

MINUTES OF THE LAKE METROPARKS REGULAR MEETING
(The following is a summary of Board Meeting Minutes. Transcripts available upon request.)

PLACE: CONCORD WOODS

DATE: June 18, 2025

I. Roll Call and Pledge

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with Board members Frank Polivka and John Redmond, Vice Presidents. Gretchen Skok DiSanto was absent. Staff included: Paul Palagyi, Executive Director; Vince Urbanski, Deputy Director; Mark Ziccarelli, Legal Counsel; Tom Koritansky; Jim Sivak; Lindsay Pschirer; Sharon Metzong; Seth Begeman; Lee Homyock; Karen Reis; Nick Gustin; Jen Irwin; Liz Mather; and Tammy Chiappone.

Mr. Redmond led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mr. Polivka to approve the Board Meeting Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed by majority.

III. Minutes

A. Regular Meeting May 14, 2025

Motion by Mr. Polivka to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 14, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed by majority.

IV. Meeting Open to the Public

Bryson Durst, The News-Herald

V. Old Business

VI. Finance Report

A. May 2025

Mr. Palagyi read the Finance Report for May 2025.

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Motion by Mr. Polivka to approve the Finance Report for May 2025. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed by majority.

VII. New Business

A. Other

1. Resolution 2025-020, Auction Asset Approval

Mr. Palagyi explained Resolution 2025-020, Auction Asset Approval. Mr. Palagyi said after approval of this list by the Board, a notice will be sent to the Probate Court for the Judge's review and approval. Mr. Palagyi said GovDeals is the service provider and is provided at no cost.

Motion by Mr. Polivka to approve Resolution 2025-020, Auction Asset Approval. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed by majority.

2. Resolution 2025-021, Establishing the Tax Budget

Mr. Palagyi explained Resolution 2025-021, Establishing the Tax Budget. Mr. Palagyi said the Tax Budget for next year must be submitted to the County Budget Commission before July 18. Mr. Palagyi said this budget identifies projected revenues, carryovers and expenditures needed for the coming year. He said this year's budget is very different than our usual budget, "Since our 1.9 mil levy expires at the end of this year and will be on the ballot this fall, we cannot include it as revenue for next year. We have talked with the Auditor's office and other taxing authorities about how to proceed in this situation. We have been informed by the Auditor's office that we should not include the 1.9 mill levy in our revenues and if the levy passes, the Auditor's office will recertify our tax budget after the election."

Motion by Mr. Polivka to approve Resolution 2025-021, Establishing the Tax Budget. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed by majority.

3. Resolution 2025-022, Levy Auditor Certification

Mr. Palagyi explained Resolution 2025-022, Levy Auditor Certification. Mr. Palagyi said we have worked with the Auditor's office to revise our previous resolution requesting certification of the renewal of the 1.9 mil levy. He said there was a new requirement that became effective in April, and our previous resolution did not reflect this change. Mr. Palagyi said the Auditor's office has confirmed that the language on the agenda is what is required for them to certify the levy amounts.

Motion by Mr. Polivka to approve Resolution 2025-022, Levy Auditor Certification. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed by majority.

VIII. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Palagyi said that visitation is down across the park district but that we are hoping for better weather in the coming months.

Mr. Palagyi said that Dairy Days will take place this weekend at Lake Metroparks Farmpark.

Mr. Palagyi said that work at Arcola Creek Park will start after July 4.

IX. Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Polivka to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:06 p.m. for the purpose of land acquisition. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed by majority.

Motion by Mr. Polivka to adjourn the Executive Session at 5:16 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed by majority.

X. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Polivka to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:16 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed by majority.

Respectfully Submitted,


Paul Palagyi
Executive Director


John C. Redmond
Vice President