

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

PLACE: CONCORD WOODS

DATE: March 11, 2026

I. Roll Call and Pledge

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

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

II. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Skok DiSanto to approve the Board Meeting Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Polivka. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Minutes

A. Regular Meeting February 11, 2026

Motion by Mr. Polivka to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 11, 2026. Seconded by Mrs. Skok DiSanto. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Meeting Open to the Public

Saturday Hiking Group

Roger and Maureen Leech  
Pauline Furg  
Chris Veneri  
Holly Krebs  
Janet Wichte  
Christine Nestor  
Dan and Meg Root  
Al Krall  
Jeff Wells  
Nancy Rebert  
Roseanne Radgowski

Mrs. Leech spoke on behalf of the Saturday morning hiking group. Mrs. Leech thanked Lake Metroparks for all of our work. Mrs. Leech said that the Saturday morning hiking group started back in 2003 and has been a very popular program with about 30 participants. Mrs. Leech said they were notified that the hikes were going to go from every Saturday to twice a month. Mrs. Leech said this is very disappointing to the group and would like for the hikes to resume to every Saturday again.

Mr. Wells said he has been hiking for over a year with the group. He would also like to see the hikes every Saturday. Mr. Wells said this group are advocates for the parks.

Mr. Redmond thanked the group for their comments and said that someone would get back to them.

V. Old Business

VI. Finance Report

A. February 2026

Mr. Brassell read the Finance Report for February 2026.

Motion by Mrs. Skok DiSanto to approve the Finance Report for February 2026. Seconded by Mr. Polivka. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. New Business

A. Other

1. Resolution 2026-008, OWPA Agreement

Mr. Palagyi explained Resolution 2026-008, 2026 OWPA Agreement. Mr. Palagyi said this resolution will authorize us to sign agreements with the Ohio Wine Producers to host the 2026 Vintage Ohio event at the Farmpark on August 7-8. Mr. Palagyi said OWPA will pay us a base fee of \$20,000 plus potential additions depending on the layout and plans that will be finalized this summer.

Motion by Mr. Polivka to approve Resolution 2026-008, OWPA Agreement. Seconded by Mrs. Skok DiSanto. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution 2026-009, 2026 Village Peddler Festival Agreement

Mr. Palagyi explained Resolution 2026-009, Village Peddler Festival Agreement. Mr. Palagyi said this resolution will authorize us to sign agreements with the Village Peddler LLC for the festival to be held at the Farmpark on September 12-13 of this year. Mr. Palagyi said Village Peddler will pay us a base fee of \$25,000 plus any additional costs that might come up before the event.

Motion by Mr. Polivka to approve Resolution 2026-009, 2026 Village Peddler Festival Agreement. Seconded by Mrs. Skok DiSanto. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Palagyi said the restroom at Arcola Creek passed inspection and the park is open.

Mr. Palagyi said the next phase of the trails will begin soon at Hemlock Ridge. Mr. Palagyi said the park has been pretty popular even with a fairly small trail at this time.

Mr. Palagyi said the Salamander Migration event last Saturday at Penitentiary Glen had over 500 guests, the conditions were perfect.

Mr. Palagyi said Maple Sugar Weekends at the Farmpark saw around 4,000 guests (up from 2,300 last year). Mr. Palagyi said we are getting ready for the quilt show the end of the month.

Mr. Palagyi said that Breakfast with the Bunny has sold out and will serve over 500 guests. The event runs March 28, 29 and April 3, 4 and Farmpark.

Mr. Palagyi said there will be a seasonal job fair on March 21 at Penitentiary Glen.

IX. Executive Session

Mr. Palagyi said there is not a need for an Executive Session.

X. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Skok DiSanto to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:10 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Polivka. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paul Palagyi  
Executive Director



John C. Redmond  
President