

**DRAFT  
GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
April 10, 2012**

A work session of the Geauga Park District Board was held on April 10, 2012 at the Donald W. Meyer Center, Chardon, Ohio. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. President James Patterson was in the Chair. Commissioners John Leech and Michael Petruziello were present.

Employees Present:  
Thomas Curtin, Executive Director  
Keith McClintock, Deputy Director  
Kathy Hanes, Executive Secretary  
Robert Urban, Chief Ranger  
John Hayhurst, Ranger Lt.

Guests:  
None

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Leech moved to adopt the agenda for the meeting.

Mr. Petruziello seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Petruziello	Yes
Mr. Patterson	Yes
Mr. Leech	Yes

**WORK SESSION WITH RANGER DEPARTMENT**

Chief Robert Urban explained that the Ranger Department is responsible for enforcement of park district's rules and regulations, as well as applicable state laws. Rangers cover two shifts and the coverage is split into two zones (north and south of Mayfield Road). The department relies on the Geauga County Sheriff's office and local police agencies for coverage overnight. On any given shift, Rangers strive to visit every park within each zone; preserves are designated as "second tier" patrols and are not visited as often.

Chief Urban discussed the training each Ranger receives and that regular training is an important component of the department. He also provided an overview of equipment and uniforms provided to each Ranger. The vehicle replacement schedule was discussed and Chief Urban explained how the County Sheriff's office helps maintain the patrol vehicles. Mr. Petruziello suggested that the Rangers have mobile GPS units for instances when they are away from their patrol vehicle.

Lt. Hayhurst described the neighborhood meetings facilitated by the Ranger Department and held at various locations throughout the county. The meetings provide area residents with an opportunity to meet the Ranger staff and discuss park district rules and regulations.

Mr. Patterson asked about drug usage in the parks and the Chief stated that the Rangers do not see much evidence of usage but are aware that heroin usage is on the rise in the county.

Mr. Leech asked if the new communications tower at Frohring Meadows has been beneficial to the Ranger Department. Lt. Hayhurst stated that it has greatly improved radio reception in the western part of the county.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

**SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE**

It is declared that notification of this meeting and any business conducted therein by the Geauga Park District Board of Commissioners was in compliance with Ohio's Sunshine Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas Curtin, Executive Director

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James Patterson, President