

MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
Board of Park Commissioners & Governing Board of the
LORAIN COUNTY METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

Date: Thursday, November 21, 2023
Time: 11:10 a.m.
Place: Carlisle Visitor & Administrative Center
Present: Commissioners: Kenneth M. Lieux, Chairman
Sherrill M. McLoda, Vice-Chairman
Joseph E. Hribar
Legal Counsel: Absent
Director/Secretary: James E. Ziemnik
Park Staff: Paul J. Hruby, Jr., Assistant Director/Chief Ranger
Bonnie J. Burns, Administrative Services Manager/Treasurer
Michael S. McAndrews, Planning Supervisor
Mariah Deitz, Public Information Officer
Joani Longbrake, Secretary
Visitors: Larissa Beriswill, reporter, *The Morning Journal*
Absent: Jennifer L. Bracken, Assistant Director

OPENING OF MEETING

Roll call by Director/Secretary: Kenneth M. Lieux – Aye
Sherrill M. McLoda – Aye
Joseph E. Hribar – Aye

Chairman Lieux declared all members present and opened the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the October 19, 2023 Regular Session. The Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting, enabling the commissioners to read them in advance. Commissioner Hribar motioned and Commissioner McLoda seconded the motion for approval; motion passed unanimously this 21st day of November, 2023.
- B. The Director/Secretary advised the Board of the Statement of Accounts.
- C. **Resolution 2023-67.** Payment of accounts payable. Motion by Commissioner McLoda for adoption of Resolution for payment of line items on the Cash Disbursements Journal for the period of October 1 to October 31, 2023 and on the Aged Payables reports dated October 31 and November 19, 2023; and ratification of payments on Exhibit A; seconded by Commissioner Hribar. The Chairman then called for the individual line item votes of the Commissioners to be approved for payment by at least a majority of the Commissioners, and be certified by the Treasurer and Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners for issuance of checks for payment. The line item votes of the Commissioners were cast as follows:

Commissioner Lieux: Affirmative for all line items on the Cash Disbursements Journal for the period of October 1 to October 31, 2023 and on the Aged Payables reports dated October 31 and November 19, 2023 and affirmative for ratification of payments on Exhibit A.

Commissioner McLoda: Affirmative for all line items on the Cash Disbursements Journal for the period of October 1 to October 31, 2023 and on the Aged Payables reports dated October 31 and November 19, 2023 and affirmative for ratification of payments on Exhibit A.

Commissioner Hribar: Affirmative for all line items on the Cash Disbursements Journal for the period of October 1 to October 31, 2023 and on the Aged Payables reports dated October 31 and November 19, 2023 and affirmative for ratification of payments on Exhibit A.

RESOLUTION 2023-67:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Lorain County Metropolitan Park District that we deem it necessary and in the best public interest to ratify the payments on Exhibit A and to direct and authorize the issuance of checks for payment of all line items on the Cash Disbursements Journal for the period of October 1 to October 31, 2023 and on the Aged Payables reports dated October 31 and November 19, 2023, as approved for payment by vote of at least a majority of the Board of Park Commissioners. The Cash Disburse-

ments Journal, Aged Payables reports, Exhibit A, and the commissioners' votes are hereby made a part of the Minutes of this meeting on November 21, 2023.

Kenneth M. Lieux – Aye
Sherrill M. McLoda – Aye
Joseph E. Hribar – Aye

ATTEST _____ APPROVED _____
James E. Ziemnik, Director/Secretary Kenneth M. Lieux, Chairman

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Resolution 2023-68.** The Board of Park Commissioners authorized the extension of the License Agreement with Firelands Rails to Trails, Inc. for the organization's use of the Monroeville Train Depot an additional year, commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, all with the approval of legal counsel as to form; motioned by Commissioner Hribar, seconded by Commissioner McLoda, passed unanimously this 21st day of November 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023-68:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Lorain County Metropolitan Park District that we deem it necessary and in the best public interest to authorize the extension of the License Agreement with Firelands Rails to Trails, Inc. for the organization's use of the Monroeville Train Depot an additional year, commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, all with the approval of legal counsel as to form.

ATTEST _____ APPROVED _____
James E. Ziemnik, Director/Secretary Kenneth M. Lieux, Chairman

- B. **Resolution 2023-69.** The Board of Park Commissioners ratified the Director/Secretary's disposal of the 1974 Sha boat trailer, which has been determined to be of no value or use to the Park District, by donating it to the Spirit of America Foundation, or by whatever lawful means available; and to keep a record of such disposition in the Park District's file. In addition, the Board ratified the disposal of the 1973 O'Day Javelin sailboat, which was determined to be a safety concern and of no value or use, by whatever means was available to dispose of such property in a safe and efficient manner, and to keep a record of such disposition in the records of the Park District; motioned by Commissioner McLoda, seconded by Commissioner Hribar, passed unanimously this 21st day of November 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023-69:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Lorain County Metropolitan Park District that we deem it necessary and in the best public interest to ratify the Director/Secretary's disposal of the 1974 Sha boat trailer, which has been determined to be of no value or use to the Park District, by donating it to the Spirit of America Foundation, or by whatever lawful means available; and to keep a record of such disposition in the Park District's file. In addition, we ratify the disposal of the 1973 O'Day Javelin sailboat, which was determined to be a safety concern and of no value or use, by whatever means was available to dispose of such property in a safe and efficient manner, and to keep a record of such disposition in the records of the Park District.

ATTEST _____ APPROVED _____
James E. Ziemnik, Director/Secretary Kenneth M. Lieux, Chairman

- C. **Resolution 2023-70.** The Board of Park Commissioners authorized the Director/Secretary to cancel the Park District's agreement with the Spirit of America Foundation and to promptly return the Foundation's equipment, all with the approval of legal counsel as to form; motioned by Commissioner Hribar, seconded by Commissioner McLoda, passed unanimously this 21st day of November 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023-70:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Lorain County Metropolitan Park District that we deem it necessary and in the best public interest to authorize the Director/Secretary to cancel the Park District's agreement with the Spirit of America Foundation and to promptly return the Foundation's equipment, all with the approval of legal counsel as to form.

ATTEST _____ APPROVED _____
James E. Ziemnik, Director/Secretary Kenneth M. Lieux, Chairman

- D. **Resolution 2023-71.** Pursuant to the approval of the ODNR Division of Watercraft, the Board of Park Commissioners ratified the transfer of the 2016 Sea Doo jet-ski and the 2016 Karavan boat trailer from the Park District to the Ashtabula Family YMCA for its Spirit of America program; motioned by Commissioner McLoda, seconded by Commissioner Hribar, passed unanimously this 21st day of November 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023-71:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Lorain County Metropolitan Park District that, pursuant to the approval of the ODNR Division of Watercraft, we deem it necessary and in the best public interest to ratify the transfer of the 2016 Sea Doo jet-ski and the 2016 Karavan boat trailer from the Park District to the Ashtabula Family YMCA for its Spirit of America program.

ATTEST _____ APPROVED _____
James E. Ziemnik, Director/Secretary Kenneth M. Lieux, Chairman

- E. Reports, requests and comments of the Director/Secretary
- F. Questions, requests and comments from the Commissioners to the Management
- G. Questions, requests and comments from the public to the Commissioners and to the Management
- H. Reports, requests and comments of Legal Counsel
- I. There being no further old or new business, the Chairman entertained a motion for adjournment. Commissioner Hribar motioned and Commissioner McLoda seconded the motion for adjournment. There being no objections or dissenting votes, the meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

ATTEST _____ APPROVED _____
James E. Ziemnik, Director/Secretary Kenneth M. Lieux, Chairman