in connection with the surrounding neighborhoods.

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

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

Resolution No. 14-20 – Authorization to Request Funding Through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of State Parks and Watercraft

Mr. Gallant explained this is a new grant opportunity which would assist with watercraft river access at the Otsego Road portion of Bend View Metropark, including a ramp, kiosk and upgraded trail.

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

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

Resolution No. 15-20 – Authorization to Request Funding Through the U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”) for Community Oriented Policing Services (“COPS”) Hiring Program

Mr. Gallant explained that this grant was previously applied but not awarded; this would support the hiring of

additional park rangers to cover the downtown riverfront area. Ms. Luetke inquired into how the application was adjusted from the last time, to which Mr. Gallant responded that this application will focus on the specific downtown area, as opposed to a broader park system-wide request.

Mr. Byers inquired into the sustainability of the funding for the new ranger positions once the grant funding concludes. Mr. Cleland explained that the budget would be adjusted in future years to accommodate the established positions.

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

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

Resolution No. 16-20 – Authorization to Request Funding Through the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Mr. Gallant explained that this grant would support staffing for camps to allow for better accessibility for all children wishing to participate, in partnership with the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

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

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

Resolution No. 17-20 – Ratification of Land Purchase: 9375, 9401, 9501, 9801 & 9885 West Central Avenue

Mr. Schetter explained this would be one transaction to purchase five addresses at the former sites of the Spuyten Duyval and Cottonwood Creek golf courses adjacent to Secor Metropark. The vast majority of the costs associated with adding the approximately 200 acres to Secor will be supported through outside grants. The restoration process on this site will take approximately two years, with the intention to open the new area for public use in 2022.

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 Mr. Dalton.

Resolution No. 18-20 – Contract Increase Approval, Fort Miamis Shoreline Improvements, 600 Michigan Ave., Maumee, OH 43537

Mr. John Zvanovec explained that conditions uncovered during initial construction at Fort Miamis required updates to the site improvement plan and an adjustment to the overall funding budget to avoid delays in the construction process. This increase is within the 10% budget contingency.

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

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

Resolution No. 19-20 – Purchase Approval, Pre-Case Concrete Restroom Facility, Treehouse Village – Beach Ridge Area

Mr. Zvanovec explained that the only bidder for the precast restroom facility was Norwalk Concrete, which is

a vendor that has been utilized for other projects. The final bid amount was within the expected range.

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

5. BOARD INITIATED TOPICS AND DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Scott Carpenter provided an overview of upcoming events including the “Wintering the Towpath” event on February 22 which is a 5 or 10-mile hike starting at Providence Metropark. The event saw over 400 attendees in 2019 and received a second place award at the 2020 OPRA conference.

Mr. Savage recognized the other programs that received recent OPRA award recognition including the Forest Therapy Program which received a third place award and the Ranger Department Pursuit of Excellence Initiative which received first place in its category. The accessibility programs that have been achieved through programming also was recognized.

With no further business or action to be taken, Ms. Luetke made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 9:50 a.m., which was seconded by Mr. Dalton and approved.



Scott Savage, President

Attest: 

Dave Zenk, Executive Director

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