

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, April 15, 2024.

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,	Absent
Jeff Harvey;	Absent
Paul Olivier;	Present

The Board was presented with the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2024. Lee Frey accepted the minutes into the record as written.

Nick Morchak, Finance Director/Treasurer presented the Department Report for Finance and requested that disbursements #92105 - #92304 for a total of \$1,081,590.95, be approved. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Finance Director, that the funds having been certified as on hand and duly appropriated, that disbursements #92105 - #92304 for a total of \$1,081,590.95, be approved. The motion was seconded by Germaine Bennett after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye:	Bennett, Frey, Olivier
Voting Nay:	None

Nick Morchak, Finance Director/Treasurer presented and requested to increase appropriations to account 100.3720.5007 Farm Operations Contract Jobs by \$14,002.50. This money is generated from the sale of farming equipment. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Finance Director, that the request to increase appropriations to account 100.3720.5007 Farm Operations Contract Jobs by \$14,002.50., be approved. 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, Olivier
Voting Nay:	None

Nick Morchak, Finance Director/Treasurer presented and requested to increase appropriations to account 100.1100.5073 Golf Operations Supplies by \$5,000. The Golf Department received a donation for their PGA Hope Program from the Mahoning Valley Hospital Foundation. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Finance Director, that the request to increase appropriations to account 100.1100.5073 Golf Operations Supplies by \$5,000., be approved. 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, Olivier
Voting Nay:	None

Austin Brooks, Staff Accountant presented the Quarterly Credit Card Report for the first quarter of 2024. No Board action was needed. The Board welcomed Austin to the MetroParks team.

Aaron Young, Executive Director provided a brief update on the upgrades to the Melnick Museum at the D.D. & Velma Davis Education and Visitor Center. The project is now complete.

Aaron Young, Executive Director presented and requested approval of Resolution R-24-05 ODOT Road Salt Purchasing Program. Aaron indicated that we will be purchasing 300 tons of salt. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Executive Director, that Resolution R-24-05 ODOT Road Salt Purchasing Program be approved. 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, Olivier  
Voting Nay: None


**RESOLUTION R-24-05  
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION  
IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2024**

**WHEREAS**, Mill Creek MetroParks, Mahoning County (hereinafter referred to as the "Political Subdivision") hereby submits this written agreement to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) annual road salt bid in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5513.01(B) and hereby agrees to all of the following terms and conditions in its participation of the ODOT road salt contract:

- a. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions established by ODOT in the road salt contract and acknowledges that upon award of the contract by the Director of ODOT it shall be bound by all such terms and conditions included in the contract; and
- b. The Political Subdivision hereby acknowledges that upon the Director of ODOT's signing of the road salt contract, it shall effectively form a contract between the awarded salt supplier and the Political Subdivision; and
- c. The Political Subdivision agrees to be solely responsible for resolving all claims or disputes arising out of its participation in the ODOT road salt contract and agrees to hold the Department of Transportation harmless for any claims, actions, expenses, or other damages arising out of the Political Subdivision's participation in the road salt contract; and
- d. The Political Subdivision's electronic order for Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) will be the amount the Political Subdivision agrees to purchase from its awarded salt supplier at the delivered bid price per ton awarded by the Director of ODOT; and
- e. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to purchase a minimum of 90% of its electronically **submitted** salt quantities from its awarded salt supplier during the contract's effective period; and
- f. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to place orders with and directly pay the awarded salt supplier on a net 30 basis for all road salt it receives pursuant to ODOT salt contract; and
- g. The Political Subdivision acknowledges that should it wish to rescind this participation agreement it will do so by written, emailed request by no later than Friday, May 3rd, by 5:00 p.m. The written, emailed request to rescind this participation agreement must be received by the ODOT Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Section email: [Contracts.Purchasing@dot.ohio.gov](mailto:Contracts.Purchasing@dot.ohio.gov) by the deadline. The Department, upon receipt, will respond that it has received the request and that it has effectively removed the Political Subdivision's participation request. Furthermore, it is the sole responsibility of the Political Subdivision to ensure ODOT has received this participation agreement as well as the receipt of any request to rescind this participation agreement. The Department shall not be held responsible or liable for failure to receive a Political Subdivision's participation agreement and/or a Political Subdivision's request to rescind its participation agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the following authorized person(s) that this participation agreement for the ODOT road salt contract is hereby approved, funding has been authorized, and the Political Subdivision agrees to the above terms and conditions regarding participation on the ODOT salt contract:

**Approved by the Board of Park Commissioners on April 15, 2024. On behalf of the Board of Park Commissioners**

 \_\_\_\_\_ Aaron Young, Executive Director 04-15-24 Approval Date

**THIS RESOLUTION MUST BE UPLOADED TO THE SALT PARTICIPATION WEBSITE BY NO LATER THAN  
MONDAY, MAY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.**

