

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, July 13, 2026.

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

Paul Olivier, Board President welcomed staff and guests.

Roll Call was as follows:

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

The Board was presented with the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 8, 2026. Paul asked the Board if there were any edits or corrections and, with their being none, Paul accepted the minutes into the record as written.

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

- Stan Socha thanked Justin for the portable restroom at The Flats. Stan would like to start a committee for the trails.
- Abby Ivan stated that she travels Shields Road and Sheban every day. She noted the large number of downed trees and hanging limbs. She questioned asking for donations while we have millions in revenue. She urged the MetroParks to get all of the trees cleaned up before another tragedy happens at the golf course.
- Jerry Serbel expressed his frustration about a variety of issues with the MetroParks. He noted that every entrance to the Park is blocked. He is disappointed with the Park and the deer being killed.
- Lana Van Auker stated that she speaks for the animals. She noted the tornado that hit the golf course but the true devastation is the killing of the animals. She read a prepared statement related to the protection of animals. The humane society believes that culling is a slaughter of animals. The Save the Deer group are the voices for animals and the group pays taxes to support the park. She thanked the Board for listening.
- Mike Drabison noted that the community was hit hard by the tornado last weekend. He noted the devastation as a result of the storm. He referenced that he heard there was to be an increase in the number of deer intended to be culled. He noted that animals were also killed as a result of the tornado. He mentioned a coyote that lives in the Bears Den area. He is glad that everyone was not injured.
- Kathy Maine read a prepared statement. She noted that it is sad that the entire Park was hit by the recent tornado. She noted that all anyone ever hears about is the golf course. She noted that Volney Rogers created the Park, but not the golf course. She noted the historical use of professional landscape architects to develop the Park. She noted that the golf course could be rebuilt but not other parts of the park.

Paul Olivier adjusted the order of the agenda to be able to have the Executive Director report prior to entering into executive session. Aaron Young, Executive Director, provided an update on the recovery status from the tornado that occurred on July 5, 2026. The storm caused extensive damage to the MetroParks between Shield Road and SR 224. Administration is coordinating our insurance company and currently in the process of cleaning up.

Jeff Harvey moved to exit regular session and go into executive session at 5:22 pm to discuss the purchase or sale of property and pending or imminent court action. The motion was seconded by Lee Frey, after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Paul Olivier moved to exit executive session and return to regular session at 7:20 pm. The motion was seconded by Lee Frey after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Nick Morchak, Finance Director/Treasurer presented the Department Report for Finance and requested that disbursements #98358 - #98565 for a total of \$1,141,857.34 be approved. Paul Olivier moved, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Director, that the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #98358 - #98565 for a total of \$1,141,857.34, be approved. The motion was seconded by Jim Houck and after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Nick Morchak, Finance Director/Treasurer presented a request to temporarily increase appropriations to account 100-0080-5195 Reserve for Contingencies by \$500,000. This is a temporary increase of funds to pay for the damage, repair, cleanup at the park incurred by the recent weather events, as we wait until we receive the settlement amounts from our insurance claims. Paul Olivier moved, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Director, and to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Jeff Harvey and after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Zack Torok, Staff Accountant presented the Quarterly Credit Card Report for the Second Quarter of 2026. Jeff Harvey asked if there were any changes and Zack noted that the changes were related to changes in staff member employment. Aaron noted that no action was needed.

Aaron Young, Executive Director presented the following Special Events/Requests to Collect Funds for approval:

1. Fashion Show Holiday Wear Fundraiser by Diva Donations on 11-08-26 @ McMahan Hall
2. Prom Preview & Basket Raffle Fundraiser by Diva Donations on 12-05-26 @ McMahan Hall
3. Easter Egg Hunt Fundraiser by Diva Donations on 03-06-27 @ McMahan Hall

Paul Olivier moved to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director and approve the special events/requests to collect funds. The motion was seconded by Katharine Paull, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Chris Litton, Development Director presented the MetroParks Foundation donation report for the period of June 1-30, 2026, at a total of \$48,268.00, for approval. Paul Olivier moved to accept the recommendation of the Director of Development and approve the donation report for the period of June 1-30, 2026, at a total of \$48,268.00. The motion was seconded by Lee Frey, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Chris Litton, Development Director presented and requested approval of Resolution R-26-04 Acknowledgement of Grants, Donations or Trusts for the period of April 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026. Paul Olivier moved to accept the recommendation of the Director of Development and approve Resolution R-26-04 Acknowledgement of Grants, Donations or Trusts for the period of April 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026. The motion was seconded by Lee Frey, after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Resolution R-26-04

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GRANTS, DONATIONS, OR TRUSTS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District that we deem it necessary and in the best public interest to acknowledge the grants, donations or trusts submitted to the Park District for the period of April 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026 as detailed on the summary marked Exhibit A, and authorize legal counsel to make application to the Probate Court pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 1545.11 for approval and to secure Journal Entry of the Probate Court.

