

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of Great Parks of Hamilton County was held on this day, 1:00 p.m., at 10245 Winton Road, Cincinnati, OH 45231.

Board President HC Buck Niehoff opened the meeting and led the Board, staff and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present were Commissioners - Seta, Niehoff, Burt, Burwinkel, Warner; Staff - Sutton, McDonough, Lowe, Palmeter, Henninger, Frazer, Zelek, Sivak, Minzner, Code

Guests: Al Duebber, Riverview-Delhi Kiwanis Club; Carrie Blackmore-Smith, Cincinnati Enquirer; Alicia Culman, Great Parks Foundation; Anne Sesler and Alana Tucker, Government Strategies Group

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1. RESOLUTION NO. 3424 - BILLS & PAYROLL RESOLUTION: The Board reviewed the Bills and Payroll Resolution asking staff to provide clarifying information on the content and scope of several payment items. Following a thorough discussion, the Board found the staff explanations acceptable and satisfactory. Upon motion duly made by Burt and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Bills & Payroll Resolution.
2. RESOLUTION NO. 3425 - FINAL LEGISLATION - ODOT 2016-2017 BIENNIUM RESURFACING PROJECTS: Upon motion duly made by Burwinkel and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Final Legislation – ODOT 2016-2017 Biennium Resurfacing Projects resolution.
3. DONATIONS: Upon motion duly made by Seta and unanimously carried, the Board approved accepting the donations received during May 2016. The letter from the Judge of Probate Court approving acceptance of the gifts will be attached to the Final Minutes.
4. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATES:

Thursday	July 21, 2016	1:00 p.m.	Winton Centre
Thursday	August 18, 2016	1:00 p.m.	Winton Centre

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5. RIVERVIEW-DELHI KIWANIS CLUB: Mr. Al Duebber, representing the Riverview-Delhi Kiwanis Club attended the Board meeting. Mr. Duebber is the spokesman for the Rollin' on the River Car Show, held each July at Fernbank Park. During his remarks, Mr. Duebber explained that the Rollin' on the River Car Show is in its 27th year and that the purpose of the car show is to provide a family friendly event and raise money for charity- primarily causes benefitting school aged children. Last year the event attracted approximately 526 cars and 10,000 visitors. Mr. Duebber complimented Great Parks for its continued cooperation and support and stated that since Great Parks assumed management of Fernbank Park in 2003, there has been a positive impact to the event; families feel safe and welcome and the show has grown tremendously. As in previous years, Mr. Duebber did request Great Parks provide additional port-o-let service at the east end of the park. In conclusion, Mr. Duebber thanked the Board for Great Parks' assistance with the event and pledged to be of help to Great Parks in the future as needed.
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion duly made by Burt and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Final Minutes of the Board meeting of May 19, 2016.
7. BIDS: Legal ads soliciting bids for the following were published in the *Cincinnati Court Index* and will be attached to the Final Minutes.

WINTON WOODS MAINTENANCE SOLAR PV SYSTEM RE-BID: Upon motion duly made by Seta and unanimously carried, the Board awarded a contract for the Winton Woods Maintenance Solar PV System Re-Bid project in the amount of \$97,900.00 to Third Sun Solar, LLC.

RESOLUTION NO. 3430 - RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR WINTON WOODS MAINTENANCE SOLAR PV SYSTEM RE-BID: Upon motion duly made by Seta and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Resolution Awarding Contract for Winton Woods Maintenance Solar PV System Re-Bid project to Third Sun Solar, LLC.

8. 2016 BUSH HONEYSUCKLE CONTROL: Upon motion duly made by Burwinkel and unanimously carried, the Board approved award of contracts as follows for the 2016 Bush Honeysuckle Control project:
 - NOVCO for the Cincinnati Inc. Tract 118 acre parcel and the Embshoff Woods Nature Preserve 55 acre parcel for a total of \$94,800.
 - Davey Resource Group for the Oak Glen Nature Preserve 7.3 acre parcel, the Mitchell Memorial Forest 3 acre parcel, and the Miami Whitewater Forest 56 acre parcel for a total of \$29,077.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 3426 - 2017 TENTATIVE BUDGET: The staff presented the 2017 Tentative Budget with expenses being 2.4% less than the 2016 Final Budget; and projected earned (non-tax) income being 2.3% above the 2016 Final Budget. The staff also noted the tax income will be less in 2017 as a result of the final phase out of the TPP tax. The Board reviewed the Tentative Budget asking staff clarifying questions about individual items. In its review, the Board asked and the staff confirmed that the projected tax revenue for 2017 is significantly lower than the tax revenue collected in 2003- the first year of the current 1 Mill Levy that was approved by voters in 2002. The staff explained that total tax revenue for 2017 is projected to be \$16,830,801 as compared to \$18,380,375 in 2003. The Board pointed out that this was a remarkable fact given that over the past 14 years Great Parks is managing more parks and more parkland with less tax support and less staffing than in 2003. Upon motion duly made by Warner and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Resolution authorizing the 2017 Tentative Budget.

10. RESOLUTION NO. 3427 - RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FEE FOR THE DAILY AND ANNUAL MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT: Upon motion duly made by Burwinkel and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Resolution Determining the Fee for the Daily and Annual Motor Vehicle Permit. This Resolution establishes a tiered pricing system beginning with the 2017 season as follows:

Daily motor vehicle permit-

Resident Daily	\$3 – no change to current rate
Non-resident Daily	\$5

Annual motor vehicle permit-

Resident Annual	\$10 – no change to current rate
Non-resident Annual	\$14

11. HAMILTON COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATION: The staff presented information on two levy options for Board consideration for placing on the November 2016 election ballot; a 1 Mill Replacement Levy and a 1.1 Mill Replacement Levy. After thorough review and discussion, the Board acted on the two following Resolutions and instructed the staff to forward both Resolutions to the Hamilton County Auditor. The passage of a replacement levy this November would be structured to commence in 2016, with collections first due in calendar year 2017. And the existing levy of one (1) mill having 1 year remaining, would be canceled and replaced.

RESOLUTION NO. 3428 - RESOLUTION REQUESTING HAMILTON COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATION (1 Mill Replacement Levy): Upon motion duly made by Burt and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Resolution Requesting Hamilton County Auditor's Certification (1 Mill Replacement Levy).

RESOLUTION NO. 3429 - RESOLUTION REQUESTING HAMILTON COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATION (1.1 Mill Replacement Levy): Upon motion duly made by Warner and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Resolution Requesting Hamilton County Auditor's Certification (1.1 Mill Replacement Levy).

II – MONITORING REPORTS

12. MONITORING REPORT / FINANCIAL PLANNING/BUDGETING: The Board reviewed the Monitoring Report for Financial Planning / Budgeting. After a thorough discussion, the Board found the report to be reasonable and acceptable. The Board then ordered the report filed for the record.

III – GENERAL REPORTS

13. OAK GLEN NATURE PRESERVE: Ordered filed for the record.
14. CODE OF CONDUCT: The Board reviewed and discussed its Code of Conduct policy relative to future levy campaigns as adopted on January 20, 2016.

There being no further matters to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
Executive Director