

Minutes of the 968th meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District, held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 3:00pm at the Nature Center at Blendon Woods, 4265 Dublin-Granville Road, Westerville Ohio 43081.

Present

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

Staff: Mr. Berisford, Mr. Biegler, Mr. Brosious, Mr. Domiano, Mr. Eutsey, Mr. Kaderly, Mr. Kaysnik, Mr. Laughbaum, Mr. McGivern, Mr. Moloney, Mr. Peck, Ms. Reichert, Ms. Snyder, Mr. Studenmund, Ms. West, Ms. Willer

Legal Counsel: Mr. Franzmann, Ms. Vlasuk

Guests: None

Mr. McCue 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 February Board Meeting

Mr. McCue made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2026 Board Meeting. Mr. Alex seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Public Comment

None.

Disbursement Resolution No. 6306

Mr. McCue moved for the approval of the Disbursement Resolution for the February 2026 invoices. Mr. Alex seconded the motion and the Board approved the resolution. A copy of Resolution No. 6306 is attached to these minutes as part hereof.

Staff Reports

Administration

Tim Moloney provided administration updates. He applied for Phase II work at Great Southern Metro Park for the 2027/2028 State Capital Budget. He also hosted an overwhelmingly positive tour of the park for Ohio House of Representatives Members Sigrist and DeMora. Mr. Moloney met with representatives from Columbus Recreation and Parks to discuss several joint projects.

The final agreement between Camp Wyandot and the Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks regarding their violation of the conservation agreement has been memorialized. Staff is now preparing for the official transfer of the land.

Operations

Deputy Director Larry Peck introduced Blendon Woods Assistant Park Manager, Brett Berisford. Mr. Berisford introduced his staff in attendance and welcomed everyone to the newly renovated Nature Center. The regular visitors to the park are loving the updates and the renovation checks off another levy promise – to renew our district nature centers. Raptor mews were built and will soon be home to a variety of hawks and owls. There is also a new butterfly house, built with money from a \$53,000 donation from a former volunteer's estate.

Elsewhere in the District, things are busy. Playgrounds updates have started and the Quarry Trails restroom is finally open. Mr. Peck hopes that controlled burns will begin next week, as long as the weather cooperates.

Finance

Rick McGivern provided updates from the Finance Department. The records retention schedule has been updated. IT has updated phones throughout the District. Audits are ongoing.

Human Resources

JJ Domiano announced that the HR Department has conducted over 90 seasonal, part-time, and full-time interviews for numerous positions. Most positions will start in May. We are actively interviewing for the Finance Director position, in preparation for Mr. McGivern's retirement in May. Mr. Domiano gave a shout out to HR team member, Russell Cowden, for passing the very difficult Society for Human Resource Management exam. With the completion of this exam, Mr. Cowden now has the title of HR Coordinator.

Resolutions:

#6307 - DECLARATION AND AUTHORIZING TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

The Board approved the disposal of the referenced used equipment through the online auction, GovDeals.

Other Business

Mr. Moloney announced the grand opening of our 21st park, Great Southern, will take place April 1, from 4pm-6pm. It will be a great community party, with plenty of hot dogs. "It will be the perfect chance to brag about the District," said Board Commissioner McCue.

Adjournment

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Moloney, Executive Director

Approved by the Board of Park Commissioners:



Chair