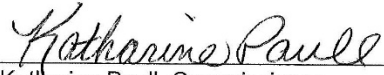
IN WITNESS THEREOF, We, the Board of Park Commissioners hereunto set our hand this 13th day of July, 2026.


Paul Olivier, President


Jeff Harvey, Vice President


Lee Frey, Commissioner


Jim Houck, Commissioner


Katharine Paull, Commissioner

2nd Qrt. 2026 Donation Log			
Mill Creek MetroParks Foundation			
Donor	Amount	Designation	Date
Tom Shipka	\$100.00	General Endowment	4/1/2026
American Legion Auxiliary	\$500.00	Golf Course	4/6/2026
Heldi Harper	\$50.00	Tree Fund	4/15/2026
John Mercer	\$50.00	Tree Fund	4/15/2026
Jennifer Goodman	\$50.00	Tree Fund	4/15/2026
Chris Litton	\$50.00	Tree Fund	4/21/2026
Daniel Poppke	\$2,500.00	General Fund	4/13/2026
Raymond Novotny	\$500.00	General Fund	4/22/2026
Ethan Tabor	\$25.00	General Fund	4/11/2026
Kathy DiOrto	\$2,500.00	General Fund	4/23/2026
Susan Drombetta	\$100.00	General Fund	4/24/2026
Tom Shipka	\$100.00	General Endowment	4/30/2026
Cheryl Hudak	\$2,500.00	General Fund	5/5/2026
Ethan Tabor	\$25.00	General Fund	5/11/2026
PNC Foundation	\$250.00	Children's Garden Fund	4/22/2026
Brain and Lisa Frederick	\$50.00	General Fund	6/22/2026
Tom Shipka	\$100.00	General Endowment	6/1/2026
Stephen Whetstone	\$150.00	Children's Garden Fund	6/10/2026
George and Tressie Stevens	\$1,000.00	Children's Garden Fund	6/8/2026
Martha Bushey	\$50.00	Children's Garden Fund	6/22/2026
William and Anita Koch	\$50.00	Children's Garden Fund	6/21/2026
William Brenner	\$10,000.00	Children's Garden Fund	5/20/2026
Blue Family	\$30,000.00	Children's Garden Fund	6/12/2026
Susan Porter	\$50.00	Golf Endowment Fund	6/10/2026
Joanne Fabrizio	\$100.00	Children's Garden Fund	6/24/2026
Lisa Frederick	\$100.00	General Fund	6/3/2026
Gina Powell	\$20.00	General Fund	6/3/2026
Jennifer Geissler	\$100.00	General Fund	6/3/2026
Daniel Baer	\$100.00	General Fund	6/3/2026
Barbara Sheets	\$25.00	General Fund	6/4/2026
Sadie Baer	\$100.00	General Fund	6/4/2026
Emma Stiffler	\$20.00	General Fund	6/4/2026
Andrew Sutter	\$50.00	General Fund	6/4/2026
Grace Irey	\$10.00	General Fund	6/4/2026
Allison Boron	\$100.00	General Fund	6/4/2026
Gretchen Unico	\$20.00	General Fund	6/4/2026
Mandy Brayn	\$25.00	General Fund	6/4/2026
Debra Fedyna	\$25.00	General Fund	6/4/2026
Louie Pearlman	\$18.00	General Fund	6/5/2026
Abbey West	\$20.00	General Fund	6/5/2026
Kelly Bray	\$50.00	General Fund	6/5/2026
Karen Boback	\$50.00	Children's Garden Fund	6/6/2026
Beth Beverly	\$10.00	General Fund	6/8/2026
Connie Sassanella	\$50.00	General Fund	6/9/2026
Amber Reckner	\$250.00	General Fund	6/11/2026
Geoffrey Gordon	\$100.00	General Fund	6/11/2026
Scott Shafer	\$250.00	General Fund	6/12/2026
Amy Peduzzi	\$25.00	Children's Garden Fund	6/19/2026
Karen Pavlov	\$25.00	Children's Garden Fund	6/20/2026
Lori Faust	\$100.00	Children's Garden Fund	6/21/2026
Jennifer Young	\$50.00	Children's Garden Fund	6/23/2026
George and Tressie Stevens	\$5,000.00	Children's Garden Fund	6/18/2026
Ethan Tabor	\$25.00	General Fund	6/11/2026
Total	\$57,568.00		

Commissioner Comments:

- Paul thanked the staff for their responsiveness during the recent tornado along with their work in cleaning up after.
- Jeff echoed the comments of Paul by thanking the staff for their work.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 10, 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 7:27 p.m.

Presiding Officer

Secretary