

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF MILL CREEK  
METROPARKS

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks was held on Monday, May 11, 2026.

The meeting opened at 5:00 p.m., with a recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Harvey, Board Vice-President welcomed staff and guests.

Roll Call was as follows:

Lee Frey;	Present
Jeff Harvey, Vice-President;	Present
Jim Houck;	Present
Paul Olivier, President;	Absent
Katharine Paull;	Present

The Board was presented with the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2026. Jeff asked the Board if there were any edits or corrections and, with their being none, Jeff accepted the minutes into the record as written.

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

- Chris Flak noted her previous comments to the Board related to deer management and the use of archery equipment. She read a prepared statement related to archery equipment and archery hunting. She noted the difficulty associated with archery hunting.
- Lana Van Auker read a prepared statement inclusive of references to David Attenborough. She thanked the Save the Deer group for their efforts. She noted that the payment of taxes is for providing a place for all animals to live.
- Jerry Serbel addressed the Board and commented that he is against the killing of the deer. He noted that he gave out Save the Deer signs to his neighbors. He commented that he will continue to speak out against deer hunting, archery hunting in particular.

Nick Morchak, Finance Director/Treasurer presented the Department Report for Finance and requested that disbursements #97839 - #98088 for a total of \$1,574,908.07 be approved. Jeff Harvey moved, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Director, that the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #97839 - #98088 for a total of \$1,574,908.07, be approved. The motion was seconded by Jim Houck and after discussion including confirmation of the total of \$890,441.23, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye:	Frey, Harvey, Houck, Paull
Voting Nay:	None

Aaron Young, Executive Director, shared that the Farm Animal Baby Shower Event was a great success. Aaron congratulated the Community Engagement team and the Farm Operations staff for their work in preparation for the event.

Justin Rogers, Planning & Operations Director, presented the bids for the 2026 MetroParks Bikeway Improvements Project and recommended that Lindy Paving, Inc. be awarded the contract for the project at the grand total bid (Base Bid + #A1) amount of \$173,379.00. Jeff Harvey moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning & Operations Services Director and award the bid (Base Bid + #A1) for the 2026 MetroParks Bikeway Improvements Project to Lindy Paving, Inc. at the grand total bid amount of \$173,379.00. The motion was seconded by Lee Frey and after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye:	Frey, Harvey, Houck, Paull
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Voting Nay: None

Justin Rogers, Planning & Operations Director, presented the bids for the 2026 MetroParks Parking Lot Improvements Project and recommended that Lindy Paving, Inc. be awarded the contract for the project at the grand total bid amount of \$109,836.80. Jeff Harvey moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning & Operations Services Director and award the bid for the 2026 MetroParks Parking Lot Improvements Project to Lindy Paving, Inc. at the grand total bid amount of \$109,836.80. The motion was seconded by Katharine Paull and after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Frey, Harvey, Houck, Paull  
Voting Nay: None

Justin Rogers, Planning & Operations Director, presented the bids for the Slippery Rock Bridge Rehabilitation Project and recommended that the bid of \$1,016,164.00 by Marucci & Gaffney Excavating Company be rejected in accordance with Section 153.12 of the Ohio Revised Code. Jeff Harvey moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning & Operations Services Director and reject the bid of \$1,016,164.00 by Marucci & Gaffney Excavating Company in accordance with Section 153.12 of the Ohio Revised Code. The motion was seconded by Lee Frey and after discussion including anticipated next steps, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Frey, Harvey, Houck, Paull  
Voting Nay: None

Randy Campana, Police Chief presented and requested approval of the May 2026 Police Policy Updates. Jeff Harvey moved to accept the recommendation of the Police Chief and approve the May 2026 Police Policy Updates. The motion was seconded by Lee Frey and after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Frey, Harvey, Houck, Paull  
Voting Nay: None

Brian Tolnar, Director of Golf & Recreation presented and requested approval of the following Special Events/Races/Requests to Collect Funds.

1. Panerathon on 08-23-26 in MCP
2. Sole To City Race on 05-31-26 in MCP

Jeff Harvey moved to accept the recommendation of the Director of Golf & Recreation and approve the Special Events/Races/Requests to Collect Funds. The motion was seconded by Lee Frey and after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Frey, Harvey, Houck, Paull  
Voting Nay: None

Chris Litton, Development Director presented the MetroParks Foundation donation report for the period of April 1-30, 2026, at a total of \$6,425.00, for approval. Jeff Harvey moved to accept the recommendation of the Director of Development and approve the donation report for the period of April 1-30, 2026, at a total of \$6,425.00. The motion was seconded by Jim Houck, after discussion related to various Partners in the Park, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Frey, Harvey, Houck, Paull  
Voting Nay: None

Commissioner Comments:

- Lee Frey: Lee thanked all who recently ran for public office, even those who were unsuccessful. Lee congratulated Probate Judge Robert Rusu for his win. Lee thanked Rachel Sobnosky, Natural Resource Manager for her recent interview.

- Katharine Paull: Katharine thanked all who contributed to the recent amphibian program. She also noted the success of the Mother's Day Flea at Fellows.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., in McMahon Hall located at the MetroParks Farm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:21 p.m.

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Presiding Officer

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Secretary