

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF MILL CREEK
METROPARKS HELD MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks was held on Monday, July 11, 2022.

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;	Present
Paul Olivier;	Present

The Board was presented with the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 13, 2022. 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 #87257- #87524 for a total of \$1,178,988.57 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 #87257- #87524 for a total of \$1,178,988.57. 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 a request to increase appropriations to account 100-1100-5073 Golf Operations Supplies by \$3,583.61. This is partial settlement from insurance related to the break-in damages. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Finance Director, to increase appropriations to account 100-1100-5073 Golf Operations Supplies by \$3,583.61. 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, Harvey, Olivier
Voting Nay:	None

Nick Morchak, Staff Accountant presented the Quarterly Credit Card Report for the second quarter of 2022 in accordance with Ohio Revised Code. No Board Action was needed.

Aaron Young, Executive Director confirmed a date change for the November 2022 Board Meeting. The date of the meeting will be November 21, 2022.

Aaron Young, Executive Director shared that he conducted the first meeting with the Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens Advisory Group. The advisory group is a required component of the current agreement with the Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens. During the meeting, Aaron submitted several funding requests and also presented the Gardens NW: Children's Garden and Maintenance Center Redevelopment Projects. Aaron shared that Chris will be leading the capital campaign for the project but that Friends' support will be critical to reaching our goal of \$3 million.

Aaron Young, Executive Director shared that he and Commissioner Tom Frost met with representatives of the Canfield Fair Board to discuss the future parking arrangements during the 2022 Canfield Fair. A

mutual understanding was reached between the two entities and a future press release will be issued outlining the partnership. Aaron also thanked Tom for his attendance at the meeting.

Aaron Young, Executive Director presented Resolution R-22-09 Acknowledgement of Grants, Donations & Trusts for April-June 2022 and requested approval and submission to the Probate Court. Lee Frey moved, at the recommendation of the Executive Director, that Resolution R-22-09 be approved 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

Resolution R-22-09

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, 2022, through June 30, 2022 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.

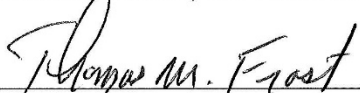
IN WITNESS THEREOF, We, the Board of Park Commissioners hereunto set our hand this 11th day of July, 2022.



Lee Frey, President




Germaine Bennett, Vice President



Tom Frost, Commissioner



Jeff Harvey, Commissioner



Paul Olivier, Commissioner

Date	Donor	Amount	Purpose
3/31/2022	George Frecsko	\$ 1,000.00	Children's Garden
4/1/2022	Tom Shipka	\$ 100.00	General Endowment
4/1/2022	Lynn and Bob Fletcher	\$ 500.00	FRG Endowment
4/1/2022	Lynn Fletcher	\$ 500.00	FRG Endowment
4/2/2022	Merri-Lynn Toporcer Smith	\$ 100.00	FRG Endowment
4/3/2022	Helen Rose	\$ 25.00	FRG Endowment
4/11/2022	Julie Grohovsky	\$ 1,000.00	FRG Endowment
4/19/2022	Jeffery Wilson	\$ 100.00	FRG Endowment
4/23/2022	Glen Lentz	\$ 200.00	FRG Endowment
4/25/2022	Carole Dyck	\$ 200.00	FRG Endowment
4/29/2022	Katherine Pepe	\$ 52.50	FRG Endowment
4/30/2022	Stacey Sanner	\$ 105.00	Tree Fund
5/2/2022	Tom Shipka	\$ 100.00	General Endowment
5/9/2022	Pamela Muehlman	\$ 200.00	FRG Endowment
5/10/2022	Down Syndrome Ass. Of the Valley	\$ 200.00	Golf Endowment
5/19/2022	Sarah Poggi	\$ 100.00	Rose Garden Endowment
5/25/2022	The Youngstown Foundation	\$ 200,000.00	Ford Nature Center
6/1/2022	Tom Shipka	\$ 100.00	General Endowment
6/12/2022	Annette Carnie	\$ 52.50	General Endowment
6/16/2022	Ron Fellman's Boardman Subaru	\$ 3,500.00	Tree Fund
6/18/2022	Lisa Miller	\$ 25.00	Rose Garden Endowment
6/20/2022	Marijo Martin	\$ 100.00	General Endowment
6/24/2022	Joyce Pallante	\$ 800.00	Tree Fund
6/24/2022	Charles Spiritos	\$ 50.00	Children's Garden
	Total	\$209,110	

Aaron Young, Executive Director presented an update on the design of the Gardens Northwest: Children's Garden & Maintenance Center Redevelopment Project at Fellows Riverside Gardens. The project is expected to be completed in two phases pending a successful capital campaign. The goal of \$3 million has been set to complete the project.

Nick Derico, Natural Resource Manager presented an update on Goose Management supplemented by the USDA's annual report of their contracted efforts with the MetroParks. A copy of the report was provided to the Board. Nick thanked Audubon for doing their annual goose counts as well.

Kevin Smith, Finance Director presented the bid award recommendation for the MetroParks Beverage Service Contract. Two bids were received. It is recommended that PepsiCo be awarded the contract for a five-year term beginning in 2023. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Finance Director, to award the contract for the MetroParks Beverage Service Contract to PepsiCo at the grand total bid amount of \$10,000 per year for five years. 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 June 1-30, 2022 at a total of \$4,475.00. Lee Frey moved to accept the deposit report for the period of June 1-30, 2022 as presented. 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, Harvey, Olivier
Voting Nay: None

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

- Mary Alice O'Malley stated that she is at the meeting to help the MetroParks save money by not constructing the parking lot expansion project for the East Golf Hike & Bike Trail Parking Lot. She disagreed that the project is needed and would be a negative impact to the neighbors. She stated that the parking lots to the east are available to use after 5:00 pm.
- Melinda Rulli echoed the previous comments of Mary Alice O'Malley and indicated that the need does not exist. She also indicated that the neighbors on Pinewood Drive do not want the project. She does not believe that the negative public relations is not a benefit to the MetroParks. She identified that she did retain an attorney regarding the issue. She asked that a water and sewer study be conducted prior to the project is commenced. She commented further on the issues of break-ins at the Golf Course and along SR 224 illustrate the importance of zoning.

Commissioners Comments:

- Lee thanked the staff who sets this room up for the meetings. Both the Community Engagement and Operations Departments.
- Paul thanked the Police Department for the increased presence and and the speed cameras being erected within the Park.
- Tom thanked Aaron for calling the meeting with the Fair Board and anticipates a smooth operation during the Canfield Fair.
- Germaine mentioned the Garden Part on July 29, 2022.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at McMahon Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:25 p.m.

Presiding Officer

Secretary