

**GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Geauga Park District Board was held on April 9, 2013 at the Donald W. Meyer Center, Chardon, Ohio. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. President James Patterson was in the Chair. Commissioners Michael Petruziello and Nicholas Fischbach were present.

Employees Present:

Thomas Curtin, Executive Director
Anna McDonald, Executive Secretary
Paige Orvis, Marketing & Admin. Services Director
Robin Pilarczyk, Human Resources Manager
Michele Pennell, Chief Financial Officer
Gloria Freno, Accountant
Scott Wilson, Chief Ranger
Dennis Sloan, Ranger
Paul Pira, Natural Resource Management Director
John Oros, Operations Director
Sandy Ward, Communications Specialist
Diane Valen, Naturalist Services Director
Don Lombardy, Information Technology Manager
Larry McKinnon, Ranger Sergeant
Denise Weisbarth, Ranger
Michael Rose, Ranger
Jessica Newsome, Ranger
Emilie Gottsegen, Development Director
Amanda Stith, Development Associate
Dawn Sweeney, Administrative Assistant

Guests:

John Augustine, Geauga County Resident
Glen Miller, *The Geauga Maple Leaf*
Tom and Diane Jones, *Wind in the Woods Farm*
Nora Stanton, *Ohio Horseman's Council*
Joy Keco, *Ohio Horsemen's Council*
Judge Tim Grendell, *Probate Court*
John A. Ralph, *Judge Grendell's Office*
Mike Johnson, *Metro Parks Summit Cty.*
Larry Veasey, *Gauga County Resident*
Pat Narder, *Gauga County Resident*
Pat Schmidt, *Gauga County Resident*
Esther & Robert Laczko, *Park District Neighbor*
Gus Lanese, *Gauga County Resident*

President James Patterson called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Patterson advised of the following changes to the agenda: 1) Addition of an Employee Commendation
2) Changing the order of items under new business, with Judge Grendell presenting at the beginning of the meeting and Mike Johnson of Metro Parks of Summit County presenting as the first item under New Business.

Mr. Petruziello moved to adopt the agenda with outlined changes.

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

Mr. Fischbach	Yes
Mr. Petruziello	Yes
Mr. Patterson	Yes

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Curtin requested clarification that it was the Board's intent to declare the Ellerin barns as surplus property for the purpose of auctioning them off (page 6 of March 12th Board Minutes).

Mr. Patterson requested a vote on the approval of the March 12th Regular Meeting Minutes (with clarification) and the March 22nd Special Board Meeting Minutes.

The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Fischbach	Yes
Mr. Petruziello	Yes
Mr. Patterson	Yes

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. Patterson welcomed guests and GPD employees to the meeting and requested that all introduce themselves to the group.

PRESENTATION BY JUDGE GRENDELL

Judge Grendell wished members of the Board, guests and employees of the Park District a good afternoon and thanked all for the opportunity to address them. Judge Grendell informed the Board that he would like to join the Park District in providing opportunities to the youth of the county by sponsoring two youth fishing events and two youth game management-hunting events in 2013, and is hoping that the Park District will co-sponsor by providing appropriate park areas for these events. Judge Grendell will provide funding, qualified instructors and will assist in providing proper and safe supervision of the events. Judge Grendell believes that the Park District properties provide a safe and controlled area for the youth game management-hunting events, and such events will provide an alternative to hired sharpshooters, which will benefit the taxpayers while allowing their children to enjoy the parks. Judge Grendell is aware of and applauded Jim Dvorak's efforts in providing fishing activities for disabled youth of Geauga County. The Judge's proposed events are for all youth of Geauga County, providing introductory activities for those who have not had an opportunity to experience such activities as fishing. Judge Grendell thanked all for the opportunity to present this to the Board and Park District and looks forward to working together to bring the events to fruition.

Mr. Patterson thanked Judge Grendell for his proposal and felt it fit well with the Park District's goals and objectives. Mr. Petruziello added that it is a wonderful idea.

