

MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
Board of Park Commissioners & Governing Board of the
LORAIN COUNTY METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Place: Miller Nature Preserve (Orchid Room)
Present: Commissioners: Kenneth M. Lieux, Chairman
Sherrill M. McLoda, Vice-Chairman
Joseph E. Hribar
Legal Counsel: Dennis M. O'Toole
Director/Secretary: James E. Ziemnik
Park Staff: Jennifer L. Bracken, Assistant Director
Paul J. Hruby, Jr., Assistant Director/Chief Ranger
Bonnie J. Burns, Administrative Services Manager/Treasurer
Mariah Deitz, Public Information Officer
Joani Longbrake, Secretary
Visitor: Barbara Fieger, President, Friends of Metro Parks

OPENING OF MEETING

Roll call by Director/Secretary: Kenneth M. Lieux – Aye
Sherrill M. McLoda – Aye
Joseph E. Hribar – Aye

Chairman Lieux declared all members present and opened the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Approval of the minutes of the June 15, 2023 Regular Session. The minutes were distributed prior to the meeting, enabling the commissioners to read them in advance. Commissioner McLoda motioned and Commissioner Hribar seconded the motion for approval; motion passed unanimously this 20th day of July, 2023.
- B. The Director/Secretary advised the Board of the Statement of Accounts.
- C. **Resolution 2023-43.** Payment of accounts payable. Motion by Commissioner Hribar for adoption of Resolution for payment of line items on the Cash Disbursements Journal for the period of June 1 to June 30, 2023 and on the Aged Payables reports dated June 30 and July 19, 2023; and ratification of payments on Exhibit A; seconded by Commissioner McLoda. The Chairman then called for the individual line item votes of the Commissioners to be approved for payment by at least a majority of the Commissioners, and be certified by the Treasurer and Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners for issuance of checks for payment. The line item votes of the Commissioners were cast as follows:

Commissioner Lieux: Affirmative for all line items on the Cash Disbursements Journal for the period of June 1 to June 30, 2023 and on the Aged Payables reports dated June 30 and July 19, 2023 and affirmative for ratification of payments on Exhibit A.

Commissioner McLoda: Affirmative for all line items on the Cash Disbursements Journal for the period of June 1 to June 30, 2023 and on the Aged Payables reports dated June 30 and July 19, 2023 and affirmative for ratification of payments on Exhibit A.

Commissioner Hribar: Affirmative for all line items on the Cash Disbursements Journal for the period of June 1 to June 30, 2023 and on the Aged Payables reports dated June 30 and July 19, 2023 and affirmative for ratification of payments on Exhibit A.

RESOLUTION 2023-43

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Lorain County Metropolitan Park District that we deem it necessary and in the best public interest to ratify the payments on Exhibit A and to direct and authorize the issuance of checks for payment of all line items on the Cash Disbursements Journal for the period of June 1 to June 30, 2023 and on the Aged Payables reports dated June 30 and July 29, 2023, as approved for payment by vote of at least a majority of the Board of Park Commissioners. The Cash Disbursements

Journal, Aged Payables reports, Exhibit A, and the commissioners' votes are hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting on July 20, 2023.

Kenneth M. Lieux – Aye
Sherrill M. McLoda – Aye
Joseph E. Hribar – Aye

ATTEST _____ APPROVED _____
James E. Ziemnik, Director/Secretary Kenneth M. Lieux, Chairman

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Resolution 2023-44.** The Board of Park Commissioners accepted the terms of the grant, donation or trust described on 2023 Donation Exhibit #2, the same having been approved by Journal Entry of the Probate Court, and directed the Director/Secretary to reflect said acceptance in the record of donations of the Lorain County Metropolitan Park District; motioned by Commissioner McLoda, seconded by Commissioner Hribar, passed unanimously this 20th day of July 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023-44:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Lorain County Metropolitan Park District that we deem it necessary and in the best public interest to accept the terms of the grant, donation or trust described on 2023 Donation Exhibit #2, the same having been approved by Journal Entry of the Probate Court, and direct the Director/Secretary to reflect said acceptance in the record of donations of the Lorain County Metropolitan Park District.

