

Minutes of the 947th meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District, held at 3:02 pm on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at the maintenance shop of Quarry Trails Metro Park, 2600 Old Dublin Road Columbus, Ohio 43228.

Present

Commissioners: Mr. Alex, Mr. Hadden, Mr. McCue

Staff: Ms. Babcock, Mr. Bruch, Mr. Buescher, Mr. Domiano, Mr. Eutsey, Mr. Gonzalez, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Kaderly, Mr. Kasnyik, Mr. Laughbaum, Mr. Luken, Mr. Mader, Mr. McGivern, Mr. Moloney, Mr. Peck, Ms. Secrest, Ms. Snyder, Mr. Studenmund, Ms. Watkins, Ms. Willer

Legal Counsel: Mr. Franzmann

Guests: None

Mr. McCue asked if all of the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and the rules of the Board regarding open meetings had been met. Mr. Moloney confirmed that all of those requirements and rules had been met.

Minutes of the July 16, 2024 Board Meeting

Mr. Alex made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2024 Board Meeting. Mr. Hadden seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Public Comment

None.

Disbursement Resolution No. 6180

Mr. Alex moved for the approval of the Disbursement Resolution for the July 2024 invoices. Mr. Hadden seconded the motion and the Board approved the resolution. A copy of Resolution No. 6180 is attached to these minutes as part hereof.

Staff Reports

Administration

Mr. Moloney discussed the Heritage Trail expansion, which will expand the existing six-mile trail near Plain City to Downtown Columbus. The trail will be maintained by five different agencies, including Metro Parks, City of Columbus, Marble Cliff, Hilliard, Grandview, and Upper Arlington.

Metro Parks is working closely with the Nature Conservancy in regards to minimizing the impact of the new Intel plant being constructed in New Albany.

Mr. Moloney stated that Metro Parks has met with Shelly Materials about their future quarrying at the location next to Quarry Trails. They indicated that they have found a

way to continue operations until 2050 with subsurface mining, which is less explosive than current operations.

Operations

Mr. Peck introduced Ryan Mader, Manager of Quarry Trails Metro Parks, who in turn introduced his team in attendance. Mr. Mader is proud of the progress the park has seen over the last three years. Current projects include cemetery restoration and a trail to the railroad trestle. The via ferrata program continues to be very popular, as well as the new sport climbing wall. Mr. Mader indicated that around 500 people live near the park boundaries, but the housing developments have not given any unnecessary challenges.

Mr. Peck announced that ground breaking on the inclusive playground will begin next week.

Bark Bash is this weekend at Prairie Oaks Metro Park. Close to 100 vendors have been confirmed and 13,000 people are expected in attendance.

The Canopy Walk elevator is better, but still not fully fixed. No injuries on the fireman pole have been reported since July 8.

Metro Parks is working well with AEP on a sublease for land to be used for a trail at Great Southern. Overall, it is a busy time for the district.

There has been a rash of indecent exposures at the parks, which has not happened in a while. Three cases in the last month, with two perpetrators already being held accountable.

Finance

Mr. McGivern provided updates from the Finance Department. Revenue is right on track. The golf course is doing well, better than projected.

With the recent hacking at the City of Columbus, IT has been diligently identifying possible risks for our district.

The audit is still ongoing.

Mr. McGivern stated that he has added an earthquake rider to the Metro Parks insurance policy.

Human Resources

Ms. Telfer announced that the CSI internship program had concluded and shared a text from a student regarding what she learned about invasive species. She acknowledged Mr. Gonzalez, Park Tech 1 at Quarry Trails, as a past CSI student.

Ms. Telfer also acknowledged Mr. Luken, Park Ranger at Quarry Trails, for his work on the collective bargaining agreement.

Mr. Moloney praised Ms. Telfer for a program she implemented that helps current CSI families find food sources.

Resolutions

#6181 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A SUPPLEMENT TO THE UNDERGROUND COLLECTION SOLAR EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PLEASANT PRAIRIE SOLAR ENERGY LLC

The Board approved an easement agreement with Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy, LLC.

#6182 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED BY JOHN AND DEBORAH URTON FOR PARK LAND AT BATTELLE DARBY CREEK METRO PARK IN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND MADISON COUNTY

The Board approved the purchase of real estate for park land at Battelle Darby Creek, which will add extra backpacking sites to the park. Clean Ohio shall pay for 60% of purchase.

#6183 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CLEAN OHIO GREEN SPACE CONSERVATION FUND FOR PROPERTY IN FRANKLIN COUNTY
The Board approved the submission.

#6184 AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT FROM CUMBERLAND ESTATES LLC, LOCATED IN LICKING COUNTY
The Board approved the donation of an easement course from Cumberland Estates, LLC.

#6185 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR A RESTROOM ADDITION TO THE OPTIMIST LODGE AT BANK RUN METRO PARK
The Board approved the contract with Janco, LLC.

#6186 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR REFORESTATION PLANTINGS AT BATTELLE DARBY CREEK METRO PARK
The Board made a motion to table this resolution, as it will need to go back out to bid.

#6187 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS AT SHARON WOODS METRO PARK UTILIZING THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
The Board approved the contract with Decker Paving for parking lot improvements at Sharon Woods Metro Park.

#6188 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR PAVING IMPROVEMENTS AT BLACKLICK WOODS GOLF COURSE

The Board approved of the contract with Breck's Paving through M.O. Bryant Paving LLC to pave five miles of cart paths at Blacklick Woods Golf Course.

#6189 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO CHANGE ORDER WITH SETTERLIN CONSTRUCTION FOR RESTROOM IMPROVEMENTS AT QUARRY TRAILS METRO PARK

The Board approved a change order with Setterlin Construction.

Other Business

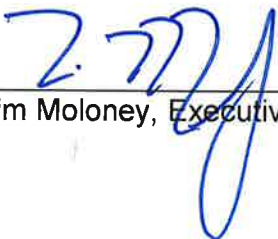
None.

Adjournment

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by the Board of Park
Commissioners:



Tim Moloney, Executive Director



Chair