Mr. Patterson reviewed the guidelines regarding public input at Park Board Meetings.

PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATION

Mr. Patterson read and presented Ranger Dennis Sloan with a Commendation of Appreciation for his assistance to the Middlefield Police Department on March 10, 2013.

A COMMENDATION OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED TO

GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT RANGER DENNIS P. SLOAN

On March 10, 2013, two officers from the Middlefield Police Department conducted a routine traffic stop on a vehicle in their village. As the two officers were exiting their police vehicle the subject they had stopped exited his vehicle and opened fire on the two officers with a AK 47 assault rifle. One of the Middlefield officers immediately received a gunshot wound and a gun battle ensued. The Middlefield officers called for help and advised an officer was down over their police radio. Ranger Dennis Sloan of the Geauga Park District Ranger Department was in close proximity of the incident, immediately responded to aid the officers and was the first officer to arrive on the scene. As Ranger Sloan was pulling up the gun battle was ongoing. As Ranger Sloan came to a stop the subject fell to the ground after being shot by one of the officers. Ranger Sloan met up with

one of the two Middlefield officers and advanced on the subject, handcuffing the subject, and then immediately went to aid the other Middlefield officer who had received the gunshot wound. Ranger Sloan assisted in giving first aid to the injured officer.

In the law enforcement profession, there is nothing more crucial than responding to the call of “shots fired-officer down.” Ranger Sloan showed his bravery, dedication, and loyalty to his fellow officers in need and should be commended for his quick response to this incident. Ranger Sloan is a true professional and a valuable member of the Geauga Park District Ranger Department.

James F. Patterson
President

Michael J. Petruziello
Vice President

Nicholas E. Fischbach
Board Commissioner

The Board, guests and members of Park District Staff thanked Ranger Sloan by standing and applauding him.

Mr. Curtin read a letter received by Chief Wilson from the Middlefield Village Chief of Police thanking and commending Park District Ranger Sloan for his support of the Middlefield Police Department by giving assistance to the wounded officers and securing and preserving the scene until additional law enforcement officers arrived. Mr. Curtin shared a statement from Chief Wilson commending Ranger Sloan for his actions and thanking Rangers Kailburn and Frantz for their excellent work in responding to the call for assistance and help in securing the area surrounding the crime scene. Chief Wilson’s statement thanked all the Rangers for their bravery, loyalty and dedicated service to Geauga County.

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Board was provided a copy of the March 2013 Financial Statement. There were no questions.

**Geauga Park District
FINANCIAL STATEMENT MONTH ENDED
MARCH 31, 2013**

GENERAL FUND

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE MARCH 1, 2013	4,271,816.31
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EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES	
Personnel	211,591.37
Medicare	3,037.53
Dental /Hospitalization	42,726.12
PERS (Jan payment)	30,606.41
Vouchers	72,499.48
EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES	360,460.91

REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES	
<i>General Tax Collections</i>	
- Real Estate Tax (1st Half Collection Distribution)	3,276,116.13
<i>Investment Income</i>	242.08

<u>Gifts & Donations</u>	3,508.06
- GPD Foundation - Bateman CD interest transfer (\$2,476.07)	
- Patrons - Sap's a Risin donations (\$741.18)	
- Patrons - Tree Tapper's Ball donations (\$194.25)	
- Patrons - Bird box and water fountain donations at TWW (\$96.56)	

<u>Fees</u>	
- Programs - Schools - Out-of-county	55.00
- Camping	60.00
- Shelters	400.00
- Utility fees	870.00
- Workshops - General - Public program	60.00

<u>Sales</u>	
- Tapper's Treasures - MC	119.23
- Tree Tops - TWW	2,782.98
- Syrup Sales	1,899.33

