

REGULAR MEETING**June 18, 2026**

The Regular 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 Scott Schuster opened the meeting and led the Board, staff, and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present were Commissioners Schuster, Keating, Lavery, Thompson, Wegman
Staff: Palmeto, Henninger, Collins, Carleton, Doellman, deJesus, Messerschmitt, Snow, Laabs, Creighton, Callahan, Merrill, Klug, Herbert, Hodapp, Eismeier, Ference
Guests: Tony Rosiello, Jason Reser

GENERAL

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS: No one requested to address the Board.
2. AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

Chief Executive Officer Todd Palmeto notified the Board of the following:

- Chief of Planning & Design Janet Broughton Murray introduced newly promoted employee Sean Creighton, Regional Project Delivery Manager.
- Chief of Guest Experiences Rachel Messerschmitt introduced newly promoted employee Rocky Laabs, Guest Experiences Manager, Sharon Woods.
- Great Parks received the 2026 National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials (NACPRO) Special Award – Innovative Financing – Parks Light Lager. The award recognizes creative, innovative, and entrepreneurial strategies to generate financial resources for park-related capital and operating expenses.
- Great Parks Received the 2026 National Association of County Park and Recreation (NACPRO) Individual Award – Outstanding Support Organization – Cincinnati Off-Road Alliance (CORA). The award is presented to an organization that has made a significant contribution to benefit park and recreation programs, facilities, operations, and organizational support.
- Great Parks of Hamilton County Rangers have been selected as the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Department of the Year by Mental Health America of Northern Kentucky and Southwest Ohio.
- Great Parks received The American Business Awards – Achievement in Web Design – Gold Stevie Winner. Submitted by Synoptek for the Great Parks of Hamilton County – Mobile-First Web Modernization & Unified Digital Experience Redesign.
- State of Ohio Capital Budget Prioritization Grant: Great Parks was awarded \$750,000 for the Sharon Woods Harbor Revitalization project.

Ms. Keating stated that she ran the 10k race at the Kids Outdoor Adventure Expo and enjoyed it. Ms. Wegman noted that she attended the Kids Outdoor Adventure Expo and noted that vendors loved it and the staff did a great job. Ms. Lavery shared an inquiry from a guest about Sharon Lake. Chief Executive Officer Todd Palmeter recognized the staff for pivoting quickly when the Kids Outdoor Adventure lake access was restricted.

3. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATES:

Thursday	July 16, 2026	1:00 p.m.	Winton Center
Thursday	August 20, 2026	1:00 p.m.	Winton Center

ACTION

4. RESOLUTION #3881 – BILLS & PAYROLL RESOLUTION: Chief Executive Officer Todd Palmeter presented the Bills & Payroll Resolution to the Board and provided clarifying information on the refund checks issued. Upon motion duly made by Thompson, seconded by Wegman, the Board approved the Bills & Payroll Resolution. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Ms. Keating – Aye, Ms. Lavery – Aye, Mr. Schuster – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Ms. Wegman – Aye.
5. RESOLUTION #3882 – 2027 TAX BUDGET: Chief Financial Officer Andrew Collins presented the 2027 Tax Budget to the Board. Ms. Lavery asked about revenues versus expenditures. Upon motion duly made by Lavery, seconded by Keating, the Board approved the 2026 Tax Budget as presented. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Ms. Lavery – Aye, Mr. Schuster – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Ms. Wegman – Aye, Ms. Keating – Aye.
6. RESOLUTION #3883 – RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM: Chief Executive Officer Todd Palmeter and Chief Financial Officer Andrew Collins presented the report and resolution to the Board. Chief Executive Officer Todd Palmeter noted that copies of the report, resolution, and policy were available for the Board, and Chief Financial Officer Andrew Collins highlighted elements of the plan. Ms. Wegman and Ms. Lavery asked about the current cybersecurity training emails that the Board receives. Ms. Keating asked if the policy matched the current standards. Upon motion duly made by Keating, seconded by Lavery, the Board approved Resolution #3883 to establish and implement a Cybersecurity Program. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Schuster – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Ms. Wegman – Aye, Ms. Keating – Aye, Ms. Lavery – Aye.

7. RESOLUTION #3884 – RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – ROBERT (BOB) BALL: Chief Executive Officer Todd Palmeter presented the Resolution of Appreciation for Robert (Bob) Ball to the Board. Upon motion duly made by Wegman, seconded by Thompson, the Board approved the Resolution of Appreciation for Robert (Bob) Ball, Conservation and Parks Technician, who has retired with 16 years of service with Great Parks of Hamilton County. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Thompson – Aye, Ms. Wegman – Aye, Ms. Keating – Aye, Ms. Lavery – Aye. Mr. Schuster – Aye.
8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion duly made by Lavery, seconded by Wegman, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Final Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 20, 2026.
9. CAPITAL PURCHASE – FORD F150 HYBRID PICKUP TRUCKS: Chief Executive Officer Todd Palmeter presented the capital purchase to the Board. Mr. Thompson asked about the crew cab option. Upon motion duly made by Wegman, seconded by Keating, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of two Ford F-150 hybrid pickup trucks from Sutton Ford. The final purchase amount will be specified in Sourcewell's contract pricing and in line with current appropriations.

MONITORING REPORTS

10. FINANCIAL PLANNING/BUDGETING: Chief Executive Officer Todd Palmeter and Chief Financial Officer Andrew Collins presented the Financial Planning/Budgeting report to the Board. Ms. Wegman asked about the change relative to the previous year's revenue. Ms. Lavery asked about the reserve fund forecast. Mr. Schuster asked about the 2030 levy renewal assumption in the forecast. After a thorough discussion, the Board determined the report to be reasonable and acceptable. The Board then ordered the report filed for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to come before the Board, a motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Wegman, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Board of Park Commissioners
Great Parks of Hamilton County


Scott Schuster, President
Caroline Keating
Caren Laverly
Marcus Thompson
Melissa Wegman

ATTEST:


Todd Palmeto, Chief Executive Officer