

**GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 31, 2014**

The special meeting of the Geauga Park District Board was held on January 31, 2014 at the Donald W. Meyer Center, Chardon, Ohio. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Employees Present:

John Oros, Interim Deputy Director
Anna McDonald, Executive Secretary
Paige Orvis, Mktg. & Administrative Services Director
Robin Pilarczyk, Human Resources Director
Sandy Ward, Communications Specialist
Robin Pilarczyk, Human Resources Director
Tami Gingrich, Geauga Park District

Guests:

Tom and Diane Jones, A Wind in the Woods Farm
Mike Brown, Chardon Township Resident
Esther Laczko, Geauga County Resident
Sandy Woolf, Auburn Twp. Resident
Terry Taylor, County Resident
John Augustine, Parkman Resident
Bob Rogish, GPD Volunteer
Jack and Nora Stanton, Ohio Horsemen's Council
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Richard Frenchie, Geauga Park District Foundation
Joe Koziol, Chagrin Valley Times
David Ondrey, Thrasher Dinsmore & Dolan
Josh Echt, Geauga Maple Leaf
Devon Turchan, News Herald
Eileen Smith, Munson Twp
Keith McClintock, Western Reserve Land Conservancy

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS

Judge Grendell, Geauga County Probate Judge, thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated that it is an important day for Geauga County and Geauga County Park District. Judge Grendell advised that after reviewing over forty (40) applications and interviewing over twenty individuals for the open positions on the Park District Board he is appointing Mary Ruth Shumway of Auburn Township to a two-year term (replaces Nick Fischbach) and Lou Mucci of Burton Township to the open three-year term. Judge Grendell cited the excellent credentials and experience that both will bring to assist the Park District.

Judge Grendell, swore in Mary Ruth Shumway to a two-year term to the Board of Park Commissioners commencing January 31, 2014, pursuant to the Judgment Entry dated January 31, 2014.

IN THE MATTER OF:

) CASE NO. 13092

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**THE APPOINTMENT OF A
PARK BOARD MEMBER TO THE
GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT**

) JUDGE TIMOTHY J. GRENDALL

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) JUDGMENT ENTRY

On this 31st day of January, 2014, the Court appoints MARY RUTH SHUMWAY, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023 to complete the three year term of Nicholas Fischbach on the Geauga County Park District commencing January 31, 2014 and ending on December 31, 2015.

Before entering upon the performance of her duties, said Commissioner shall take an oath to faithfully perform her duties of office and shall post bond for the faithful performance of the duties of office in a sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). Such bond shall be approved and filed with the auditor of Geauga County.

The Commissioner herein appointed shall serve without commission, but shall be allowed actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of duties. This appointment is made in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 1545.05.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

TIMOTHY J. GRENDALL, PROBATE JUDGE

Judge Grendell, swore in Louis Mucci to a three-year term to the Board of Park Commissioners commencing January 31, 2014, pursuant to the Judgment Entry dated January 31, 2014.

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) JUDGMENT ENTRY

On this 31st day of January, 2014, the Court appoints LOUIS MUCCI, Burton, OH 44021 to a three year term on the Geauga County Park District commencing January 31, 2014 and ending on December 31, 2016.

Before entering upon the performance of his duties, said Commissioner shall take an oath to faithfully perform his duties of office and shall post bond for the faithful performance of the duties of office in a sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). Such bond shall be approved and filed with the auditor of Geauga County.

The Commissioner herein appointed shall serve without commission, but shall be allowed actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of duties. This appointment is made in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 1545.05.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

TIMOTHY J. GRENDALL, PROBATE JUDGE

Judge Grendell advised that interviews will continue for the one-year term to replace Mr. Petruziello's position. Judge Grendell stated that he expected that the new board will be carrying out the traditions of the various programs that the Park District has offered and will also looking for new programs so that more taxpayers can use our wonderful Parks in Geauga County.

Judge Grendell thanked John Oros and the Park District staff for their assistance during this transitional period, and stated that Mrs. Shumway and Mr. Mucci will work with the Park District to continue to make the parks the best parks in the State of Ohio

Mr. Oros called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Oros asked for nominations for the Office of President.

Mr. Mucci moved to nominate Mrs. Shumway as President.
Mrs. Shumway seconded the motion.

There were no further nominations. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Mucci	Yes
Mrs. Shumway	Yes

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Shumway moved to nominate Mr. Mucci as Vice President.
Mr. Mucci seconded the motion.

There were no further nominations. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Mucci	Yes
Mrs. Shumway	Yes

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Mucci moved to adopt the agenda for the meeting, as written.

Mrs. Shumway seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Mucci	Yes
Mrs. Shumway	Yes

NEW BUSINESS

ORGANIZATIONAL DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Oros advised that the Board was provided with the 2014 Board Meeting Schedule for Board consideration, and proposed that the Board approve the setting of the next Board meeting for February 11th, 2014, at the Meyer Center, at a time convenient to the Board.

The Board agreed that the next Board meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on February 11, 2014 at the Meyer Center. The Board will address future meeting dates and times at a later meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Mucci made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel compensation and pending litigation.

Mrs. Shumway seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Mucci	Yes
Mrs. Shumway	Yes

The Board entered Executive Session at 4:12 p.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 5:06 p.m. There were no items brought forward.

Mr. Mucci made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mrs. Shumway seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Mucci	Yes
Mrs. Shumway	Yes

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 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,

John Oros, Interim Deputy Director

Mary Ruth Shumway, President