

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF MILL CREEK
METROPARKS HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks was held on Monday, September 20, 2021.

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m., with recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Lee Frey welcomed staff and guests.

Roll Call was as follows:

Germaine Bennett;	Present
Lee Frey;	Present
Tom Frost,	Present
Jeff Harvey;	Present
Paul Olivier;	Present

The Board was presented with the Minutes of the Board Retreat of August 7, 2021 as well as the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 9, 2021. Lee Frey accepted the minutes into the record as written.

Kevin Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer presented the Department Report for Finance and requested that disbursements #85183 - #85405 for a total of \$884,136.87 be approved. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Finance Director, the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #85183 - #85405 for a total of \$884,136.87 be approved. The motion was seconded by Tom Frost, after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye:	Bennett, Frey, Frost, Harvey, Olivier
Voting Nay:	None

Kevin Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer presented and requested approval of Resolution R-21-08 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor in Accordance with ORC 5705.34 – 5705.35. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Finance Director, that Resolution R-21-08 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor in Accordance with ORC 5705.34 – 5705.35 be approved. The motion was seconded by Jeff Harvey, after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye:	Bennett, Frey, Frost, Harvey, Olivier
Voting Nay:	None

R-21-08

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY
THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES
AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR**

Revised Code Sections 5705.34-5705.35

The Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District, Mahoning County, Ohio, met in REGULAR Session on the 20TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2021, at the office of MILL CREEK METROPARKS with the following members present:

LEE FREY

GERMAINE BENNETT

TOM FROST

JEFF HARVEY

PAUL OLIVIER

Mr./Ms. LEE FREY moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, By the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District, Mahoning County, Ohio, in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget or has been granted the authority by the Mahoning County Budget Commission to waive this requirement for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Mahoning County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District, Mahoning County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said Township the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

SCHEDULE A

**SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX
APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED
TAX RATES**

Fund	Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 Mill Limitation	Amount To Be Derived from Levies Outside 10 Mill Limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax to be Levied Inside 10 Mill Limit	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax to be Levied Outside 10 Mill Limit
General Fund		8,147,838		2.00
Total		\$ 8,147,838		2.00

**SCHEDULE B
CURRENT PROPERTY VALUES AND
LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES
(see attached)**


And be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

Mr./Ms. JEFF HARVEY seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mr./Ms. John E. Fry
Mr./Ms. Germaine Bennett
Mr./Ms. Thomas M. Frost
Mr./Ms. J. H. Ho
Mr./Ms. Blair

Adopted the 20th day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.



Finance Director of the Board of Park Commissioners of
Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District
Mahoning County, Ohio

**CERTIFICATE OF COPY
ORIGINAL ON FILE**

The State of Ohio, Mahoning County, ss.

I, *A. Young*, Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District in said County, and in whose custody the Files and Records of said Board are required by the laws of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the original _____

_____ now on file with said Board, that the foregoing has been compared by me with said original document, and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof.

WITNESS my signature this 20th day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.

Kevin W. Jones

Finance Director of the Board of Park Commissioners of
Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District
Mahoning County, Ohio

_____ A copy of this resolution must be certified to the Mahoning County Auditor within the time prescribed by section 5705.34 of the Ohio Revised Code, or at such a later date as may be approved by the Board of tax appeals. _____

Filed _____, 2021

Ralph T. Meacham, CPA, County Auditor

By Manuel E. Santiago

Deputy Auditor

MAHONING COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION

TAXING DISTRICT: MILL CREEK METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT
 SCHOOL DISTRICT: _____

Tax Year 2020
 Calendar Year 2021

JURISDICTIONS	FULL RATE			EFFECTIVE MILLAGE RES / AGR			EFFECTIVE MILLAGE COMM / OTHER		
	INSIDE 10 MILLS	VOTED MILLAGE	TOTAL MILLAGE	INSIDE 10 MILLS	VOTED MILLAGE	TOTAL MILLAGE	INSIDE 10 MILLS	VOTED MILLAGE	TOTAL MILLAGE
COUNTY									
SUBTOTAL									
PARK DISTRICT									
01 Mill Creek Metropolitan Cur Exp TY30		1.750000	1.750000		1.438501	1.438501		1.680477	1.680477
16 Mill Creek Metropolitan Cur Exp TY30		0.250000	0.250000		0.218860	0.218860		0.250000	0.250000
SUBTOTAL		2.000000	2.000000		1.657361	1.657361		1.930477	1.930477
TOWNSHIP									
SUBTOTAL									
MAHONING COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER									
SUBTOTAL									
LOCAL, CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT									
SUBTOTAL									
MUNICIPALITY									
SUBTOTAL									
SPECIAL DISTRICT									
SUBTOTAL									
GRAND TOTAL		2.000000	2.000000		1.657361	1.657361		1.930477	1.930477

