

Minutes of the 725<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District held on Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the Valley View Shelter, Clear Creek Metro Park.

### **Present**

Commissioners: Ms. Tripp, Mr. Jeffrey

Staff: Mr. O'Meara, Mr. Peck, Mr. Ruff, Ms. Burchfield, Ms. Hanley, Mr. Studenmund, Mr. Browne, Ms. Herron

Legal Counsel: Mr. Franzmann

Guests: None

Mr. Jeffrey 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.

### **Minutes of the May 13, 2008 Meeting of the Board**

Ms. Tripp made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2008 meeting. Mr. Jeffrey seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion.

### **Disbursement Resolution**

The Board asked for clarification of a few items. Ms. Tripp moved for approval of the Disbursement Resolution authorizing payment of the May 2008 invoices. Mr. Jeffrey seconded the motion and the Board approved the resolution. A copy of Resolution No. 4858 is attached to these minutes as part hereof.

### **Staff Reports**

#### ***Administration:***

Mr. O'Meara stated that Metro Parks acquired two properties last month. The Bradley Lake parcel along Big Darby Creek at Prairie Oaks Metro Park and the Pabst parcel along Alum Creek at Three Creeks Park both closed in the month of May.

Mr. O'Meara mentioned the State Legislature has approved the Capital Budget which includes an appropriation of \$350,000 to Metro Parks for Scioto Audubon Metro Park.

Mr. O'Meara stated that the Stewards of Metro Parks organization is up and running with their first official board meeting held last week.

Mr. O'Meara mentioned that the parks were very busy during the Memorial Day weekend, and that staff did an outstanding job.

#### ***Design and Visitor Services:***

Mr. Peck introduced: Ken Browne and Charlotte Herron of Clear Creek Metro Park.

Mr. Peck stated that construction on Darby Creek Greenway Trail is making great progress with Metro Parks Roving Construction Crew.

Mr. Peck mentioned that the emerald ash borer has found its way to Highbanks and Sharon Woods Metro Parks. Some of the affected trees will be treated and/or removed if they create a safety hazard to park users.

Mr. Peck stated that our summer day camp and urban youth initiative program will start next week. There will be over 28 different camps this year.

Mr. Peck mentioned that the Grange Insurance Audubon Center at Scioto Audubon Metro Park should be under construction very soon. He also stated that, with the removal of the buildings and roadways, the site is looking more like a park each month.

***Human Resources:***

Ms. Burchfield mentioned the past month has been focused on summer staffing needs and filling two Senior Naturalist positions, both due to retirement.

Ms. Burchfield stated that Metro Parks is active in several health & wellness initiatives throughout Franklin County.

***Finance:***

Mr. Ruff mentioned that the finances are stable. A few park budgets are beginning to be affected by higher fuels costs. The golf course is doing very well controlling costs. The golf course is reporting average income.

**Resolutions**

#4859 DECLARATION AND DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

The Board declared the used equipment to be surplus and authorized the Executive Director to dispose of the surplus equipment through whichever method is to the benefit of Metro Parks.

#4860 AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER WITH PERFORMANCE SITE COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AND REPAIRS AT PLEASANT VALLEY QUARRY

The Board authorized the Executive Director to approve a change order with Performance Site Company in the amount of \$39,100.

#4861 AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF ENVIRONMENTAL COVENANTS TO THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AFFECTING PROPERTY LOCATED IN BATTELLE DARBY CREEK METRO PARK

The Board authorized the Executive Director to grant Environmental Covenants to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for land where wetland mitigation projects will be developed.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Executive Session**

Ms. Tripp moved to enter into executive session at 4:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing land acquisition. Mr. Jeffrey seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Jeffrey	Yes
Ms. Tripp	Yes

The Board returned from executive session at 4:57 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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John R. O'Meara, Executive Director

Approved by the Board of Park Commissioners:

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Robert H. Jeffrey, Chair