

Minutes of the 962nd meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District, held at 4pm on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at the Cedar Ridge Lodge at Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park at 1775 Darby Creek Drive, Galloway Ohio 43119.

Present

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

Staff: Mr. Arruchio, Mr. Boniface, Ms. Bergman, Mr. Burgunzi, Mr. Domiano, Mr. Eutsey, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Kaderly, Mr. Kaysnyik, Mr. Laughbaum, Mr. McGivern, Mr. Moloney, Ms. Moore, Mr. Peck, Mr. Plowman, Mr. Sparks, Mr. Studenmund, Ms. Willer

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.

Minutes of the September Board Meeting

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

Public Comment

None.

Disbursement Resolution No. 6279

Mr. Hadden moved for the approval of the Disbursement Resolution for the September 2025 invoices. Mr. Alex seconded the motion and the Board approved the resolution. A copy of Resolution No. 6279 is attached to these minutes as part hereof.

Staff Reports

Administration

Tim Moloney provided an update on the Friends of Metro Parks Gala at Bank Run. It was well attended and Bank Run staff got a feel for how events will run at the park.

The Camp Wyandotte settlement agreement has been finalized. Mr. Moloney stated that we got as good of a deal as possible despite the challenges. Metro Parks received 50 acres in the agreement. Metro Parks also received eight acres from the Columbus

Jewish Foundation bridge along Alum Creek, which includes a trail. It will be a great place to fish and take photos.

Operations

Larry Peck introduced Geoff Hamilton, Park Manager of Battelle Darby Creek, the largest locally managed park in the eastern United States. Mr. Hamilton introduced his staff in attendance, many of whom left quickly to deal with an active grass fire. He explained that the Park Techs have been very busy lately. They recently built a salamander crossing and fixed the Cedar Ridge Lodge after a summer storm caused damage to the roof. The deck still needs fixed, but work on that will begin in November, hopefully concluding before the holidays.

Naturalists hosted Darby Creek Day, with three times the usual attendance. New security cameras have helped with illegal dumping. Rangers have assisted with a few water rescues on the creek and collaboration with the new Trapper John's owner is going well.

Mr. Peck updated the board on projects around the district, including paving the second phase of the Sharon Woods Connector Trail project, the observation deck at Glacier Ridge being dismantled and reassembled, deer management, and a precast restroom at Quarry Trails.

Requests for easements from AEP continue to come in. We are following Board approved protocol – they have their demands but we must remember our mission to conserve and preserve.

Mr. Peck introduced Resource Manager Kevin Kasnyik, who announced that Metro Parks received funding from the Amazon Corporation for Glacier Ridge and Prairie Oaks wetland projects. The district received just shy of \$1 million for the projects.

Finance

Rick McGivern provided updates from the Finance Department. Budget hearings are completed ahead of schedule. In February of 2024 the Board approved a resolution to install fiber optic at Battelle Darby Creek. The project, one of our levy promises, is ongoing but nearing completion. The goal is to “have a ring around Columbus with high-speed internet.”

Human Resources

Human Resources Director JJ Domiano announced that it is always HR's goal is to retain staff. He is happy to report that there have been 19 in-house hires recently. The

All-Employee Meetings went well. The HR/IT team lost the golf competition spectacularly.

Resolutions

#6280 DECLARATION AND AUTHORIZING TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

The Board approved the selling of used equipment and scrap metal on GovDeals.

#6281 AMENDING BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION NO. 6247

The Board approved amending the previous resolution to increase an easement area for the Ohio Power Company from .26 acres to .344 acres.

#6282 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO CHANGE ORDERS WITH B&C BLACKTOP SEALING INC. (B&C) FOR PAVING IMPROVEMENTS AT SHARON WOODS METRO PARK

The Board approved a change order in the amount of \$70,534.

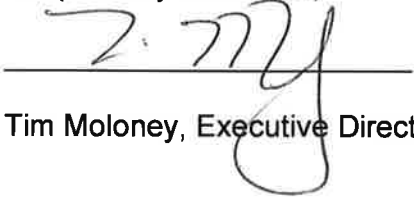
Other Business

None.

Adjournment


The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Moloney, Executive Director

Approved by the Board of Park Commissioners:


Chair