ATTEST _____ APPROVED _____
James E. Ziemnik, Director/Secretary Kenneth M. Lieux, Chairman

- B. **Resolution 2023-45.** The Board of Park Commissioners authorized the Director/Secretary to accept the rate proposals submitted by Medical Mutual of Ohio for its group health insurance plans for full-time Park District employees effective September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024, establish the employee contributions shown on Exhibit A, and enter into agreement with said company, all with the approval of legal counsel as to form; motioned by Commissioner Hribar, seconded by Commissioner McLoda, passed unanimously this 20th day of July 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023-45:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Lorain County Metropolitan Park District that we deem it necessary and in the best public interest to authorize the Director/Secretary to accept the rate proposals submitted by Medical Mutual of Ohio for its group health insurance plans for full-time Park District employees effective September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024, establish the employee contributions shown on Exhibit A, and enter into agreement with said company, all with the approval of legal counsel as to form.

ATTEST _____ APPROVED _____
James E. Ziemnik, Director/Secretary Kenneth M. Lieux, Chairman

- C. **Resolution 2023-46.** The Board of Park Commissioners accepted the highest bids for scrap vehicles detailed on Exhibit A attached hereto; motioned by Commissioner McLoda, seconded by Commissioner Hribar, passed unanimously this 20th day of July 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023-46:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Lorain County Metropolitan Park District that we deem it necessary and in the best public interest to accept the highest bids for scrap vehicles detailed on Exhibit A attached hereto.

ATTEST _____ APPROVED _____
James E. Ziemnik, Director/Secretary Kenneth M. Lieux, Chairman

- D. **Resolution 2023-47.** The Board of Park Commissioners authorized submittal to the electors of Lorain County the question of a replacement (1.6 mill) tax levy for Park District operating and capital expenses at the November 7, 2023 election for ten (10) years; motioned by Commissioner Hribar, seconded by Commissioner McLoda, passed unanimously this 20th day of July 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023-47:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Lorain County Metropolitan Park District that we deem it necessary and in the best public interest to authorize submittal to the electors of Lorain County the question of a replacement (1.6 mill) tax levy for Park District operating and capital expenses at the November 7, 2023 election for ten (10) years.

ATTEST _____ APPROVED _____
James E. Ziemnik, Director/Secretary Kenneth M. Lieux, Chairman

- E. **Resolution 2023-48.** The Board of Park Commissioners authorizes the Director/Secretary to apply for grant funds available from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for acquisition of lakefront property in Avon Lake, authorizes the Director to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Avon Lake, and authorizes the Director to do all things necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance, all with the approval of legal counsel as to form; motioned by Commissioner McLoda, seconded by Commissioner Hribar, passed unanimously this 20th day of July 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023-48:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Lorain County Metropolitan Park District that we deem it necessary and in the best public interest to authorize the Director/Secretary to apply for grant funds available from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for acquisition of lakefront property in Avon Lake, authorize the Director to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Avon Lake, and authorize the Director to do all things necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance, all with the approval of legal counsel as to form.

ATTEST _____ APPROVED _____
James E. Ziemnik, Director/Secretary Kenneth M. Lieux, Chairman

- F. Reports, requests and comments of the Director/Secretary
- G. Questions, requests and comments from the Commissioners to the Management
- H. Questions, requests and comments from the public to the Commissioners and to the Management
- I. Reports, requests and comments of Legal Counsel
- J. Commissioner Hribar motioned and Commissioner McLoda seconded the motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 11:17 a.m. for the purpose of discussing property in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G) (1) through (6), and all members concurred. Roll call:
Kenneth M. Lieux – Aye
Sherrill M. McLoda – Aye
Joseph E. Hribar – Aye
- K. Chairman Lieux declared that the Executive Session was completed at 11:54 a.m. and returned to Regular Session. No action was taken in Executive Session.
- L. There being no further old or new business, the Chairman entertained a motion for adjournment. Commissioner McLoda motioned and Commissioner Hribar seconded the motion for adjournment. There being no objections or dissenting votes, the meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

ATTEST _____ APPROVED _____
James E. Ziemnik, Director/Secretary Kenneth M. Lieux, Chairman