

Regular Board Meeting – November 15, 2017

RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Resolution	Description	Byers	Doneghy	Savage	
Resolution No. 91-17	Ratification of Schedule of Payables	2 nd	Motioned		Approved
Resolution No. 92-17	2018 Annual Appropriation Measure	Motioned	2 nd		Approved
Resolution No. 93-17	Authorization for Additional Expense Approval – North Design	2 nd	Motioned		Approved
Resolution No. 94-17	Authorization for Additional Expense Approval - Blue Water Communications	Motioned	2 nd		Approved
Resolution No. 95-17	Designation of Law Enforcement Personnel	2 nd	Motioned		Approved
Resolution No. 96-17	Authorization to Enter into Cooperative Service Agreement with United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services	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, NOVEMBER 15, 2017, 8:30 A.M.
WARD PAVILION, WILDWOOD PRESERVE

Commissioners Present:

Scott Savage, President
Lera Doneghy, Vice President
Fritz Byers, Vice President

David D. Zenk, Executive Director
David Smigelski, Legal Counsel

Staff present: Matt Cleland, Jill Molnar, Sherri Romanski, Emily Ziegler, Tim Schetter, Trish Hausknecht, Cathy Marinelli, Arlene Slusher, Brandon Townsend, Doug Conley, Allen Gallant, Joe Fausnaugh, Ally Effler, Scott Carpenter, Nate Ramsey, Kelly Griffin, Lori Miller, Laura Condon and Jacob Rettenberger.

1. NON-RESOLUTION BOARD ITEMS

President Scott Savage called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Mr. Savage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Savage began the meeting thanking all of those involved regarding the levy and stated that he is very proud to be a part of such an incredible organization. He stated that the Board of Park Commissioners was ecstatic that the percentage of votes was the highest it has been in over 40 years.

Mr. Fritz Byers indicated that there were two changes to the consent agenda: (1) the addition of an update from Mrs. Ally Effler regarding Metroparks Toledo Foundation; and (2) the addition of an Executive Session to discuss public employment and pending or imminent litigation. With these changes, 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 October 27, 2017. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Lera Doneghy and approved.

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

A. Nate Ramsey – Wildwood Update

Mr. Savage inquired about the visitation number of approximately 20 percent park system visitation. Mr. Matt Cleland responded that one item to note is that Wildwood's visitation is likely to increase an additional 25 percent as the holidays approach.

B. Ally Effler, Director of Philanthropy – Metroparks Toledo Foundation

Mrs. Effler provided a recap of the foundation board meeting held on October 31, 2017. She mentioned that one of the biggest changes is the name; it is now known as Metroparks Toledo Foundation.

She stated that one of the most valuable takeaways, thus far, is the dedication of the individuals who have agreed to participate with the foundation. There is a strong passion to help not only philanthropically, but also in other ways, including sharing Metroparks' overall vision within the community and overall region.

C. Sherri Romanski, Comptroller – Treasurer's Report

Mr. Byers inquired about the capabilities of Metroparks' software systems. Mrs. Sherri Romanski reported that users could benefit from additional training, but the systems overall are functioning well.

Mr. Byers also inquired about the advancement of funds and when that will take place. Mr. Cleland responded that he is shifting the strategy in how funds will be advanced, so Metroparks will not be tracking advanced funds year round. Metroparks will look at fund balances in December and advance as necessary and then return advances in January.

Mr. Savage inquired as to whether the 6-7 percent budgeting at which Metroparks is currently operating will stay true until December. Mr. Cleland reported that his goal is generally to be near 5 percent; however, the timing of contracted services for planning could change that percentage this December.

Mr. Byers stated that it is worth noting that the care and detail of the actual budget is tremendous. He elaborated that it is comforting when Metroparks reaches out to the voters that it can illustrate its efficient budgeting practices.

4. 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. 91-17 – 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. 92-17 – 2018 Annual Appropriation Measure

Mr. Byers noted what a tremendous resource the budget is and illustrated again the due diligence of Metroparks' budgeting efficiencies to its voters.

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

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

Resolution No. 93-17 – Authorization for Additional Expense Approval – North Design

Mr. Matt Killam reported that there were unforeseen marketing expenses that occurred during 2017. Mr. Byers stated that it was worth noting that these expenses were fundamentally important for work on the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant, amongst other items, and given the work Metroparks has completed and where it is going; he is in full support of these essential expenditures.

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. 94-17 – Authorization for Additional Expense Approval - Blue Water Communications

Mr. Byers stated it is worth noting that this is still below what Metroparks previously has spent for advertising. Mr. Cleland stated that these numbers are still within the 2017 budget.

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. 95-17 – Designation of Law Enforcement Personnel

Mr. Joe Fausnaugh introduced Metroparks' newest rangers, Laura Condon and Jacob Rettenberger. Jacob Bensch was unable to attend due to prior obligations.

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 Mrs. Doneghy:

Resolution No. 96-17 – Authorization to Enter into Cooperative Service Agreement with United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services

Dr. Tim Schetter reported that Metroparks' work with Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service ("APHIS") has been exemplary in regard to wildlife management over the past two years. In future years, it is anticipated that Metroparks' law enforcement personnel will assume duties currently being carried out by APHIS.

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

5. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Doneghy inquired about the t-shirts that Metroparks Toledo is selling and stated how wonderful that is.

Mr. Savage inquired about the social media statistics. Mr. Killam responded that the goal is to increase the amount of engagement, but in the first six hours of the t-shirt site's launch, the reach hit over 10,000.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:28 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. Zenk stated that the purpose of the executive session was to discuss public employment and pending or imminent court action pursuant to Ohio R.C. §121.22(G)(1) and (3). 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

Mr. Byers – Yes

Mr. Savage – Yes

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

The Board adjourned executive session at 9:54 a.m. and resumed its regular session.

With no further business or action to be taken, Mrs. Doneghy made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 9:55 a.m., which was seconded by Mr. Byers and approved.

Scott Savage, President

Attest: _____
David D. Zenk, Executive Director

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