

Minutes of the 958th meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District, held at 3:06 pm on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at the Inclusive Playground at Blendon Woods 4265 Dublin-Granville Road, Westerville Ohio 43081.

Present

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

Staff: Ms. Ballard, Mr. Bruch, Ms. Christian, Mr. Domiano, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Eutsey, Mr. Eplin, Mr. Fortman, Ms. George, Ms. Hatfield, Mr. Kaderly, Mr. Kasnyik, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lako, Mr. Laughbaum, Mr. McGivern, Mr. Moloney, Mr. Peck, Mr. Ramey, Mr. Reese, Ms. Snyder, Mr. Studenmund, Ms. Willer, Ms. Zinsmeister

Legal Counsel: Mr. Franzmann

Guests: Mr. Roseman, Guests of newly appointed Rangers

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 May Board Meeting

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

Public Comment

David Roseman introduced himself as an avid bike enthusiast from the Annehurst community in Westerville, requested that a north/south connector trail be considered for his neighborhood for easy access into Sharon Woods Metro Park.

Disbursement Resolution No. 6248

Mr. Alex moved for the approval of the Disbursement Resolution for the May 2025 invoices. Mr. McCue seconded the motion and the Board approved the resolution. A copy of Resolution No. 6248 is attached to these minutes as part hereof.

Staff Reports

Administration

Tim Moloney updated the board on the ongoing collaboration with the Impact Group. It is going well and the surveys with Metro Parks staff have been completed and we will begin working the community organizations soon.

Mr. Moloney will be hosting a kayak float through Obetz to Bank Run Metro Park next week with MORPC and the mayors of Lockborne and Obetz.

Operations

Larry Peck introduced Heather Edwards, Park Manager of Blendon Woods. Ms. Edwards updated the board on current construction projects at Blendon Woods, including an addition to the nature center, waterlines, foot bridges, and paving the road back to the inclusive playground. Tim Moloney then explained that Blendon Woods is the second oldest park in the district and a lot of this current construction is to update original work. Ms. Edwards talked about the Inclusive Playground. It is very busy with both reservations and open public hours. We are bringing in staff from other parks to help with the crowds.

Mr. Peck noted that it is an interesting time of year with a lot of challenges and a lot of stories.

Finance

Rick McGivern provided updates from the Finance Department. It was a busy month with three pay periods and preparing the 2026 tax budget.

Human Resources

J.J. Domiano stated the Human Resources team has finally finished orientation with 150 new hires. They will soon work on recruiting part time Rangers.

Resolutions

#6249 ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND DIRECTING ITS SUBMISSION TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION

The Board approved the 2026 preliminary budget.

#6250 AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS) PURCHASING COOPERATIVE

The Board has authorized participation in the TIPS cooperative purchasing program.

#6251 APPOINTMENT OF PARK RANGERS

Metro Parks' employees Caleb Eplin (Scioto Grove), Allison Hatfield (Three Creeks), Andrew J. Lako (Sharon Woods), and Sarah Zinsmeister (Blendon Woods) recently completed Ohio Peace Officers Training and are hereby designated as Park Rangers.

#6252 SUPPORTING THE OHIO COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (AMERICA250-OH)

The Board endorses AMERICA250-OH and their mission to educate, preserve, innovate,

and celebrate every Ohioan in every county.

#6253 AUTHORIZING ANNEXATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT BANK RUN METRO PARK INTO THE CITY OF OBETZ, OHIO

The Board authorizes the annexation of Bank Run Metro Park into the corporate boundaries of the City of Obetz through an expedited Type 2 Annexation under Section 709.023 of the Revised Code.

#6254 AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF STRUCTURES AND DEBRIS FROM PARK PROPERTY

The Board approved the demolition of a house and outbuildings at 6240 Wright Road due to unsafe conditions.

#6255 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH KORDA NEMETH ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR Highbanks Metro Park

The Board approved a contract with Korda Nemeth Engineering to replace the Arch Bridge at Highbanks for \$74,998.

#6256 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR MANUFACTURE AND PLACEMENT OF PRE-CAST RESTROOMS AT MULTIPLE METRO PARKS

The Board approved a contract with Norwalk Concrete Industries for manufacture and installation of two pre-cast restrooms for \$89,550.

Other Business

None.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,


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Tim Moloney, Executive Director

Approved by the Board of Park Commissioners:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'George R. McEwen', written over a horizontal line.

Chair

Two additional handwritten signatures in blue ink, each written over a horizontal line.