

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF MILL CREEK
METROPARKS HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks was held on Monday, September 18, 2023.

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

Lee Frey, Board President welcomed staff and guests.

Roll Call was as follows:

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

The Board was presented with the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2023. 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 #90536 - #90867 for a total of \$1,837,676.63 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 #90536 - #90867 for a total of \$1,837,676.63, 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, Olivier
Voting Nay:	None

Kevin Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer requested to increase appropriations to account 100-3183-5097 Comfort Station Capital Improvements by \$24,715.32. This was the amount received from our insurance provider for repairs to the Newport Restrooms due to a recent storm. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Finance Director, to increase appropriations to account 100-3183-5097 Comfort Station Capital Improvements by \$24,715.32. The motion was seconded by Germaine Bennett after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Kevin Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer requested to increase appropriations to account 100-3853-5097 Annual Trail Improvements by \$7,740.00. This is money saved from previous work on trail projects and would be used for current improvements. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Finance Director, to increase appropriations to account 100-3853-5097 Annual Trail Improvements by \$7,740.00. The motion was seconded by Paul Olivier after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Kevin Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer presented Resolution R-23-09 Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, for approval. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Finance Director, to approve Resolution R-23-09 Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. 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, Olivier
Voting Nay: None

RESOLUTION R-23-09

**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 _____ Session on the _____ day of _____, 2023, at the office of _____ with the following members present:

Mr./Ms. _____ 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, 2024; 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		8,341,190		2.00
Total		\$ 8,341,190		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. _____ seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mr./Ms. _____

Mr./Ms. _____

Mr./Ms. _____

Mr./Ms. _____

Mr./Ms. _____

Adopted the _____ day of _____, 2023.

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, _____, 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 _____ day of _____, 2023.

Executive 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 _____, 2023

Ralph T Meacham, CPA\, County Auditor

By Manuel E. Santiago

Deputy Auditor

**MILL CREEK METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT
Rate Resolution Worksheet**

Tax Year 2023

Calendar Year 2024

	Residential and Agricultural	Commercial and Other	Personal Property Public Utility	Personal Property	Total
01/01/21 Valuation	3,433,689,920	991,100,140	381,181,820	0	4,805,971,880
Subtotal	3,433,689,920	991,100,140	381,181,820	0	4,805,971,880
Subtotal divided by 1.000	3,433,690	991,100	381,182	0	4,805,972
Rate Other (in)	0	0	0	0	0
Rate Other (in)	0	0	0	0	0
Rate Other (in)	0	0	0	0	0
Rate 01 Mill Creek Metropolitan Cur Exp TY30	1.436071 4,931,023	1.666670 1,651,837	1.750000 667,069	1.750000 0	7,249,929
Rate 16 Mill Creek Metropolitan Cur Exp TY30	0.218490 750,227	0.247945 245,738	0.250000 95,296	0.250000 0	1,091,261
Rate Other (out)	0	0	0	0	0
Rate Other (out)	0	0	0	0	0
Rate Other (out)	0	0	0	0	0
Rate Other (out)	0	0	0	0	0
Rate Other (out)	0	0	0	0	0
Rate Other (out)	0	0	0	0	0
Tax Total	5,681,250	1,897,575	762,365	0	8,341,190
Tax Total IN	0	0	0	0	0
Tax Total OUT	5,681,250	1,897,575	762,365	0	8,341,190
Check Total	5,681,250	1,897,575	762,365	0	8,341,190
Rate total IN	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	
Rate Total OUT	1.654561	1.914615	2.000000	2.000000	
Total Rate	1.654561	1.914615	2.000000	2.000000	
Total	8,341,190				

Aaron Young shared that the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held on September 13, 2023. He thanked Jaime for the planning and preparation of the dinner and all of the volunteers for their dedicated support of the MetroParks.

Justin Rogers, Planning & Operations Director presented Resolution R-23-08 Authorizing MetroParks Executive Director to apply for Clean Ohio Conservation Program Funds, for approval. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Planning & Operations Director, to approve Resolution R-23-08 Authorizing MetroParks Executive Director to apply for Clean Ohio Conservation Program Funds. The motion was seconded by Paul Olivier after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

R-23-08

**Resolution Authorizing MetroParks Executive Director to Apply for
Clean Ohio Conservation Program Funds**

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners of the Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District, operating under Chapter 1545 of the Ohio Revised Code, intends to apply to the Ohio Public Works Commission for Clean Ohio Conservation Program Funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the MetroParks Executive Director is hereby authorized to apply, on behalf of the Board of Park Commissioners, to the Ohio Public Works Commission for Clean Ohio Conservation Program funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MetroParks Executive Director is further authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

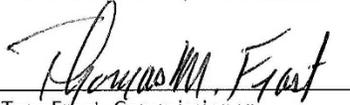
This Resolution passed this 18th day of September, 2023.



