

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT
JULY 28, 2026**

The Board of Park Commissioners met on this date, Tuesday, July 28, 2026, 8:00 a.m., at the Board's office, 4101 Fulton Parkway, Cleveland, Ohio.

The roll call showed Vice President Yvette M. Ittu and Vice President Dan T. Moore to be present in person and President Bruce G. Rinker to be present via video conference in compliance with Ohio Revised Code §121.221. It was determined there was a quorum. Chief Executive Officer, Brian M. Zimmerman, Interim Chief Financial Officer, Gary A. Butzback, and Legal Counsel, Katie M. McVoy, were also in attendance.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Interim Chief Financial Officer, Gary A. Butzback, presented a Comparative Summary of Revenues & Expenditures 2026 vs. 2025 Year-To-Date, and for the Month Ended June 30. Also provided is a Schedule of Accounts Receivable and Investments, which along with the Comparative Summary is found on pages 106832 to 106839.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

No. 26-07-091: It was moved by Vice President Moore, seconded by Vice President Ittu and carried, to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2026, which were previously submitted to the members of the Board, and by them read.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Ittu, Messrs. Moore and Rinker.
Nays: None.

ACTION ITEMS.

- (a) ***Swearing in of Police Officers***
(Originating Source: Kelly J. Stillman, Chief of Police)

Joseph Byczek

Officer Byczek is currently attending the University of Akron. He began his law enforcement career in March 2025 with the Eastlake Police Department.

Richard Tabor

Officer Tabor began his law enforcement career with the Cleveland Police Department in August 2024. He is currently certified as an experienced rifle-patrol officer.

No. 26-07-092: It was moved by Vice President Moore, seconded by Vice President Ittu and carried, to appoint Joseph Byczek and Richard Tabor as full-time police officers for Cleveland Metroparks as authorized by Section 1545.13 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Ittu, Messrs. Moore and Rinker.

Nays: None.

- (b) ***Chief Executive Officer's Retiring Guests***
(Originating Source: Brian M. Zimmerman, Chief Executive Officer)

Jean E. Lang, General Maintenance 3 (Electrician)

Jean Lang has served Cleveland Metroparks for over 22 years as a Handyperson, Maintenance Specialist, Service Worker, General Maintenance, and General Maintenance 3 (Electrician). Jean was noted for her incomparable skill set and being the first and only female member of the General Maintenance crew at the Zoo. She played many roles in improving efficiency in Zoo maintenance and was specifically noted for improving the efficiency of the annual fire hydrant inspection and maintenance by creating a guide using photographs and numbering system to locate all the hydrants throughout the park. Jean was instrumental in preparing the home of the onagers by using her carpentry, electrical and plumbing skills to repair and upgrade the barn on time and in a professional manner. Additionally, she would annually assist with providing specialty needs for the CZS Twilight event, Asian Lantern set-up, and modernize the Christmas light images by contributing to the modification of all the electrical requirements at each event and display. Jean's devotion to teamwork, her commitment to the Core Values, and her love for Cleveland Metroparks was a great contribution to the organization and won't be forgotten.

Joyce Ohlrich, Guest Experiences Lead

Joyce Ohlrich has served Cleveland Metroparks for over 18 years as a Guest Services Associate and Guest Experiences Lead. Joyce was a great asset to the Zoo's guest experience by providing great customer service being the first encounter of all patrons that visited. She showed resilience over the years as the Zoo experienced many changes

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and evolutions in its operations and services, and she continued to show great dedication and commitment to her role by remaining steady, dependable, and an exemplary member of the team. Joyce was a great role model to new employees consistently demonstrating great work ethic with her punctuality, professionalism, and willingness to be taught. She has been a true asset to Guest Experiences and her genuine care for the Zoo and her devotion to great customer service has been an attribute to her legacy of service. Joyce's devotion to teamwork, her commitment to the Core Values, and her love for Cleveland Metroparks was a great contribution to the organization and won't be forgotten.

Kathy Sobel, Information Specialist

Kathy Sobel has served Cleveland Metroparks for over 32 years as a Secretary, Cashier, and Information Specialist. Kathy used her knowledge and skills to establish effective processes and procedures administratively for the Youth Outdoors department that will continue to be the standard practice. She exhibited attention to detail and organizational skills when she operated in her information specialist role assisting in planning, scheduling events, organizing and delivering integral information and connections amongst the Youth Outdoors Team. She contributed greatly to office operations including tracking program data, budgets, purchasing and so much more. Kathy always went beyond the call of duty and would assist with special events such as Outdoor Odyssey, Children's Fishing Derbies and Fall Family Fishing Fest. Additionally, Kathy's dedication to outdoor experiences for all guests did not go unnoticed as she knew all of the youth participants by name and truly cared for each of them like they were her own, seeing the youth participants as not just another number, but as individuals whose lives matter. Kathy's devotion to teamwork, her commitment to the Core Values, and her love for Cleveland Metroparks was a great contribution to the organization and won't be forgotten.

