

Minutes of the 925<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District, Budget Meeting held on Monday, December 12, 2022 at 8:04 a.m. at the Spring Hollow Lodge, Sharon Woods Metro Park.

### **Present**

Commissioners: Mr. Alex, Mr. Hadden, Mr. McCue

Staff: Mr. Moloney, Mr. Peck, Mr. McGivern, Ms. Telfer, Mr. Kaderly, Mr. Kasnyik, Mr. Laughbaum, Mr. Studenmund

Legal Counsel: Mr. Franzmann

Guests: None

Mr. Hadden asked if all of the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and the rules of the Board regarding open meetings had been met. Mr. Moloney confirmed that all of those requirements and rules had been met.

### **2023 Budget Discussion**

Mr. Moloney presented the 2023 Budget and Annual Report. He reviewed the budgeting process and summarized the accomplishments made in 2022, which included opening Quarry Trails, the new dog park at Scioto Audubon, resource restoration projects at Walnut Woods, Clear Creek and Battelle Darby, installing fiber optic at Blacklick Woods and Highbanks and becoming financial stable at the golf course.

Mr. Moloney updated the Board on levy commitments from 2018 and stated that Metro Parks has achieved the majority of the goals that were set during the last levy. The 2023 Budget is structured to continue completing these levy promises.

Mr. Moloney stated that a focus for 2023 will be on employment with the addition of positions and adjusted pay scales. This is timed with the upcoming opening of Hoover Y property and Great Southern Metro Park.

Mr. Moloney reviewed the list of proposed capital improvement projects. The main focus will be to continue upgrading existing infrastructure and utilities with the addition of new play structures, paving roadways and parking lots, improving trail connections, adding facilities, and resource restoration projects. The acquisition of additional park land will also be a key focus.

The Board commended staff for the budgeting process and proposed budget. They also had several questions relating to expenditures planned for 2023 including staffing levels.

### **Public Comment**

None.

**Executive Session**

Mr. Hadden moved to enter into executive session at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of establishing the salaries of the Directors. Mr. McGregor seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Alex Yes  
Mr. Hadden Yes  
Mr. McCue Yes

The Board returned from executive session at 9:45 a.m.

**Resolution**

The Board considered the following resolutions:

**#6047** RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION OF THE 2023 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR 2023

The Board approved Resolution #6047 to adopt the 2023 Budget and appropriate funds for 2023.

**#6048** ESTABLISHING SALARIES OF DIRECTORS


The Board set the annualized salaries for the Directors, effective January 2, 2023.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by the Board of Park Commissioners:

  
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Tim Moloney  
Executive Director

  
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JB Hayden, Chair