<u>Other Receipts</u>	
- Swine Creek house - Harry	400.00
- Burton Wetlands house- Kolar	400.00
- Chickagami house - Mast	400.00
- Refunds - Coffee for program returned to Giant Eagle	5.00
- Local Government Funds	5,273.93
- Auction Proceeds - Sandblasting machine	55.00
- Miscellaneous Receipts	183.23
- GPD Foundation - postage reimbursement (\$183.23)	
- GPD Foundation - Lease payment February (\$492)	

REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES	3,292,829.97
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ENDING FUND BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2013	7,204,185.37
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LAND IMPROVEMENT FUND

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE MARCH 1, 2013	1,956,819.77
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EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES	
Vouchers	3,355.87

EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES	3,355.87
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REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES	
<i>Investment Income</i>	108.58
<i>Gifts & Donations</i>	11,394.50
- GPD Foundation Observatory Park donation transfer	
<i>Royalties/In-Lieu Fees</i>	791.90
- Farley, Troyer, Kuhns, Kovacs, Hehmeyer, Hart, Sunnybrook, Swine Creek, Stinchcomb	
REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES	12,294.98
ENDING FUND BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2013	\$1,965,758.88

RETIREMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE MARCH 1, 2013	\$ 82,387.12
EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES	0.00
Vouchers	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES	4.49
<i>Investment Income</i>	4.49
ENDING FUND BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2013	\$ 82,391.61

VOUCHER RESOLUTION NO. 15-13

The Board was provided with a copy of March vouchers. There were no questions.

Mr. Petruziello moved to adopt Voucher Resolution No. 15-13, a copy of which is on file in the Park District office.

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

Mr. Fischbach	Yes
Mr. Petruziello	Yes
Mr. Patterson	Yes

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

There were no communications to the Board.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Curtin recognized Glen Miller, reporter for the *Geauga County Maple Leaf*, who is retiring with 40 years of service and stated that this is the last Board meeting Glen will be covering. Mr. Curtin thanked Glen for his many years of reporting and fine articles on the Park District. Mr. Curtin added that Glen's presence will be missed. The Board, guests and Park District employees thanked Glenn with applause.

Diane Jones of Auburn Township inquired as to the field of study of Mr. Curtin's Masters Degree. Mr. Curtin advised that his studies concentrated on how to drive economic development with preserved land. His thesis focused on 1) linking park properties together with corridors and, 2) linking population centers to park properties with corridors. Specifically, the links would be with trail corridors, utilizing equestrian trails. The goal is to help maintain biological diversity by providing green corridors between large natural areas. Mrs. Jones second question regarded Pine Brook Preserve, asking when the property would be available to the public for use. Mr. Curtin advised that there are life use and management agreements with the former owners of Pine Brook which allows them to utilize the property for outside activities and requires that they manage and maintain the property during the lease. The Park District will gain access to parts of the property for parking and trails 10 year into the life lease, but the bulk of the property will not be open to the public until the life estate passes. Mrs. Jones third question regarded Park owned property that is contiguous to property that houses a gas well. She asked whether the Park District would take advantage of the situation and become involved in fracking. Mr. Curtin advised that the Park District has no agreement with anyone, nor has it been approached about any agreement regarding gas wells. In addition, the Park District has a legal opinion stating it should not be involved in oil and gas drilling on Park property. Mrs. Jones thanked Mr. Curtin for the information and asked him to keep the public informed regarding any new or additional information regarding wells.

Mr. Augustine thanked the Board for the opportunity to address them. Mr. Augustine distributed an article from the Center for Biodiversity to the Board and Mr. Curtin. The article contained information regarding the practice of exporting as many as 2 million wild turtles a year from the United States to Asia, where they are destined for food and medicinal markets. The spotted turtles, as well as many other threatened species, are included in this practice. Thanks to action from Center for Biodiversity the international community has taken notice and there is now enforcement of international trade regarding many reptiles, including the spotted turtles. Mr. Augustine stated the Board recently voted not to approve a research grant request submitted by a graduate student involving spotted turtles. Mr. Augustine is requesting that the Board reconsider this grant request. Biologists in the community feel that spotted turtle research is an important project, and there is very little funding available. Mr. Augustine thanked the Board for listening to him.