Gerald A. Wochna, Technician Lead

Jerry Wochna has served Cleveland Metroparks for over 26 years as a Handyperson, Service Worker, Grounds Maintenance, Technician, and Technician Lead. Jerry was a true steward of the parks and consistently worked to raise maintenance standards, using his skills and knowledge to improve the quality of Brookside and Rocky River Reservations, notably planning and planting ornamental cherry trees at Brookside to improve landscape aesthetics and visitor experience. He played an essential role in many notable projects throughout the parks such as leading and organizing the refurbishing of the southeast corner of Fulton and Denison where the bronze monument and flagpole commemorating World War II Veterans is located, installation of erosion control at Brookside Reservation, assisting in the Seneca Golf Course project, and leading the planting of six commemorative trees in Rocky River Reservation to honor former and current Park District Chief Executive Officers, creating a lasting tribute to leadership and service within Cleveland Metroparks. Jerry was noted and recognized consistently throughout the parks for his professionalism, willingness to help and step into leadership roles as needed, and his continued support and collaboration with providing guidance and hands-on training for volunteer groups for tree planting, garden development, and park improvement projects. Additionally, he supported sustainability initiatives by offering ideas and actively participating in the Green team, promoting environmental stewardship throughout the park system, and playing a key role in the design and development of

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pollinator gardens, supporting native species habitats and furthering Cleveland Metroparks' conservation goals. Jerry's devotion to efficiency, teamwork, his commitment to the Core Values, and his love for Cleveland Metroparks was a great contribution to the organization and won't be forgotten.

No. 26-07-093: It was moved by Vice President Moore, and carried with affirmative votes, to recognize Jean E. Lang, Joyce Ohlrich, Kathy Sobel, and Gerald A. Wochna for their years of service to Cleveland Metroparks and the greater Cleveland community by adopting the Resolutions found on pages **106840** to **106843**.

Roll-call vote on the motion was as follows:

Aye: Mr. Rinker.

Aye: Mr. Moore.

Aye: Ms. Ittu.

Nays: None.

Note: Action Item (c) was held until the end of the other Action Items, after Approval of Arborwear.

(d) 2026 Budget Adjustment No. 6
(Originating Sources: Gary Butzback, Interim Chief Financial Officer/Brian M. Zimmerman, Chief Executive Officer)

The following amendments are requested for Board approval:

**CLEVELAND METROPARKS
Appropriation Summary - 2026**

Object Code	Object Description	Original Budget			Total Prior Budget Amendments	Proposed Amendment #6 7/28/2026	Total
		Baseline Budget	Carry Over Encumbrances	Total			
OPERATING							
51	Salaries	\$ 72,891,838	\$ 13,924	\$ 72,905,763	\$ 271,953	\$ 10,000 A	\$ 73,187,716
52	Employee Fringe Benefits	25,704,801	31,692	25,736,492	20,637	10,045 B	25,767,174
53	Contractual Services	21,412,860	1,816,035	23,228,895	70,934	47,400 C	23,347,229
54	Operations	35,693,137	4,967,663	40,660,800	1,563,064	54,137 D	42,278,001
	Operating Subtotal	155,702,636	6,829,314	162,531,950	1,926,588	121,582	164,580,120
CAPITAL							
571	Capital Labor	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 58,121	\$ -	1,058,121
572	Capital Construction Expense	66,576,340	42,016,821	108,593,161	19,779,487	625,729 E	128,998,376
574	Capital Equipment	4,636,300	1,537,411	6,173,711	233,820	(2,400) F	6,405,131
575	Zoo Animals	100,000	-	100,000	-	-	100,000
576	Land	592,150	129,002	721,152	-	-	721,152
	Capital Subtotal	72,904,790	43,683,234	116,588,024	20,071,428	623,329	137,282,780
TOTALS							
Grand totals		\$ 228,607,426	\$ 50,512,548	\$ 279,119,974	\$ 21,998,016	\$ 744,911	\$ 301,862,900

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An explanation of adjustments, by category, can be found on pages **106844** to **106846**. The net effect of all adjustments is an increase of \$744,911 which is funded by increased revenue, donations, grants, or received but previously unappropriated funds.

No. 26-07-094: It was moved by Vice President Moore, and carried with affirmative votes, to approve 2026 Budget Adjustment No. 6 for a total increase of \$744,911 as delineated on pages **106844** to **106846**.

Roll-call vote on the motion was as follows:

Aye: Mr. Rinker.

Aye: Mr. Moore.

Aye: Ms. Ittu.

Nays: None.