PLEASE NOTE: THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT ACCEPT TYPED SIGNATURES. PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS SUBMITTED WITH TYPED SIGNATURES WILL BE INVALID AND INELIGIBLE FOR APPROVAL. YOU CANNOT SUBMIT A WORD DOCUMENT VERSION OF THIS PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Aaron Young, Executive Director informed the Board that new applicant Lex Calder is recommended for appointment to the Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Executive Director, to appoint Lex Calder to the Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Germaine Bennett after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Olivier  
Voting Nay: None

Justin Rogers, Director of Planning & Operations presented the bid tabulations for the 2024 MetroParks Bikeway Improvements and recommended that Lindy Paving, Inc. be awarded the contract at a grand total amount bid of \$135,470.80. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Director of Planning & Operations, that Lindy Paving, Inc. be awarded the contract for the 2024 MetroParks Bikeway Improvements at a grand total amount bid of \$135,470.80. 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, Olivier  
Voting Nay: None

Justin Rogers, Director of Planning & Operations presented the bid tabulations for the Golf Course Parking Lot Improvements and recommended that R.T. Vernal Paving & Excavating, Inc. be awarded the contract at a grand total amount bid of \$128,781.00. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Director of Planning & Operations, that R.T. Vernal Paving & Excavating, Inc. be awarded the contract for the Golf Course Parking Lot Improvements at a grand total amount bid of \$128,781.00. The motion was seconded by Germaine Bennett after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Olivier  
Voting Nay: None

Justin Rogers, Director of Planning & Operations presented the bid tabulations for the Wildlife Sanctuary Expansion Construction of Parking Lot and recommended that Eclipse Company be awarded the contract at a grand total amount bid of \$60,927.25. Lee Frey moved, at the request of the Director of Planning & Operations, that Eclipse Company be awarded the contract for the Wildlife Sanctuary Expansion Construction of Parking Lot at a grand total amount bid of \$60,927.25. 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, Olivier  
Voting Nay: None

Brian Tolnar, Director of Golf and Recreation presented and requested approval of the following Special Events/Requests to Collect Funds:

1. Special Events:

- a. Run YTown 5 & 10 Miler on Sunday 04-21-24 within MCP

Lee Frey moved at the request of the Director of Golf and Recreation that the Special Events/Requests to collect Funds be approved. The motion was seconded by Germaine Bennett, after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Olivier  
Voting Nay: None

Chris Litton, Development Director presented the MetroParks Foundation deposit report for the period of March 1-31, 2024, at a total of \$2,950 for approval. Lee Frey moved at the request of the Director of Development to accept the deposit report for the period of March 1-31, 2024, at a total of \$2,950. 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, Olivier  
Voting Nay: None

Chris Litton, Development Director presented and requested approval of Resolution R-24-04 Acknowledgement of Grants, Donations, or Trusts for the period of January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024. Lee Frey moved at the request of the Development Director that Resolution R-24-04 Acknowledgement of Grants, Donations, or Trusts for the period of January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024 be approved. The motion was seconded by Germaine Bennett, after discussion, the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

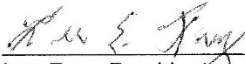
Voting Aye: Bennett, Frey, Olivier  
Voting Nay: None


Resolution R-24-04

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 January 1, 2024, through March 31, 2024 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 2024.

  
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Lee Frey, President

  
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Germaine Bennett, Vice President

