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, September 14, 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:

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| Lee Frey; | Absent |
| 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 August 10, 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)

- Mike Drabison commented that he has been a target on social media from some people in this room. He noted he retired from the railroad nearly 13 years ago. He made friends with some of the deer within Mill Creek Park. He claims that you can become friends with animals. He sat with the deer and watched them fall asleep. He doesn't play games with those who attack him. He wants to be left alone.
- Jerry Serbel stated that he lives in Youngstown on Bears Den Road. He noted that he is 86 years old and has lived there since he was 29 years old. He noted that the lots across the streets from him has seen some activity. He thanked the Board for maintaining the lot across the street.
- Celeste Sinestro noted that she is an RN and grew up across the street from the East Golf Hike & Bike Trail. She noted that wildlife programs are a hypocrisy when we are managing the deer. People exploiting the MetroParks for money don't represent targeted killing. The haunted Nature Center programs are hypocritical.

Nick Morchak, Finance Director/Treasurer presented the Department Report for Finance and requested that disbursements #98895 - #99159 for a total of $1,477,421.50 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 #98895 - #99159 for a total of $1,477,421.50, be approved. The motion was seconded by Jim Houck and after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Nick Morchak, Finance Director/Treasurer presented a request to increase appropriations to account 100.1100.5056 Golf Course Professional Services by $1,785.57. These funds received through an insurance claim related to damage incurred at the Golf Course Field House and will be used towards those repairs. Paul Olivier moved, to accept the request of the Finance Director, and that the appropriations increase be approved. The motion was seconded by Jeff Harvey and after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Nick Morchak, Finance Director/Treasurer presented Resolution R-26-05 Accepting the Amounts and Rates Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor, for approval. Paul Olivier moved, to accept the request of the Finance Director, and that Resolution R-26-05 Accepting the Amounts and Rates Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor be approved. The motion was seconded by Katharine Paull and after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

R-26-05

**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 14th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026, at the office of MILL CREEK METROPARKS with the following members present:

PAUL OLIVIER

JEFF HARVEY

JIM HOOCK KATHARINE PAUL

Mr./Ms. PAUL OLIVIER 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, 2027; 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 Limitiation | 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 | | 8,616,456 | | 2.00 |
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| **Total** | | **$ 8,616,456** | | **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. Katharine Paull seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mr./Ms. Paul Oliviera Ms. Katharine Paull
Mr./Ms. Jeff Harley
Mr./Ms. Jim Houck

Adopted the 14th day of September, 2026.

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 _____

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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 14th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

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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 _____, 2026

Ralph T. Meacham, CPA, County Auditor

By Manuel E. Santiago

Deputy Auditor

# MAHONING COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION

**Tax Year 2025** **Calendar Year 2026**

## TAXABLE VALUES

| Subdivision Name | District Number | Residential Agricultural | All Other Classes | Public Utility Real | Public Utility Personal | Personal Property | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| County Total | | 4,817,745,810 | 1,206,631,120 | 2,950,910 | 440,573,760 | 0 | 6,467,901,600 |
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| District Totals | | 4,817,745,810 | 1,206,631,120 | 2,950,910 | 440,573,760 | 0 | 6,467,901,600 |

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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 |
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## BOND ISSUES

| Purpose | Millage | Type | Date of Vote | Tax Year Levy Began | No. of Years | Tax Year Levy Expires | Levy Year |
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## MILL CREEK METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT
### Rate Resolution Worksheet
**Tax Year 2025** **Calendar Year 2026**

| | Residential and Agricultural | Commercial and Other | Personal Property Public Utility | Personal Property | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TY Beg. 01/01/25 Valuation | 4,817,745,810 | 1,209,582,030 | 440,573,760 | 0 | 6,467,901,600 |
| Subtotal | 4,817,745,810 | 1,209,582,030 | 440,573,760 | 0 | 6,467,901,600 |
| Subtotal divided by 1,000 | 4,817,746 | 1,209,582 | 440,574 | 0 | 6,467,902 |
| 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 | 1.037352 | 1.422958 | 1.750000 | 1.750000 | |
| 01 Mill Creek Metropolitan Cur Exp TY30 | 4,997,698 | 1,721,184 | 771,005 | 0 | 7,489,887 |
| Rate | 0.157827 | 0.211689 | 0.250000 | 0.250000 | |
| 16 Mill Creek Metropolitan Cur Exp TY30 | 760,370 | 256,055 | 110,144 | 0 | 1,126,569 |
| 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 | 5,758,068 | 1,977,239 | 881,149 | 0 | 8,616,456 |
| Tax Total IN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tax Total OUT | 5,758,068 | 1,977,239 | 881,149 | 0 | 8,616,456 |
| Check Total | 5,758,068 | 1,977,239 | 881,149 | 0 | 8,616,456 |
| Rate total IN | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | |
| Rate Total OUT | 1.195179 | 1.634647 | 2.000000 | 2.000000 | |
| Total Rate | 1.195179 | 1.634647 | 2.000000 | 2.000000 | |
| **Total** | **8,616,456** | | | | |

Mill Creek

Aaron Young, Executive Director provided an update clean up from the July 5, 2026 tornado. Progress is on-going with all facilities currently open with the exception of the Golf Course & West Golf Drive. Our hopes are to have the North Course and West Golf Drive open by mid-October. Aaron also shared that the ribbon cutting for the Anthony J. Fox Family Foundation Children's Garden will be held on October 9, 2026 @ 11:00 am. Aaron introduced David Wykoff, the new Director of Golf & Recreation.

Justin Rogers, Director of Planning & Operations presented the Mill Creek Golf Cart Lease 2026 Bid Award recommendation for approval. Justin recommended that Lake Erie Golf Cars, LLC be awarded the contract for the Mill Creek Golf Cart Lease 2026 at the total amount bid of $152,880.00 annually, for up to four years beginning in 2027. Paul Olivier moved to accept the recommendation of the Director of Planning & Operations and that Lake Erie Golf Cars, LLC be awarded the contract for the Mill Creek Golf Cart Lease 2026 at the total amount bid of $152,880.00 annually, for up to four years beginning in 2027. The motion was seconded by Jim Houck, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Justin Rogers, Director of Planning & Operations presented the 2026 MetroParks Drive Improvements Bid Award recommendation for approval. Justin recommended that Shelly & Sands, Inc be awarded the contract for the project named 2026 MetroParks Drive Improvements ODOT PID #126440 at the grand total bid amount (Base Bid + Add Alternate #1) of $269,262.39. Paul Olivier moved to accept the recommendation of the Director of Planning & Operations and that Shelly & Sands, Inc be awarded the contract for the project named 2026 MetroParks Drive Improvements ODOT PID #126440 at the grand total bid amount (Base Bid + Add Alternate #1) of $269,262.39. The motion was seconded by Jeff Harvey, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

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

1. Suburban League XC Meet on 09-15-26 @ MetroParks Farm Course
2. Clipper XC Invitational Meet on 10-17-26 @ MetroParks Farm Course

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 Jeff Harvey, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Chris Litton, Development Director presented the MetroParks Foundation donation report for the period of August 1-31, 2026, at a total of $138,001.08, for approval. Paul Olivier moved to accept the recommendation of the Director of Development and approve the donation report for the period of August 1-31, 2026, at a total of $138,001.08. The motion was seconded by Jim Houck, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Commissioner Comments:

- Paul thanked the staff for their work related to the cleanup of the damage caused by the Tornado on July 5, 2026.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 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 5:19 p.m.

Presiding Officer

Secretary