MILL CREEK METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

MAHONING COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION

Tax Year 2020

Calendar Year 2021

TAXABLE VALUES

Subdivision Name	District Number	Residential Agricultural	All Other Classes	Public Utility		Personal Property	Totals
				Real	Personal		
County Total		3,392,600,290	960,474,340	2,082,550	333,440,830	0	4,688,598,010
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VOTED LEVIES

Purpose	Millage	Type	Date of Vote	Tax Year Levy Began	No. of Years	Tax Year Levy Expires	Levy Year
General Fund Operations	2.00	Renew 1.75 & Add .25	11/03/2015	2016	15	2030	2001

NEW LEVIES VOTED EFFECTIVE NEXT YEAR

Purpose	Millage	Type	Date of Vote	Tax Year Levy Began	No. of Years	Tax Year Levy Expires	Levy Year

BOND ISSUES

Purpose	Millage	Type	Date of Vote	Tax Year Levy Began	No. of Years	Tax Year Levy Expires	Levy Year

Kevin Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer presented and requested approval of Farmers National Bank, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Premier Bank and Huntington Bank as designated depositories for active and interim funds for the period of November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2026 in accordance with Ohio Revised Code. This includes designated as depositories all banks submitting applications and authorize the Treasurer to sign the appropriate agreements, declare up to \$5,000,000 as active funds and all funds exceeding the necessary active funds requirement be declared interim funds and be deposited in the depository being consistent with our Investment Policy. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Finance Director to approve the designation of depositories as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeff Harvey, after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Frost, Harvey, Olivier
Voting Nay: None

Kevin Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer requested to increase appropriations to account 100-3853-5007 Trail Capital Improvements by \$5,500. We received a \$5,500 donation for equestrian trail improvements and would like to use this money for trail improvements in 2021. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Finance Director, to increase appropriations to account 100-3853-5007 Trail Capital Improvements by \$5,500. The motion was seconded by Tom Frost, after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Frost, Harvey, Olivier
Voting Nay: None

Aaron Young, Executive Director identified that two of the land acquisition projects that the MetroParks has been working on are near to closing and that more information will be shared after that process is fully completed. The MetroParks will not be commenting further out of respect for the sellers until the process is formally completed.

Nick Derico, Natural Resource Steward presented the 2021 Audubon Goose Count as well as the July 1, 2021 USDA Goose Management Report. The report recommends continuing with harassment activities, enforcement of the unlawful act of feeding geese by the public, as well as the Egg Addling/Nest Destruction to actively maintain population numbers.

Nick Derico, Natural Resource Steward presented a report on the results of the meso-predator (raccoon) management efforts that were conducted at the Wildlife Sanctuary. The report recommends continuing with the management activities to maintain current meso-predator populations at the Sanctuary in the Spring/Summer of 2022.

Jason Clark, MetroParks Police Lt. presented and requested approval of the updated Police Policies dated September 2021. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the MetroParks Police Lt. to approve the revised Policies as presented. The motion was seconded by Tom Frost after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Frost, Harvey, Olivier
Voting Nay: None

Chris Litton, Development Director shared the MetroParks Foundation deposit report for the period of August 1-31, 2021 at a total of \$65,855. Lee Frey moved to accept the deposit report for the period of August 1-31, 2021 as presented. The motion was seconded by Tom Frost, after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Frost, Harvey, Olivier
Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Comments:

- Lee recommended rescheduling the trolley tour scheduled on Wednesday due to rain in the forecast. Aaron will send out a new Doodle poll for an alternate date. Lee also commented on the positive things the MetroParks is promoting via social media.
- Jeff asked if the treatment of the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid had taken place. Nick advised that it has and will continue weather pending. Jeff also hoped that the members of the various advisory committees would meet prior to years end.
- Germaine commented on how good things are looking in the Parks.

Public Comments to the Board:

- Sara commented that the Gardens look great.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 6 p.m., at the MetroParks Farm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:24 p.m.

Presiding Officer

Secretary