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Tom Frost, Commissioner

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Jeff Harvey, Commissioner

  
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Paul Olivier, Commissioner

Donor	Amount	Intent	Date
James & Barbara Geller	\$50.00	Golf Endowment	12/24/2023
Mary & Stephen Pennline	\$25.00	Golf Endowment	1/16/2024
Virginia Remick	\$50.00	Golf Endowment	1/8/2024
RC Equine	\$100.00	Golf Endowment	12/28/2023
Kenny & Pamela Aguilar	\$100.00	Golf Endowment	1/9/2024
Darren & Kay Constantino	\$25.00	Golf Endowment	1/8/2024
John & Amy Direnzo	\$30.00	Golf Endowment	1/18/2024
Mark & Nickie Reich	\$55.00	Golf Endowment	1/19/2024
Michele & James Hermansen	\$30.00	Golf Endowment	1/28/2024
Elaine Anderson	\$35.00	Golf Endowment	1/11/2024
Tri-State Trailer Sales, Inc. III	\$250.00	Golf Endowment	1/8/2024
Tom & Katie Shipka	\$100.00	General Endowment	1/1/2024
Rocky Ridge Neighborhood Assoc.	\$2,335.44	Wick Rec. Endowment	11/16/2024
Scott & Kelley Moff	\$2,500.00	General -Short Term	1/10/2024
Joe & Kay Kalmer	\$50.00	General -Short Term	1/5/2024
Byron & Julie Hughey	\$5,000.00	General -Short Term	1/24/2024
Aristotle International, Inc.	\$480.00	General -Short Term	12/21/2023
Youngstown Clothing Co.	\$4,184.33	General -Short Term	12/31/2023
Paul Olivier	\$200.00	General -Short Term	12/30/2023
Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley	\$4,634.00	Endowment-Bikeway	12/29/2024
Tom Shipka	\$100.00	Endowment-Bikeway	2/1/2024
William and Christine Holt	\$75.00	Endowment-Gardens	12/31/2024
J.C. Enterprise Center Inc.	\$50.00	Endowment-Golf	1/31/2024
Marin & Kevin Hanish	\$25.00	Endowment-Golf	1/24/2024
Bryan & Carolyn Wallner	\$50.00	Endowment-Golf	1/30/2024
Mary & Kenneth Johnson	\$75.00	Endowment Golf	2/19/2024
Merrill Lynch Wealth Managment	\$25,249.79	Vickers-Short Term	2/2/2024
Kathleen Fromme	\$50.00	General-Short Term	2/17/2024
Robert Harrington	\$50.00	General -Short Term	2/16/2024
Laura Luett	\$20.00	General -Short Term	2/16/2024
Barbara Harvey	\$100.00	General -Short Term	2/15/2024
Maureen Cearfoss	\$25.00	General -Short Term	2/14/2024
Maureen Criswell	\$250.00	General -Short Term	2/13/2024
Chris Litton	\$2.00	General -Short Term	2/12/2024
Donna Kemper	\$100.00	General -Short Term	2/12/2024
Ferron Gullick	\$500.00	General -Short Term	2/12/2024
Theresa Hesse	\$50.00	General -Short Term	2/11/2024
Katherine Julian	\$250.00	General -Short Term	2/11/2024
Suzanne Mcknight	\$25.00	General -Short Term	2/11/2024
Patricia Cearfoss	\$100.00	General -Short Term	2/11/2024
John DeSantis	\$100.00	General -Short Term	2/9/2024
Sondra Grint	\$50.00	General -Short Term	2/11/2024
Dustion Hasty	\$25.00	General -Short Term	2/11/2024
Ethan Tabor	\$25.00	General -Short Term	2/11/2024
Jane Clark	\$100.00	General -Short Term	2/9/2024
Ralph Gumbert	\$25.00	General -Short Term	2/8/2024
Thomas Metzinger	\$500.00	General -Short Term	2/17/2024
Chris Litton	\$1.00	General -Short Term	2/14/2024
Aura Ragozine	\$2,500.00	General -Short Term	2/19/2024

Lindsey Krynicki	\$25.00	General -Short Term	2/11/2024
Stephanie Dougherty	\$50.00	General -Short Term	2/10/2024
Gene Pusateri	\$5,000.00	General -Short Term	2/8/2024
Ann Korhnak	\$100.00	General -Short Term	2/26/2024
Tom Shipka	\$100.00	General Endowment	3/1/2024
Alyssa Kunselman	\$50.00	Golf Endowment	3/2/2024
Jan Robert Moser	\$25.00	Short Term General	2/26/2024
James & Barbara Forgac	\$50.00	Short Term General	1/5/2024
William & Amber James	\$2,500.00	Short Term General	3/23/2024
Erika Mark	\$50.00	Short Term Tree	3/17/2024
Ethan Tabor	\$25.00	Short-Term General	3/11/2024
Jennifer Davison	\$100.00	Short Term Tree	3/24/2024
Lenora Esposito	\$50.00	Short Term Tree	3/1/2024
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$58,831.56</b>		

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

- Grace Petitjean signed up but did not wish to speak.
- Jerry Serbel addressed the Board regarding the deer management plan. He is against the death of the deer. He feels that there should have been 600 killed deer based upon his review of the numbers provided by the MetroParks. He wanted to know when the new flight numbers will be available. He stated that he was confused with the whole issue. He feels that he repeats the same thing over again. How did the Park come up with 387 deer. City of Youngstown does not allow the use of rifles and the deer are not visible around the homes now. He is ashamed of the shootings in Youngstown involving people. Someone stole his signs out of his yard.
- Lana Van Auker read a prepared statement about the protection of the deer and thanking the Save the Deer group. She stated that she has photographs of the dead animals. She referenced the deer sterilization/fertility control program in Clifton, Ohio. Animals have personalities, minds and feelings.

Commissioner Comments:

- Lee shared that the new aerial photography deer survey results have not been received as of yet.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in McMahon Hall at the MetroParks Farm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:27 p.m.

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Presiding Officer

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Secretary