Lee Frey President



Germaine Bennett, Vice President



Tom Frost, Commissioner

Jeff Harvey, Commissioner



Paul Olivier, Commissioner

Justin Rogers, Planning & Operations Director presented the bid award recommendation for the project named Vickers Nature Preserve Improvements Phase II, for approval. It is recommended that Foust Construction be awarded the contract for the base bid plus alternate bid for lines A1 through A3 at a grand total bid amount of \$348,719.34. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Planning & Operations Director, to award the contract for Vickers Nature Preserve Improvements Phase II to Foust Construction for the base bid plus alternate bid for lines A1 through A3 at a grand total bid amount of \$348,719.34. The motion was seconded by Germaine Bennett after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Justin Rogers, Planning & Operations Director presented the bid award recommendation for the project named Golf Course Stream Restoration, for approval. It is recommended that Rudzik Excavating be awarded the contract for the base bid construction items and alternate A4-invasive plant removal, at the grand total bid amount of \$144,845. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Planning & Operations Director, to award the contract for Golf Course Stream Restoration to Rudzik Excavating for the base bid construction items and alternate A4-invasive plant removal, at the grand total bid amount of \$144,845. 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, Olivier
Voting Nay: None

Brian Tolnar, PGA Director of Golf and Recreation presented the MetroParks Indoor Player Development Golf Center Rates, for approval. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the PGA Director of Golf and Recreation, to approve the MetroParks Indoor Player Development Golf Center Rates. The motion was seconded by Paul Olivier after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Chris Litton, Development Director presented the MetroParks Foundation deposit report for the period of August 1-31, 2023, at a total of \$77,600.24. Lee Frey moved at the request of the Director of Development to accept the deposit report for the period of August 1-31, 2023, at a total of \$77,600.24. The motion was seconded by Germaine Bennett, after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Chris Litton, Development Director presented the Cross-Country Course Naming Rights Agreement for approval. Lee Frey moved at the request of the Director of Development to approve the Cross-Country Course Naming Rights agreement. 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, Olivier
Voting Nay: None

Public Comments to the Board: (see sign-in sheet)

- Terry Ciccone: Credits MCP for getting her through her homesickness. She sked why there are not a lot of fish in the Lily Pond.
- Jerry Serbal: Lives on Bears Den Road. Has a concern on the deer in MCP. Also has a concern about the condition of trees in MCP. There are several trees on Bears Den Road that are dead

and need removed. They are leaning over Bears Den Road. He is an advocate for the deer and has great feelings for MCP.

- Chris Defrank: Asked why we can't wait a year to deal with the deer via a ballot issue. Has met very few people that do not have an issue with the program. He questioned the mission about educating people with this program. Most people don't want this to happen.
- Lynne Drabison: Signed in to speak but declined to make a comment.
- Beth Shutrump: Signed in to speak but declined to make a comment
- Mike Drabison: Asked how many permits were given out? Mickey stated that the white deer named Angelo is gone. Another white deer does exist but is different.
- Sean O'Toole: Walks near the Lily Pond and cites several ducks that appeared very sick. Stated that lots of people are feeding them. He tried to notify the Police Department but no one answered the phone.
- Marsha Schifftaurn: Stated that God made these animals and that his most prized possessions are animals and children. Asked Mr. Frey, Mr. Young, Mr. Frost, Mrs Bennett, Mr. Oliver if they like golf. Suggested that we spend the money that is being spent on the Course on the Lily Pond. Asked if anyone could guarantee that no one will get hurt as a result of these efforts. Asked if this is the most efficient way to address the issue.
- Lana Vanauker: Stated that the Humane Society of the US provides advice on how to handle conflicts involving animals. Thanked the Save the Deer group for their passionate work to save the deer. Stated that safety and environmental damage is of the highest concerns. Finished by reading a prepared statement.
- Jeff Schaffert: Signed in but declined to make a comment.

Commissioners Comments:

- Lee asked that MCMP check the trees on Bears Den Road. Randy Malleske stated that the trees belong to the City of Youngstown. Nick provided an update on the number of permits issued. After being interrupted by attendees, Lee stated the date of next meeting and adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in McMahan Hall at the MetroParks Farm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m.

Presiding Officer

Secretary