

2024-018

MINUTES OF THE LAKE METROPARKS REGULAR MEETING  
(The following is a summary of Board Meeting Minutes. Transcripts available upon request.)

PLACE: CONCORD WOODS

DATE: April 17, 2024

I. Roll Call and Pledge

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with Board members Frank Polivka, President, Gretchen Skok DiSanto and John Redmond, Vice Presidents. Staff included: Paul Palagyi, Executive Director; Vince Urbanski, Deputy Director; Russ Meraglio, Legal Counsel; Chris Brassell; Tom Adair; Tom Koritansky; Jim Sivak; Lindsay Pschirer; Sharon Metzung; Seth Oldham; Jean Sullivan; Liz Mather; Seth Begeman; Caitlin Ambrose; Lee Homyock; Karen Reis; Jen Irwin; and Tammy Chiappone.

Mr. Polivka led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mr. Redmond to approve the Board Meeting Agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Gretchen Skok DiSanto. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Minutes

A. Regular Meeting March 6, 2024

Motion by Mrs. Skok DiSanto to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 6, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Meeting Open to the Public

Bryson Durst- The News Herald  
Bernie Tobul – Ohio Horsemen’s Council  
Barbara Jurgens – Ohio Horsemen’s Council

V. Old Business

VI. Finance Report

A. March 2024

Mr. Brassell read the Finance Report for March 2024.

Motion by Mr. Redmond to approve the Finance Report for March 2024. Seconded by Mrs. Skok DiSanto. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. New Business

A. Other

1. Bid #2024-013, Lakeshore Trail Paving

Mr. Palagyi explained Bid #2024-013, Lakeshore Trail Paving.

Motion by Mrs. Skok DiSanto to approve Bid #2024-013, Lakeshore Trail Paving in the amount of \$59,500.00 plus \$5,950.00 for unforeseen conditions to Ohio Paving and Construction Company. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.



**Lakeshore Reservation Trail Paving  
2024-013**

**Bid Opening: April 10, 2024  
10:00 a.m.**

	Albatross Management LLC Lakeville, OH	Barbicas Construction Co., Inc. Akron, OH	Empire Paving Cleveland, OH
Addendum 1 Acknowledged	X	X	No
Bid Bond/Check	X	X	
Item 1 - Base Bid	\$82,500.00	\$78,388.00	Incomplete Bid

	Geauga Highway Co. Hiram, OH	Ohio Paving & Construction Co., Inc. Willoughby, OH	Protect-A-Cote Cleveland, OH
Addendum 1 Acknowledged	X	X	X
Bid Bond/Check	X	X	X
Item 1 - Base Bid	\$72,500.00	\$59,500.00	\$71,300.00

2. Equipment Purchase, MFG of Mentor

Mr. Palagyi explained the equipment purchase of a Kubota U-35-4 Compact Excavator from MFG of Mentor in the amount of \$58,423.

Motion by Mr. Redmond to approve the equipment purchase from MFG of Mentor in the amount of \$58,423. Seconded by Mrs. Skok DiSanto. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution 2024-009, Update to Procurement Manual and By-Laws

Mr. Palagyi explained Resolution 2024-009, Update to Procurement Manual and By-Laws to increase the bid limit to \$75,000 per House Bill 101 with an effective date of April 30, 2024. Mr. Palagyi said we will not have an automatic increase built into our Procurement Manual.

Motion by Mrs. Skok DiSanto to approve Resolution 2024-009, Update to the Procurement Manual and By-Laws. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Palagyi said that the Lakefront Trail dedication is April 30 and that visitors who have used the trail so far have been impressed.

Mr. Palagyi said that the staff did a great job during the eclipse.

Mr. Palagyi gave an update on the Local Government Fund. He said that ad-hoc committee meetings continue and that we have not been invited to participate. Mr. Palagyi said he has heard there is supposed to be a public meeting on May 16, 2024.

Mr. Polivka asked what the legal basis is for the ad-hoc committee and who decided on the members.

Mr. Palagyi said that Mr. Galloway had previously said in a Budget Commission meeting that if someone wanted to form a committee they could.

Mr. Polivka said he finds it interesting who gets to make decisions.

Mr. Redmond and Mrs. Skok DiSanto said they have heard nothing but praise for Lake Metroparks and Mr. Redmond asked why we were not asked to participate and how can Lake Metroparks be excluded when we serve all residents of Lake County.

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Mr. Polivka said we have investigations to pursue and asked Mr. Palagyi to keep the Board informed. Mr. Polivka said maybe the news organizations will dig deeper.

Mrs. Skok DiSanto said the process doesn't feel right and that it feels like we are being ignored and that is unfortunate. She said that if you're not at the table, you're on the menu.

IX. Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Redmond to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:15 pm for the purpose of land discussion. Seconded by Mrs. Skok DiSanto. Motion passed unanimously.


Motion by Mrs. Skok DiSanto to adjourn the Executive Session at 5:37 pm. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Redmond to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:37 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Skok DiSanto. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Paul Palagyi  
Executive Director

  
Frank J. Polivka  
President