

Minutes of the 954th meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District, held at 3:04 pm on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at the Spring Hollow Lodge at Sharon Woods Metro Park, 1069 West Main Street Westerville Ohio, 43081.

Present

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

Staff: Ms. Ballard, Mr. Baugess, Mr. Billow, Ms. Boniface, Mr. Domiano, Mr. Eutsey, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Kaderly, Mr. Kasnyik, Mr. Laughbaum, Mr. McGivern, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Peck, Mr. Ramey, Mr. Saul, Mr. Severance, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Smith, Mr. Studenmund, Ms. Willer

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.

Minutes of the January Board Meeting

Mr. Hadden made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2024 Board Meeting. Mr. Alex seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Public Comment

None.

Disbursement Resolution No. 6226

Mr. Hadden moved for the approval of the Disbursement Resolution for the January 2025 invoices. Mr. Hadden seconded the motion and the Board approved the resolution. A copy of Resolution No. 6226 is attached to these minutes as part hereof.

Staff Reports

Administration

Tim Moloney noted that, like the parks, administration was busy all around. The search for the HR Director concluded and Mr. Domiano was doing well in his new role. Mr. Moloney is working with the city of Obetz on a water line for Bank Run Metro Park. Metro Parks is also working with ODOT on a right of way acquisition near Highbanks Metro Park and commented on the amount of easement requests we have received from several different organizations. Mr. Moloney also met with MORPC to discuss possible projects and collaborations between the two organizations.

Operations

Larry Peck introduced Vinnie Billow, Park Manager at Sharon Woods who in turn introduced his park staff. Park Techs have had a busy beginning to the year removing

hazardous trees, plowing after a few significant snow storms, and overall braving the cold weather.

Clint Eutsey was introduced and explained the Field Training Officer system.

This weekend will conclude the Winter Hike Series. The celebration will take place at the Blacklick Woods Golf Course.

Finance

Rick McGivern provided an update on the Finance Department. Two payrolls were processed in January. He provided items for the 90 different categories of the annual financial statement compilation.

Human Resources

Mr. Domiano, newly promoted HR Director, provided updated for his department. Interviews for several different job opportunities are being conducted, including HR Specialist and Camp Coordinator. Recruitment at colleges for season and summer positions continues and is going well for various colleges.

Resolutions

- #6227 REQUEST OF FUNDS FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) AND DESIGNATION OF PROJECTS FOR OHIO PARKS DISTRICTS ROADWORK FUND FY 2026-2027 THROUGH THE OHIO PARKS & RECREATION ASSOCIATION (OPRA).
The Board approved the funds.
- #6228 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED BY CLAYTON COFFEY AT WALNUT WOODS METRO PARK
The Board approved the purchase of creek frontage real estate.
- #6229 AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF AN EASEMENT TO THE CITY OF COLUMBUS FOR SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AT THREE CREEKS PARK
The Board approved this easement.
- #6230 AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF AN EASEMENT TO SOUTH CENTRAL POWER COMPANY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT ROCKY FORK METRO PARK
The Board Approved this easement.
- #6231 AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF AN EASEMENT FOR UTILITY PURPOSES TO THE MID-OHIO WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY ALONG BIG DARBY CREEK IN MADISON COUNTY
The Board approved this easement.
- #6232 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PLAY FEATURES AT THREE CREEKS PARK.
The Board approved the purchase of a new playground for the Confluence Trails area.

- #6233 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BLENDON WOODS METRO PARK NATURE CENTER
The Board approved the contract with Ferguson Construction Columbus LLC to convert the patio to a four-season room.
- #6234 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CHANGE ORDER WITH JANCO, LLC. FOR RESTROOM IMPROVEMENTS AT BANK RUN METRO PARK
The Board approved a change order in the amount of \$76,900.
- #6235 AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF AN EASEMENT FOR STORMWATER PURPOSES TO THE CITY OF COLUMBUS FOR PARK PROPERTY AT PICKERINGTON PONDS METRO PARK
The Board approved an easement of approximately .143 acres and a temporary easement of .096 acres

Other Business


None.

Adjournment

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by the Board of Park
Commissioners:



Tim Moloney, Executive Director



Chair

