

Minutes of the 963rd meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District, held at 3:15pm at the Ingram Building at Bank Run Metro Park at 1570 Rohr Road, Lockbourne Ohio, 43137.

**Present**

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

Staff: Ms. Boniface, Mr. Bosworth, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Domiano, Mr. Eutsey, Ms. Jones, Mr. Kaderly, Mr. Kaysnyik, Mr. Laughbaum, Ms. Lofton, Mr. McGivern, Mr. Moloney, Mr. Peck, Mr. Saul, Mr. Skorupski, Ms. Turpening, Ms. Wagner, 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 October Board Meeting**

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

**Public Comment**

None.

**Disbursement Resolution No. 6283**

Mr. Hadden moved for the approval of the Disbursement Resolution for the October 2025 invoices. Mr. Alex seconded the motion and the Board approved the resolution. A copy of Resolution No. 6283 is attached to these minutes as part hereof.

**Staff Reports**

**Administration**

Tim Moloney provided updates on projects throughout the district. Mr. Moloney met with ODOT on the US 23 and Powell Road intersection improvement. He is happy that they brought Metro Parks into the conversation before construction began, as it may have an impact on Highbanks.

We secured a Clean Ohio Grant for land acquisition at Walnut Woods.

Metro Parks hosted a neighborhood meeting at Bank Run to show them the progress. There is a general consensus of excitement for what is to come.

### **Operations**

Larry Peck introduced Melissa Turpening, park manager of Bank Run, who introduced Jeff Bosworth and Michael Skorupski, Park Tech 2 & 1 for Bank Run. They get a lot of credit for how the Ingram Building looks. The park sits on 160 acres, with a 40-acre quarry and we are anticipating a spring 2026 opening to the public. It will be a great spot for 5ks and festivals.

Ms. Turpening introduced Caroline Wagner, Outdoor Adventure Supervisor, who introduced her staff and explained a little bit about what Outdoor Adventure does. The goal with the organization to create accessible recreation and programming. Ms. Wagner is excited for the potential programming opportunities at Bank Run.

Mr. Moloney agreed, stating he is thrilled for the changes to come. "This is the perfect example of how we can create parks internally and externally."

Mr. Peck explained that the main draw of this new park will be a place to hold larger events, like the festivals and 5ks. Metro Parks has been overrun with special event requests so it will be beneficial to have another space to accommodate these. Trails have already been cut to equal the length of a 5k. Our last major hurdle with this park is connecting to the water supply.

More construction projects will be coming to other parts of the district, including Quarry Trails and Homestead. Two suicides occurred in the parks in the last two weeks. Additionally, a man took psychedelic mushrooms and had a bad trip in Three Creeks. Dan Kaderly talked him down until his parents could arrive from the Cleveland area.

### **Finance**

Finance Director Rick McGivern provided updates from the finance department. The month was busy, with three pay periods, year end deadlines, and bidders for major projects coming. The 2026 budget has been set. In-house fiber installation was completed from Headquarters to Spring Hollow Lodge.

### **Human Resources**

JJ Domaino announced that Breakfast with Santa will return Saturday, December 6. Open enrollment for benefits is underway. We have had a couple hundred applicants for our current open positions. Additionally, we are hiring internal applicants for a couple part time Naturalist positions.

The budget meeting will take place on December 1 at 8am.

## **Resolutions**

**#6284 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF DIGITAL MARKETING SERVICES FROM THE MARKETING BARN, LLC**

The Board approved an appropriation in the amount of \$190,000 to the Marketing Barn LLC for digital marketing services.

**#6285 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CHANGE ORDER WITH AXIS CIVIL CONSTRUCTION LLC FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT BANK RUN METRO PARK**

The Board approved the change order for the total contract amount totaling \$91,060.

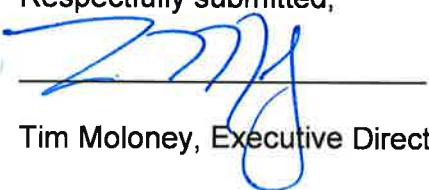
**Other Business**

None.

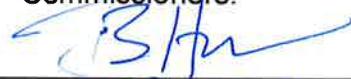
**Adjournment**

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Tim Moloney, Executive Director

Approved by the Board of Park Commissioners:

  
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Chair  
  
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