

2025-016

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

PLACE: CONCORD WOODS

DATE: March 19, 2025

I. Roll Call and Pledge

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with Board members Gretchen Skok DiSanto, President, Frank Polivka 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; Sharon Metzung; Seth Begeman; Lee Homyock; Karen Reis; Nick Gustin; Jen Irwin; Liz Mather; and Tammy Chiappone.

Mrs. Skok DiSanto led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mr. Polivka to approve the Board Meeting Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Minutes

A. Regular Meeting February 12, 2025

Motion by Mr. Redmond to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 12, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Polivka. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Meeting Open to the Public

Bryson Durst, The News-Herald

V. Old Business

VI. Finance Report

A. February 2025

Mr. Brassell read the Finance Report for February 2025.

Motion by Mr. Polivka to approve the Finance Report for February 2025. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. New Business

A. Other

1. Resolution 2025-011, ODOT Ohio Park Districts Roadwork Fund

Mr. Palagyi said this resolution authorizes Lake Metroparks to continue participating in the ODOT program that provides funds to parks for road and parking lot improvements. Mr. Palagyi said we expect to receive a little over \$100,000 over the next two years.

Motion by Mr. Redmond to approve Resolution 2025-011, Ohio Park Districts Roadwork Fund. Seconded by Mr. Polivka. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution 2025-012, City of Willowick Lakefront Lodge Lease Agreement

Mr. Palagyi said this resolution allows Lake Metroparks to sign a 20-year management agreement with Willowick to continue our management of Lakefront Lodge. He said our construction would not begin for at least a year, but we will start engineering now.

Motion by Mr. Polivka to approve Resolution 2025-012, City of Willowick Lakefront Lodge Lease Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution 2025-013, State of Ohio TechCred Grant Application

Mr. Palagyi explained that the State of Ohio has a program that funds training focused on preparing employees for a technology-infused economy. He said we will start by having some of our Information Technology staff utilize this training and potentially expand it to other employees if it proves useful.

Motion by Mr. Redmond to approve Resolution 2025-013, State of Ohio TechCred Grant Application. Seconded by Mr. Polivka. Motion passed unanimously.

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4. Resolution 2025-014, 2025 Village Peddler Agreement

Mr. Palagyi said this resolution authorizes the Executive Director to sign a contract with Village Peddler LLC for the 2025 event at the Farmpark that will run September 13-14, 2025.

Motion by Mr. Polivka to approve Resolution 2025-014, 2025 Village Peddler Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Vehicle Purchase (4), Classic of Mentor

Mr. Palagyi explained that consistent with the approved 2025 budget, we intend to purchase four F250 pickup trucks from Classic of Mentor. Mr. Palagyi said the State contract price for these four vehicles would be \$183,380 and the quoted price from Classic is \$183,376.

Motion by Mr. Redmond to purchase four vehicles from Classic of Mentor in the amount of \$183,376. Seconded by Mr. Polivka. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Palagyi said we are making very good progress with Hemlock Ridge Park.

He said visitation is up and the golf courses have been full due to the nice weather.

IX. Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Polivka to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:07 p.m. for the purpose of ranger negotiation update. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Redmond to adjourn the Executive Session at 5:12 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Polivka. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Polivka to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:12 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Paul Palagyi, Executive Director


Gretchen Skok DiSanto, President