

**GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT BOARD  
OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 9, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Geauga Park District Board was held August 9, 2021 at the Meyer Center, Big Creek Park. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Howard Bates, Mario Innocenzi, Dennis Ibold and Pat Preston were present.

John Oros called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

<b>Park District Employees</b>	<b>GUESTS</b>
John Oros, Executive Director	
Sheryl Hatridge, Administrative Service Manager	
Paul Pira, Park Biologist	
Dennis Sloan, Lt. Ranger	
Todd Hicks, Legal Counsel (Thrasher, Dinsmore & Dolan)	

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Bates made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Preston seconded the motion and after roll-call voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Innocenzi	Yes
Mr. Bates	Yes
Mr. Preston	Yes
Mr. Ibold	Yes

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Mr. Oros requested a motion to amend the minutes with corrections to board member votes for Resolutions 15 and 16 for the July 12, 2021 regular board meeting.

Mr. Preston made a motion to approve the amended minutes, Mr. Ibold seconded the motion and after roll-call voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Bates	Yes
Mr. Preston	Yes
Mr. Ibold	Yes
Mr. Innocenzi	Yes

**PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Mr. Oros presented the July 2021 financial statement to the board and pointed out the grant reimbursement for Beaver Creek stream restoration in the amount of \$273, 305.01.

*Geauga Park District*  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT MONTH ENDED  
31-Jul-21**

**GENERAL FUND**

**BEGINNING FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2021**

**5,157,600.06**

**PERSONNEL EXPENDITURES**

Salaries

\$353,291.06

Medicare	\$5,046.20	
Hospitalization - Repay loan from Geauga County Commissioners	\$53,992.64	
Hospitalization - July Cobra	\$56,752.50	
OPERS June 2021	\$16,956.79	
<b>VOUCHERS</b>		<b>\$486,039.19</b>
- Contract Services	\$89,467.91	
- Supplies	\$23,798.30	
- Materials	\$28,532.86	
- Equipment	\$33,189.44	
- Other	\$2,293.15	
- Travel - Mileage	\$53.03	
- Advertising	\$9,995.62	
		<b>\$187,330.31</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES &amp; OTHER USES</b>		<b>\$673,369.50</b>
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER SOURCES</b>		
<i>Interest - July</i>	\$0.00	
<u>General Tax Collections</u>		
- Local Government Funds	\$11,900.12	
<u>Fees</u>	\$16,002.97	
Sales - TWW - \$1,439.07	\$1,439.07	
<u>Other Revenue Receipts</u>		
- Observatory House Rent - Sindelar - \$325.00, Chickagami House Rent - Kolar - \$425.00	\$750.00	
- Patington public record request - 1.00	\$1.00	
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER SOURCES</b>		<b>\$30,093.16</b>
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 2021</b>		<b>4,514,323.72</b>
<b><u>LAND IMPROVEMENT FUND</u></b>		
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2021</b>		<b>3,474,890.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES &amp; OTHER USES</b>		
Vouchers		
- Contract Services	\$5,903.90	
- Project Contract	\$676,695.46	
<b>EXPENDITURES &amp; OTHER USES</b>		<b>\$682,599.36</b>
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER SOURCES</b>		

<i>Interest - July</i>	\$0.00	
<i>- Other Revenue - Royalties/In-Lieu Fees</i>		
<i>- Swine Creek Ford Windsor - \$222.62, Sunnybrook Heymeyer - \$286.56</i>	\$509.18	
<i>- Swine Creek - Hart - \$1.60</i>	\$1.60	
<i>- Ohio Water Development Authority reimbursement - Beaver Creek Grant</i>	\$273,305.01	
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER SOURCES</b>		<b>\$273,815.79</b>
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 2021</b>		
		<b>3,066,106.43</b>
<b><u>RETIREMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT</u></b>		
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2021</b>		
		<b>74,527.53</b>
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER SOURCES</b>		
<i>Interest - July</i>	\$0.00	
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER SOURCES</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 2021</b>		
		<b>74,527.53</b>
<b><u>PARK CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT</u></b>		
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2021</b>		
		<b>484,113.10</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES &amp; OTHER USES</b>		
- Vouchers		
<b>EXPENDITURES &amp; OTHER USES</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER SOURCES</b>		
<i>Interest - July</i>	\$0.00	
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER SOURCES</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 2021</b>		
		<b>484,113.10</b>
<b><u>K-9 FUND</u></b>		
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2021</b>		
		<b>192.55</b>
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER SOURCES</b>		
K-9 Box donations	\$0.00	
<b>EXPENDITURES &amp; OTHER USES</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
- Vouchers		
		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 2021</b>		
		<b>192.55</b>
<b>CASH BALANCE 7/30/2021</b>		<b><u><u>\$8,139,263.33</u></u></b>

**PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS**

Mr. Oros presented vouchers from July. Mr. Ibold made a motion to approve July vouchers except Preston and ARMS Trucking. Mr. Innocenzi seconded the motion and after roll-call

voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Preston	Yes
Mr. Ibold	Yes
Mr. Innocenzi	Yes
Mr. Bates	Yes

Mr. Ibold made a motion to approve July vouchers for Preston, Mr. Innocenzi seconded the motion and after roll-call voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Ibold	Yes
Mr. Innocenzi	Yes
Mr. Bates	Yes
Mr. Preston	Abstained

Mr. Innocenzi made a motion to approve July vouchers for Arms Trucking, Mr. Preston seconded the motion and after roll-call voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Ibold	Yes
Mr. Innocenzi	Yes
Mr. Preston	Yes
Mr. Bates	Abstained

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PLANNING AND OPERATIONS UPDATE**

Mr. Oros shared current projects are progressing with some delays for materials, and Hummel Construction did receive lumber for Swine Creek Lodge. Mr. Oros said he visited the Spring Brook preservation project completed using grant funding.

### **VETERANS LEGACY WOODS STREAM RESTORATION PRESENTATION**

Mr. Pira introduced Ms. Mumford, an intern in the planning department. He shared a presentation about park development and restoration plans. Mr. Pira explained Natural Resource Management studies a property for about a year, documenting all the plants, animals, assessing the quality of wetlands and streams and then writes a management plan. He said it takes 2-4 years from funding through completion for a restoration project. Mr. Pira shared information regarding the plan for Veterans Legacy Woods. He explained the ecological restoration will open culverts and unearth streams and restore a natural flow. He shared the story of native Brook Trout, and noted they are only found in 1 stream in Ohio located at Bass Lake. Mr. Pira said he has applied for grant funding to restore and create a brook trout stream at Veterans Legacy Woods, a unique project, that would create 1,700 feet of new cold water stream and restore approximately 1,100 feet of warm water stream, along with reforestation of 9 acres. Mr. Pira explained that the required grant funding is \$1.1 million.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 17-21 – MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT**

Mr. Oros presented a request to establish a minimum limit to reimburse mileage for requests at 10 miles or more per day with less considered de minimus.

Mr. Bates made a motion to approve the request to establish a limit to reimburse mileage for requests of 10 miles or more per day with less considered de minimis. Mr. Innocenzi seconded the motion and after roll-call voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Innocenzi	Yes
Mr. Bates	Yes
Mr. Preston	Yes
Mr. Ibold	Yes

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-21- UNRECONCILED DIFFERENCE AT CONVERSION**

Mr. Oros presented a request to approve and accept the unreconciled amount of \$132.42. The difference is a result of the conversion of the park district separating from the county fiscal officer.

Mr. Ibold made a motion to approve and accept the unreconciled amount of \$132.42. Mr. Preston seconded the motion and after roll-call voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Innocenzi	Yes
Mr. Bates	Yes
Mr. Preston	Yes
Mr. Ibold	Yes

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-21-INVESTMENT**

Mr. Oros presented a request to approve an interim investment policy to move excess cash into an insured cash sweep at Middlefield Bank, thus allowing excess cash to be invested daily and earn interest daily.

Mr. Preston made a motion to approve in the interim investment policy to move excess cash into an insured cash sweep at Middlefield Bank. Mr. Innocenzi seconded the motion and after roll-call voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Innocenzi	Yes
Mr. Bates	Yes
Mr. Preston	Yes
Mr. Ibold	Yes

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-21- CAPITAL MAINTENANCE FUND**

Mr. Oros presented a request to establish a capital maintenance projects fund which identifies fixed assets at existing parks or land recommended for improvement in the future for the upcoming budget commission meeting on August 16, 2021.

Mr. Preston made a motion to approve a request to establish a capital maintenance projects fund. Mr. Ibold seconded the motion and after roll-call voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Bates	Yes
Mr. Preston	Yes
Mr. Ibold	Yes
Mr. Innocenzi	Yes

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-21 – OHIO DEFERRED COMPENSATION**

Mr. Oros presented a request to recognize the park district has separated from the county fiscal officer and approve the adoption and administration of the Ohio Deferred Compensation plan.

Mr. Preston made a motion to approve the adoption and administration of the Ohio Deferred Compensation plan. Mr. Ibold seconded the motion and after roll-call voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Preston	Yes
Mr. Ibold	Yes
Mr. Innocenzi	Yes
Mr. Bates	Yes

**COMMISSIONER’S TIME**

Mr. Oros shared the park district hosted another successful Nature Arts Festival this weekend and thanked Teresa Runion, Special Events Coordinator and park staff.

The next board meeting will be Monday September 13, 2021 at 8:30am at the Big Creek Meyer Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Preston made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Innocenzi seconded the motion and after roll-call voice vote, the motion was approved:

Mr. Ibold	Yes
Mr. Innocenzi	Yes
Mr. Bates	Yes
Mr. Preston	Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.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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John Oros, Executive Director

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Howard Bates, President