

REGULAR MEETING**September 17, 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, Thompson, Wegman, Lavery
Staff: Palmeto, Henninger, Collins, deJesus, Messerschmitt, Rahe, Snow, Carleton, Murray, Bilyeu, Reno, Carter, Dobbratz, Leonard, Lampley, Christophersen, Barkley, Roselle, Anklan, Herbert, Ammar

Guests: Tony Rosiello, Samantha Searls, Brody Dyer

GENERAL

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Dyer commented on the Great Parks' Bow Hunting Program, and stated concerns with the program and with public records he has requested.
2. AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

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

- Chief of Conservation & Parks Jason Rahe introduced promoted employee Isaiah Carter, Conservation & Parks Technician – Woodland Mound.
- Chief of Conservation & Parks Jason Rahe introduced new employee Mason Dobbratz, Site Construction Technician.
- Chief of Human Resources Molly deJesus introduced new employee Karen Leonard, Director of Safety and Risk.
- Chief Financial Officer Andrew Collins introduced new employee Todd Lampley, Director of Information Technology.

Ms. Wegman shared about attending the Hispanic Heritage Festival where she enjoyed speaking with the Hispanic Chamber Cincinnati President. She also commented on the excellent Great Parks' social media presence and content. Mr. Schuster attended the Volunteer Recognition Event and noted the importance of each volunteer member's role with Great Parks. Mr. Thompson spoke about the loyalty reflected in volunteers' long tenure of service and the pride in the agency's culture for having such positive volunteer support. Ms. Lavery commented on the volunteers' enthusiasm. Ms. Keating shared compliments she has received about the new pavement on the Lunken Airport Trail.

3. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATES:

Thursday	October 15, 2026	3:00 p.m.	Winton Center
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Thursday	November 19, 2026	1:00 p.m.	Winton Center
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*Board tour will precede the October 15 Regular Board meeting. The tour is tentatively scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

ACTION

4. RESOLUTION #3890 – BILLS & PAYROLL RESOLUTION: Chief Executive Officer Todd Palmeter presented the Bills & Payroll Resolution to the Board. Upon motion duly made by Lavery, 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 #3891 – BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Chief Financial Officer Andrew Collins presented the Budget Adjustment Resolution to the Board. Ms. Lavery asked about the total amount of the adjustment. Upon motion duly made by Keating, seconded by Thompson, the Board approved the budget adjustment as presented in the resolution. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Ms. Lavery – Aye, Mr. Schuster – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Ms. Wegman – Aye, Ms. Keating – Aye.
6. RESOLUTION #3892 – RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY AND EXECUTE AN APPLICATION UNDER ODNR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM: Chief Executive Officer Todd Palmeter presented the Resolution to the Board. Upon motion duly made by Lavery, seconded by Wegman, the Board approved Resolution #3892 authorizing the Chief Executive Officer and his designees to apply for and execute an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources under the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Schuster – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Ms. Wegman – Aye, Ms. Keating – Aye, Ms. Lavery – Aye.
7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion duly made by Keating, seconded by Lavery, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Final Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 20, 2026.
8. BID TAB – SHARON WOODS LAKESIDE LODGE ROOF AND WINDOW REPLACEMENT: Chief Executive Officer Todd Palmeter presented the bid tab to the Board. Upon motion duly made by Thompson, seconded by Wegman, and unanimously carried, the Board awarded a contract, including the Base Bid with Alternates 1 and 2, in the amount of \$355,455 to Kramer & Feldman, Inc. for the Sharon Woods Lakeside Lodge Roof and Window Replacement project.

9. CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK SERVICES CONTRACT GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE AMENDMENT THREE – SHARON WOODS HARBOR REVITALIZATION: Chief Executive Officer Todd Palmeter presented the bid tab to the Board. Ms. Wegman asked if this site is on the October Board Tour. Ms. Lavery noted questions she received concerning tree removal. Upon motion duly made by Wegman, seconded by Keating, and unanimously carried, the Board awarded a contract in the amount of \$6,843,532 to HGC Construction for Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment Three for the site-enabling package of the Sharon Woods Harbor Revitalization project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Keating and seconded by Thompson to go into Executive Session to consider the sale or other disposition of property at 1:30 p.m. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Thompson – Aye, Ms. Wegman – Aye, Ms. Keating – Aye, Ms. Lavery – Aye, Mr. Schuster – Aye.

Following the Executive Session, a motion was made by Keating and seconded by Wegman to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 2:10 p.m. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Ms. Wegman – Aye, Ms. Keating – Aye, Ms. Lavery – Aye, Mr. Schuster – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye.

After reconvening from Executive Session, Ms. Lavery asked one clarifying question about the Sharon Woods Harbor expenditure approved earlier in the meeting and when it would appear in Attachment 1 of the Bills and Payroll Report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to come before the Board, a motion was made by Lavery, seconded by Wegman, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

Board of Park Commissioners
Great Parks of Hamilton County



Scott Schuster, President

Caroline Keating

Caren Lavery

Marcus Thompson

Melissa Wegman

ATTEST:



Todd Palmetter, Chief Executive Officer