Pat Narder, of Chardon, questioned if the addition to Maple Highlands Trail North would be going into Bridgewater Development. Mr. Curtin advised that it would not - it will run along the railroad right of way on the edge of the utility corridor.

Larry Veasey had questions regarding the Maple Highlands Trail extensions. He inquired as to whether the extensions would be asphalt. Mr. Curtin advised that the Maple Highlands -Chardon extension would be asphalt and that the Maple Highlands -South would be crushed limestone. Mr. Veasey felt that asphalt is the more preferred trail for bicycle riders. Mr. Veasey also asked if the Southern trail, which will be ending at Swine Creek, will be extended to Reeves Road. Mr. Curtin advised that if Trumbull County made a decision to construct a bike trail, the Geauga Park District would consider further construction of the trail to meet up with it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PARK UPDATES

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION – EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS:

Mr. Patterson read the following Certificates of Appreciation awarded to four Eagle Scouts for projects completed within the Geauga Park District. The Certificates will be presented at a Scouting event.

Andrew William Krause: For completion of his Eagle Scout project of assisting the Geauga Park District Operations Department in the removal and deconstruction of a former sugar house at Orchard Hills Park, and restoring the impacted area to its natural origin.

Scott Andrew Brown: *For completion of his Eagle Scout project of assisting the Geauga Park District Operations Department in the removal and deconstruction of weather shelters at Orchard Hills Park, and restoring the impacted areas to their natural origins.*

Mitchell Tyler Babej: *For completing his Eagle Scout project of coordinating a pilot program for beaver control. With guidance from our Natural Resource Management Department, his creation of a device to prevent damming of the pond spillway at the Hyde-Kaplan property has been a success in keeping the area clear of beaver activity.*

Nicholas John Shaw: *For completion of his Eagle Scout project of working with our Natural Resource Management Department to install a beaver dam exclusion at the Wild Calla Kettle Bog to prevent beavers from flooding the area and helping to maintain natural water levels.*

Mr. Patterson made a motion to approve the Certificates of Appreciation for Andrew William Krause, Scott Andrew Brown, Mitchell Tyler Babej and Nicholas John Shaw in recognition of their achievements as Eagle Scouts.

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

Mr. Fischbach	Yes
Mr. Petruziello	Yes
Mr. Patterson	Yes

Drinking Water Update:

The Board was provided with information on drinking water at its various Parks. There were discussions on water taste, the need for water at our shelters and lodges, EPA testing regulations and results, and how these concerns affect the patrons and the Park District. The information and discussions were intended as background information for use as the Park District moves forward in planning future projects.

Observatory Park –Shelter Addition Project:

In March the Board was provided with bid information for the completion of a shelter at Observatory Park. The submitted bids came in over budget and the Board requested options for completion of the project. The Board was supplied with three options:

- 1) Rebid the Project in 2013
- 2) Build the Project in 2013 via GPD Operations Staff
- 3) Rebid the Project in 2014 as part of the OP-Trail and Parking Improvement Plan

After discussions regarding cost, available funding for year 2013 projects and use of Park District Construction Staff, the Board made the following motion:

Mr. Fischbach moved to rebid the Observatory Park Shelter in 2013. The 2013 project would include the cost and construction of the shelter, concrete pad and electricity for the shelter. The Park District Construction Staff would be utilized in 2014 to enclose the shelter, add a fireplace and radiant heating.

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

Mr. Fischbach	Yes
Mr. Petruziello	Yes
Mr. Patterson	Yes

GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT FOUNDATION

The Board was provided with a copy of the Nassau Observatory Campaign – Case for Support. Emilie Gottsegen reported that the Foundation has applied for \$475,000 in grant money and is waiting to hear from the foundations on their decisions. Mr. Curtin commended Emilie Gottsegen and Vicky Liptak on the quality of the document.

