

2025-040

MINUTES OF THE LAKE METROPARKS REGULAR MEETING

(The following is a summary of Board Meeting Minutes. Transcripts available upon request.)

PLACE: CONCORD WOODS

DATE: July 16, 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; 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 June 18, 2025

Motion by Mr. Redmond to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 18, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Polivka. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Meeting Open to the Public

Bryson Durst, The News-Herald  
Judge Bartolotta

V. Old Business

VI. Finance Report

A. June 2025

Mr. Brassell read the Finance Report for June 2025.

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

VII. New Business

A. Other

1. Resolution 2025-023, Levy Ballot Language

Mr. Palagyi explained Resolution 2025-023, Levy Ballot Language. Mr. Palagyi said this resolution will allow him to file with the Board of Elections for the November election.

Motion by Mr. Redmond to approve Resolution 2025-023, Levy Ballot Language. Seconded by Mr. Polivka. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Skok DiSanto said, "Obviously, we don't take bringing a levy to our community lightly. This is something that we talk about. We think about. Take it very seriously. And we've had numerous discussions about this. This is no new taxes. No new taxes. It is if I understand this correctly, it costs homeowners \$35 on every \$100,000 of property value. It's incredibly important for the parks. This funding so that we have clean and safe parks for our community. And we have wonderful things ahead of us. I think if this passes, our community supports this, including the completion of our two-mile lakefront trail, right? My family and thousands of other families are enjoying that. What we have so far, I think almost 1,000 feet, right? They're more than that now. My facts are always wrong. Whatever my facts are, I should double it. So about \$35 for \$100 is correct. So, I think a very small investment for our community to reap wonderful rewards, right? For our families, for our children, for our future. So again, we didn't take this lightly, but we hope that our community will support us in this effort. So that said, no, no further comments or discussion."

2. Resolution 2025-024, Then and Now Purchase – Peerless Electric

Mr. Palagyi explained Resolution 2025-024, Then and Now Purchase – Peerless Electric. Mr. Palagyi said that this Then and Now purchase is for the Farmpark electric panel with \$23,518.90 in additional monies.

Motion by Mr. Polivka to approve Resolution 2025-024, Then and Now Purchase - Peerless Electric. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

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VIII. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Palagyi thanked Mr. Adair and Mr. Brassell for covering for him while he was on vacation.

Mr. Palagyi said Mardi Gras went well with no issues.

Mr. Palagyi said that Farmpark and Penitentiary Glen have been busy and that camps are going well.

He said that work has begun at Arcola Creek Park, work is continuing at Hemlock Ridge Park and Phase 2 of the Lakefront Trail is progressing quickly.

Mr. Redmond thanked the Wildlife Center staff for the "behind-the-scenes" tour given to him and his family and said they did a great job.

IX. Executive Session


Mr. Palagyi said there is not a need for an Executive Session.

X. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Redmond to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:11 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Polivka. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Paul Palagyi  
Executive Director

  
Gretchen Skok DiSanto  
President