

Minutes of the 957th meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District, held at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at the Lakeside Shelter, Homestead Metro Park, 4675 Cosgray Road, Hilliard, Ohio 43026.

### **Present**

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

Staff: Ms. Boniface, Mr. Domiano, Mr. Kasnyik, Mr. Laughbaum, Mr. McGivern, Mr. Moloney, Mr. Peck, Ms. Snyder, Mr. Studenmund, Homestead park staff

Legal Counsel: none

Guests: Ms. Molly Newberry

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 April Board Meeting**

Mr. Alex made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2025 Board Meeting. Mr. McCue seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

### **Public Comment**

Ms. Molly Newberry presented several ideas to the board for potential equestrian opportunities at Glacier Ridge Metro Park. Staff will be in contact with Ms. Newberry.

### **Disbursement Resolution No. 6246**

Mr. Alex moved for the approval of the Disbursement Resolution for the April 2025 invoices. Mr. McCue seconded the motion and the Board approved the resolution. A copy of Resolution No. 6246 is attached to these minutes as part hereof.

### **Staff Reports**

#### **Administration**

Tim Moloney updated the board on current negotiations with Camp Wyandot at Clear Creek Metro Park. Staff is working on a memorandum of understanding that would transfer approximate 50 acres to Metro Parks for violations to the conservation easement.

Mr. Moloney stated that he visited the National Capital park district as part of a NRPA accreditation tour. He brought back several ideas on future partnerships and programs with other jurisdictions.

Mr. Moloney thanked the board for attending the Inclusive Playground dedication at Blendon Woods Metro Park last month. Staff is managing the reservable programs while providing open times for the public.

Mr. Studenmund provide an update on the plans for Homestead. The focus will be on improving vehicular and pedestrian access through the park while providing additional parking areas, shelters, restrooms and program spaces. Phasing for construction is planned for the fall of 2025.

## **Operations**

Larry Peck introduced Gerald Strosnider, Park Manager of Glacier Ridge and Homestead Metro Parks, who in turn introduced staff in attendance. Mr. Strosnider stated that staff is busy onboarding summer staff while starting several service projects.

Mr. Peck stated that the event season has started with 12,000 people attending the Earth Day Celebration at Scioto Audubon, Highbanks Folk Festival was well attended and the one-year anniversary of the Canopy Walk at Blacklick Woods was celebrated.

Mr. Peck provided an update on several projects including a design build project for the Honda Wetland Tower repairs, Park Road trail improvements are scheduled to be completed at the end of May, Blendon Woods nature center addition is going well and several projects at Bank Run are in construction.

## **Finance**

Rick McGivern provided an updated on the first four months of 2025 with revenues ahead of projections. He mentioned that Christy Lochbaum, the new Purchasing Manager has started. And the information technology team has updated all the computer servers with new software.

## **Human Resources**

JJ Domiano stated that on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 50 seasonal employees when through a series of training sessions with staff which also included drivers training. The HR staff will be training camp counselors and Columbus School Interns in the next few weeks. Mr. Domiano thanked the HR staff and the manager of park operations who processed, screened and interviewed all the seasonal applications in the last month.

## **Resolutions**

**#6247 AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF AN EASEMENT TO OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR PROPERTY AT QUARRY TRAILS METRO PARK**

The Board approved granting an easement for electrical upgrades at Quarry Trails Metro Park.

**Other Business**

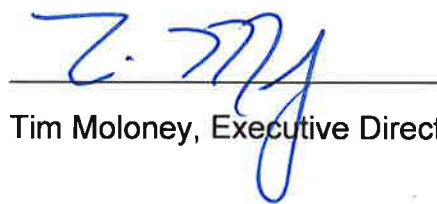
None.

**Adjournment**

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by the Board of Park  
Commissioners:

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Tim Moloney, Executive Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. B. Hadden', written over a horizontal line.

Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'George R. McNeil', written over a horizontal line.A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be a stylized name, written over a horizontal line.