CONTRACT REVIEW

Mr. Curtin advised that the Park District is waiting on final paperwork from contractors on the awarded bids. Once received construction schedules will be compiled and provided to the Board for review.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Johnson –Summit County Metro Parks: Data on Coyotes in their Park System

Mr. Pira introduced Mike Johnson, Chief of Natural Resource Management for Summit County Metro Parks, who provided the Board with a presentation outlining the studies their Park District has completed regarding coyotes in the Cuyahoga Valley Region. This project was done in conjunction with: Wild 4Ever, National Park Service, Cleveland Metroparks, The University of Akron, and the Ohio Division of Wildlife. The objective of the study was to determine how to best manage coyotes to avoid coyote/human conflict. The study was conducted in areas of Cleveland Metro Parks, Cuyahoga Valley NP, and the Metro Parks serving Summit County. Trapped coyotes were given a medical exam, ear tagged and fitted with a tracking/data collecting collar (VHF or GPS) which was programmed to auto-release in one year. Results of the data collection included:

- Coyotes are very smart
- Coyotes are generally healthy
- Coyotes try to avoid human contact
- Problems with coyotes may arise when humans go off trail, venture into closed areas, and when dogs are allowed off-leash
- Coyotes are here to stay and for every coyote removed one will take its place

Based on the study and data received, the following recommendations were made for coyote management:

- Educate the public and enforce trail and leash laws
- Consider signs and trail closures during denning season
- Define what constitutes a nuisance animal

The Board and Mr. Curtin thanked Mr. Johnson for his time and report.

Nuisance Animal Guidelines

The Board was provided with a draft of ‘Nuisance Wildlife Guidelines for Geauga Park District’. Mr. Pira explained that the goal of the guidelines was to determine what constitutes a nuisance animal and what procedure to follow when there are “human-animal conflicts”. He added that guidelines for the management of specific species will be added to the document. There were discussions regarding the need for trail closures and the problems that arise when Park patrons do not follow leash laws.

Mr. Fischbach made a motion to adopt the draft of ‘Nuisance Wildlife Guidelines for Geauga Park District’ with the addition of management plans for specific species. The motion also included approval of stronger language on all leash-law signs, the issuance of citations to Patrons who do not follow leash-laws and no closure of Park trails for coyote management.

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

Mr. Fischbach	Yes
Mr. Petruziello	Yes
Mr. Patterson	Yes

1st Half Real-Estate Tax Collection & Cash Transfer – Resolution No: 14-13

The Board was advised that the 1st half real-estate taxes were distributed by the county and was asked to approve the transfer of funds from the General Fund (6017) to the Land Fund (6015). This amount (\$750,000) is the first half of the planned transfer according to the approved budget.

Mr. Fischbach moved to approve Resolution Number 14-13, Cash Transfer.

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

Mr. Fischbach	Yes
Mr. Petruziello	Yes
Mr. Patterson	Yes

Liability Insurance Renewal – Resolution No. 16-13

The Board was provided with a summary of proposals for 2013-2014 liability insurance for the Park District, compiled by Sutton Insurance who the Park District contracted with to manage the bidding process. This process is done every three years to insure the best rate for the Park District. The lowest bid that included all the necessary coverage and conditions was provided by The Ohio Plan, through Love Insurance, in an amount of \$71,555.15 which represents a savings of \$6,201.85 for the initial year of coverage. Positive references were received from other Park Districts who utilize The Ohio Plan for liability insurance.

Mr. Petruziello moved to approve The Ohio Plan, through Love Insurance, for 2013-2014 liability insurance in an amount of \$71,555.15, Resolution No. 16-13.

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

Mr. Fischbach	Yes
Mr. Petruziello	Yes
Mr. Patterson	Yes

Compensation Market Survey Contract

The Board was asked to approve a contract for completion of a comprehensive compensation market survey by Chris Belz, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000. Mr. Curtin advised the Board that the last survey was done five years ago. This survey will look at similar positions in the private and public sector and help insure that wages and increases are appropriate to the position being performed. Mr. Petruziello asked if this survey could be performed by our Human Resources Manager. Mr. Patterson was of the opinion that most private and public organizations go outside sources to have this performed, and Mr. Curtin concurred based on the qualifications necessary to complete such a survey.