- (e) ***Authorization to Submit Grant Applications and Commit Funds – NatureWorks Grant Program – Lakefront, Hinckley, and North Chargin Reservations***
(Originating Sources: Natalie Ronayne, Chief Development Officer/Jim Rodstrom, Director of Construction/Kristen Trollo, Director of Grants)

Cleveland Metroparks has submitted three applications to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the NatureWorks program, which supports park and trail development projects throughout the state of Ohio. Each county in the state of Ohio is allocated funds for the program and Cleveland Metroparks has submitted applications for the following projects in Cuyahoga, Medina, and Lake Counties, as outlined below.

Lakefront Reservation: Irishtown Bend Park Improvements (Cuyahoga County)

This project will provide funds toward the event lawn and picnic area at the future Irishtown Bend Park. Cleveland Metroparks has applied to the Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Fund for matching funds for this project.

The project costs are as follows:

NatureWorks:	\$150,000
<u>Cleveland Metroparks:</u>	<u>\$488,550</u>
Total Project:	\$638,550

Hinckley Reservation: Hinckley Lake Kayak Access (Medina County)

This project will install an accessible kayak launch near the Hinckley Lake Boathouse and will replace the existing observation deck. The current launch area for kayaks is concrete, which becomes slippery and unsafe and is not accessible for all visitors. This project will make Hinckley Lake more accessible to all visitors regardless of abilities. Cleveland Metroparks has received an estate gift to be used toward the matching funds for this project.

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The project costs are as follows:

NatureWorks:	\$18,786
Cleveland Metroparks:	\$ 6,238
TOTAL:	\$25,024

North Chagrin Reservation: Hemlock Trail Bridge Replacement (Lake County)

This project will replace a trail bridge on the Hemlock Trail, remove steps on the trail that are barriers to accessibility, and re-route ±350 linear feet of the trail. The existing bridge has deteriorated and a new 48-ft bridge wooden bridge with steel supports will be installed. The new trail segment and trail bridge will lead to a small scenic overlook on a tributary stream of the Chagrin River. Cleveland Metroparks requests funds for materials for the project and the project will be constructed by in-house staff.

The project costs are as follows:

NatureWorks:	\$33,000
Cleveland Metroparks:	\$11,365
Total Project:	\$44,365

No. 26-07-095:

It was moved by Vice President Moore, seconded by Vice President Ittu and carried, to authorize and agree to submit applications to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for funding assistance from the NatureWorks program in the amounts of ±\$150,000, ±\$18,786, and ±\$33,000 for the above described projects in Lakefront, Hinckley, and North Chagrin Reservations; upon grant award notification, to authorize and agree to obligate matching funds in the amounts described above to satisfactorily complete the project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms and conditions of the program; and further, that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into any agreement(s) and execute any other documents as may be required to accept the grant awards; form of document(s) to be approved by the Chief Legal & Ethics Officer; and finally, that the Board authorize resolutions as referenced on pages **106847** to **106849**.

Roll-call vote on the motion was as follows:

Aye: Mr. Rinker.

Aye: Mr. Moore.

Aye: Ms. Ittu.

Nays: None.

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- (f) ***Irishtown Bend Park Components – Memorandum of Understanding with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Lakefront Reservation***
(Originating Sources: Sean E. McDermott, P.E., Chief Planning and Design Officer/Sara Byrnes Maier, Principal Planner/Amanda Meier, PLA, LEED AP, Landscape Architect)

Background

The 2018 Irishtown Bend Vision Plan (“Plan”), a conceptual design framework for a new park (“ITB Park”) to be constructed following a hillside stabilization and bulkheading project along Irishtown Bend in Cleveland led by the Port of Cleveland (“Port”), was developed through a community-led process funded by a Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative study through the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (“NOACA”). The Plan was sponsored by the Port in partnership with Ohio City Incorporated (“OCI”) and L.A.N.D studio, Inc. (“LAND”), and since its publication, LAND has been advancing planning and fundraising for the ITB Park utilizing Plural, a landscape architecture firm based in San Francisco, California. Construction of the ITB Park is planned to occur after construction of the Cleveland Foundation Centennial Trail Lake Link/Franklin Enhancements, which is currently in process.

While Cleveland Metroparks’ involvement in the ITB Park had previously been as a stakeholder and sponsor of the Cleveland Foundation Centennial Lake Link Trail/Franklin Enhancements at the base of the hillside, in September 2024, Cleveland Metroparks was awarded \$10,800,000 from the National Park Service’s Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership program for park improvements on Irishtown Bend. A contract with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to finalize the funding is underway.

