

Minutes of the 964th meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District, Budget Meeting held on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 8am at Spring Hollow Lodge in Sharon Woods Metro Park at 1069 West Main Street, Westerville, OH 43081.

Present

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

Staff: Mr. Domiano, Mr. Eutsey, Mr. Kaderly, Mr. Laughbaum, Mr. Moloney, Mr. McGivern, Mr. Peck, 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.

2026 Budget Discussion

Mr. Moloney presented the 2026 Budget and Annual Report. He reviewed the budgeting process and summarized the accomplishments made in 2025, which included opening the Inclusive Playground at Blendon Woods, nature center renovations, expanding trails and trail connections to existing parks and constructing facilities for new parks to be opened in 2026. He also noted that our mission has always been clean, safe parks, something that sets us apart from other agencies

Rick McGivern, Finance Director provided a summary on the highlights for the 2026 budget. Primary budget goes to staff salary with all fund balances at expected levels with minimal growth. Among Franklin County agencies, Metro Parks has the second-lowest tax burden. The golf course is doing well with turf grass improvement in 2026.

The Board thanked and commended staff for their leadership in 2025. They also asked several questions relating to health insurance premiums and the effect TIFFs and tax abatements will have on our growth.

Public Comment

None.

Executive Session

Mr. Hadden moved to enter into executive session at 8:30 a.m. for the purpose of establishing the salaries of the Directors. Mr. McCue 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 8:50 a.m.

Resolutions

#6286 - RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION OF THE 2026 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR 2026

The Board approved the adopted budget and appropriate funds for 2025.

#6287 - ESTABLISHING SALARIES OF DIRECTORS

The Board set the annualized salaries for the Directors, effective January 1, 2026.

#6288 - AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT BANK RUN PARK

The Board approved a contract with Pummell Construction Services, LLC for the amount of \$554,757.

#6289 - AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE ONE AT HOMESTEAD METRO PARK

The Board approved entering into a contract with Strawser Paving Company in the amount of \$682,040.

#6290 - AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CHANGE ORDER WITH AXIS CIVIL CONSTRUCTION LLC FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT BANK RUN METRO PARK

The Board approved a change order with Axis Construction in the amount of \$24,000.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Moloney
Executive Director

Approved by the Board of Park Commissioners:

B. Hadden
Chair
G. R. McCue