Mr. Fischbach moved to approve the Compensation Market Survey Contract for Chris Belz, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.

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

Mr. Fischbach	Yes
Mr. Petruziello	No
Mr. Patterson	Yes

Surplus Property

The Board was asked to approve the following as surplus property:

	Inventory No.	Description	Starting Bid
1	707C	Delta radial arm saw CAT 33-9090 (broken, too expensive to fix)	scrap
2	1220T	2000 Pequea 1018S trailer	trade-in
3	2159E	2005 HP Scanjet 3970 scanner (no longer working)	scrap
4	2169E	2008 HP Compaq laptop (motherboard overheating)	scrap

Mr. Petruziello moved to approve the above outlined property as surplus.

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

Mr. Fischbach	Yes
Mr. Petruziello	Yes
Mr. Patterson	Yes

COMMISSIONERS' TIME

Mr. Petruziello introduced guest Gus Lanese, who he felt might be a good volunteer candidate to assist with the Park's bird programs. Mr. Lanese is a retired General Electric executive and an avid bird watcher. Mr. Lanese added that he is intrigued by visiting places where wild nature still exists and being able to experience it before it disappears. Mr. Curtin thanked Mr. Lanese for attending and encouraged him to consider volunteering for the Park District.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Veasey inquired as to the price difference of a crushed limestone bike trail versus an asphalt trail. Mr. Curtin advised it was several hundred thousand dollars versus a couple of million dollars. Mr. Veasey noted that a paved trail is best. Mr. Curtin added that the Park District's plan is to get the Maple Highlands Trail – South in place and possibly consider paving in the future should funding become available.

Mr. Augustine commented on the subject of being threatened by animals stating there are very few humans that are threatened or killed by animals in North America. He informed the Board that the tiny honey bee kills many people every year and asked if we wanted Park Employees to wipe out honey bees. He added that we humans don't like animals threatening us, growling at us or baring their teeth, but we need to look at and acknowledge the chances of these things happening are very slight.

PROPOSAL BY JUDGE GREDELL – MOTION TO APPROVE

Mr. Fischbach made a motion to accept Judge Grendell's sponsorship of two youth fishing and two youth game management-hunting events in 2013. Judge Grendell will supply funding, qualified instructors and assist in providing proper and safe supervision. The Park District will provide appropriate Park properties for the events, and Mr. Curtin will appoint a designated person to work with Judge Grendell on coordination of these youth programs with the Park District. Note was made that the Park District cannot support turkey hunting and it should not be part of the youth game management-hunting events.

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

Mr. Fischbach	Yes
Mr. Petruziello	Yes
Mr. Patterson	Yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION - ROLL CALL

Mr. Petruziello moved to go into Executive Session at 5:37 p.m. for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and compensation of personnel.

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

Mr. Fischbach	Yes
Mr. Petruziello	Yes
Mr. Patterson	Yes

The Board returned from Executive Session at 5:56 p.m. and the following item was brought forward for motion:

The Board rescinded a motion that was adopted by the Park Board on September 9, 2008, appearing in those minutes, which spoke to take-home vehicle usage by Park District Employees. The Board made the following motion, "that the Park District positions of Executive Director, Deputy Director, Chief Ranger, Park District Rangers and Director of Operations be provided take-home vehicles as their positions would be called out 24/7 for park emergencies".

Mr. Fischbach moved to approve the above motion.

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

Mr. Fischbach	Yes
Mr. Petruziello	Yes
Mr. Patterson	Yes

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

There were no reports from Committees of the Board.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD

Departmental reports for the month of December were submitted to the Executive Director and a summary sheet was forwarded to the Board prior to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 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,

Thomas G. Curtin, Executive Director

James F. Patterson, President