

Minutes of the 710th meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District held on Friday, April 27, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at the Metro Parks Office.

Present

Commissioners: Ms. Tripp, Mr. Danter, Mr. Jeffrey

Staff: Mr. O'Meara, Mr. Peck, Mr. Ruff, Mrs. Burchfield, Ms. Hanley, Mr. Studenmund, Mr. Sargeant, Mr. Bzomowski.

Legal Counsel: Mr. Franzmann

Mr. Danter asked if all of the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and the rules of this Board regarding open meetings have been complied with for this meeting. The Executive Director responded that yes, all of those requirements and rules have been met.

Planning Discussion

The Director presented various funding, expense and timing options concerning the next Metro Parks levy.

Discussions concerning the amount of the levy request ranged from a renewal levy up to a possible modest increase in levy millage.

Information was presented concerning the uncertainties related to Local Government Funds, changes in the State of Ohio tax law, and limitations on other sources of funds.

In addition to maintaining and operating the existing Metro Parks, a variety of possible new major projects and programs were discussed.

No decisions were made regarding the timing or amount of the upcoming Metro Parks levy.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. O'Meara, Executive Director

Approved by the Board of Park Commissioners:

Ken Danter, Chair