

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

PLACE: CONCORD WOODS

DATE: November 20, 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; Mark Zicarelli, Legal Counsel; Tom Adair; Chris Brassell; Tom Koritansky; Jim Sivak; Lindsay Pschirer; Jean Sullivan; Liz Mather; Sharon Metzung; Seth Begeman; Lee Homyoock; Karen Reis; Jen Irwin; Nick Gustin 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. Skok DiSanto. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Minutes

A. Regular Meeting October 16, 2024

Motion by Mrs. Skok DiSanto to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 16, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Meeting Open to the Public

Mr. Palagyi introduced Nicole Buchan. Mr. Palagyi explained that Nicole recently performed lifesaving efforts on a gentleman at Lakeshore Reservation. Everyone thanked Nicole for her quick response.

Bryson Durst: The News-Herald

V. Old Business

2024-050

VI. Finance Report

A. October 2024

Mr. Brassell read the Finance Report for October 2024.

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

VII. New Business

A. Other

1. Resolution 2024-025, Central Dispatch Communications System Agreement

Mr. Palagyi explained Resolution 2024-025, Central Dispatch Communications System Agreement. He said this proposed contract is for a one-year agreement commencing January 1, 2025 and terminating on December 31, 2025. Mr. Palagyi said that this contract includes a two percent increase plus the CPI for 2024, not to exceed four percent over the current year's contract for a total cost of \$86,423.30.

Motion by Mr. Redmond to approve Resolution 2024-025, Central Dispatch Communications System Agreement. Seconded by Mrs. Skok DiSanto. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution 2024-026, NEOnet Contract

Mr. Palagyi explained Resolution 2024-026, NEOnet Contract. He said this resolution authorizes us to enter into a two-year contract with the Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology (NEOnet) for internet and phone services from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. Mr. Palagyi said NEOnet has merged with our previous provider of these services (LGCA).

Motion by Mrs. Skok DiSanto to approve Resolution 2024-026, NEONet Contract. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution 2024-027, Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Appropriation

Mr. Palagyi, Mr. Brassell and Mr. Urbanski presented the 2025 Budget Appropriation. Mr. Palagyi said there will be a five percent increase in the operating budget and mentioned that visitation increased by 4.87 percent.

Mr. Palagyi recommended tabling the Resolution until the December meeting.

Motion by Mr. Redmond to table Resolution 2024-027, Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Appropriation. Seconded by Mrs. Skok DiSanto. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Palagyi said that the Lake Erie Gales dinner was a big success with around 160 guests.

Mr. Polivka said the staff did a very good job with the event. He commented that crews have done a good job with leaf clean up and it was nice to see a Ranger walking in the park today.

Mr. Palagyi said that Candy Land event opens this weekend and runs through January 1. Country Lights preparation is underway and opens November 30.

IX. Executive Session

Motion by Mrs. Skok DiSanto to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:26 p.m. for the purpose of land acquisition and Ranger Union Contract Negotiation. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Redmond to adjourn the Executive Session at 5:49 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Skok DiSanto. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Skok DiSanto to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:49 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Paul Palagyi  
Executive Director

  
Frank J. Polivka  
President