On March 20, 2025, the Board authorized (Board Resolution No. 25-03-045) Cleveland Metroparks to enter into project development and other associated agreement(s) with entities, agencies, and project partners including but not limited to LAND, the City of Cleveland, the Port, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (“GCRTA”), the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, OCI, West Creek Conservancy (and their subsidiaries and affiliates), and other related parties, as reasonably necessary, for development of the ITB Park. As a part of the project development agreement between Cleveland Metroparks, OCI, and LAND, Cleveland Metroparks has a commitment to contract for and be responsible for managing the preparation of plans for elements of the ITB Park. LAND has committed to grant funds for approved actual costs for engineering, design and construction cost for project elements, and will continue to conduct a fund-raising campaign to raise philanthropic, public, and private grant funds with the goal of funding and completing as many of the project elements with a goal of \$45,000,000 raised.

On July 17, 2025, the Board authorized (Board Resolution No. 25-07-110) Cleveland Metroparks to enter into a professional services contract with Osborn Engineering Company (“Osborn”) for the design and engineering of Project #2 (described below).

Since early 2025, Cleveland Metroparks has worked with the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) to receive approval to construct Project #1, which includes

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federal transportation funds, utilizing the Construction Manager at Risk (“CMR”) project delivery method. It was important to Cleveland Metroparks that both Project #1 and Project #2 be delivered by the same contractor, but under separate contracts and separate Guaranteed Maximum Price processes.

On June 25, 2025, Cleveland Metroparks advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ #6931) for interested parties to submit qualifications related to the performance of Construction Manager at Risk for Project #1 and Project #2. Project #1 is the federally funded PID 89034 CUY Lake Link Trail/Franklin Enhancements and Project #2 includes the Irishtown Bend Park Components, Lakefront Reservation. Project #2 includes identified elements such as the Event Lawn, The Mandel Maritime Amphitheatre, Cultural Grove, Crooked River Play Space, Hilltop Park, Trail Network, Archaeology Site, and Bridge Avenue Stairs to West Side Market, among others.

On September 18, 2025, the Board authorized (Board Resolution No. 25-09-140) Cleveland Metroparks to enter into two separate Construction Manager (at Risk) contracts with The Great Lakes Construction Co. (“Great Lakes”) being ranked as the “best value” for RFP #6931-b, PID 89034 CUY Lake Link Trail/Franklin Enhancements and Irishtown Bend Park Components, Lakefront Reservation, for a sum of \$167,000 for preconstruction stage compensation (Project #1 CUY Lake Link Trail/Franklin Enhancements, \$35,000.00 and Project #2 Irishtown Bend Park Components, \$132,000.00).

MetroHealth Bus Rapid Transit Project

As part of the Request for Proposal (“RFP”) phase of the Construction Manager at Risk selection process, short-listed firms were provided information about the GCRTA’s MetroHealth Bus Rapid Transit (“MH BRT”) project. The MH BRT project will include extensive modification of the roadway along the West 25th Street (U.S. Route 42) corridor from Detroit Avenue to State Road. The MH BRT project is designed to improve public transit infrastructure such as waiting areas, roadway striping, and traffic signal timing adjustments to transform certain bus lines into Bus Rapid Transit (“BRT”) with increased frequency of service.

The firms were made aware that Cleveland Metroparks worked with GCRTA on integrating design elements of the ITB Park to seamlessly connect with the MH BRT in the section of the corridor from Detroit to Franklin avenues, and that Great Lakes will be a part of continuing coordination with the MH BRT project to ensure that design elements are synchronized between projects. This includes the area between the eastern roadway curb and the back of the planned multi-purpose trail that will run parallel to W. 25th Street, partially within the right-of-way and partially on the ITB Park (see map on page **106850**).

The MH BRT project’s design is now complete and is anticipated to be bid in fall 2026 with construction starting in early 2027 and concluding in 2028. Since this schedule is in advance of Project #2, GCRTA agreed to include construction of certain amenities within the MH BRT project so that the area would be under construction only once, maximizing

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efficiency and minimizing cost to the public, while limiting disturbance to users of the public right-of-way and the public at large. Cleveland Metroparks and GCRTA coordinated with its designers on placement of lighting conduit and junction boxes for pedestrian lighting, tree pits, and amenities in this strip and determined which elements could be installed as part of the MH BRT project and which could be installed later as part of Project #2. Further, through this partnership, GCRTA agreed to fund certain items like the installation of the multi-purpose trail, an adjacent sidewalk, and tree pits within the MH BRT project budget. Once the MH BRT project is complete, Project #2 will then complete the pedestrian lighting, tree plantings and additional landscaping, and well as placing amenities within the strip.

Memorandum of Understanding

As contemplated in Board Resolution No. 25-03-045, Cleveland Metroparks and GCRTA desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) for the MH BRT project to outline roles and responsibilities along with funding commitments related to construction of the multi-purpose trail and associated streetscape infrastructure and elements. This instrument is also a requirement of the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”), which is funding a large portion of the MH BRT project. Depending on final review by FTA, a more detailed Project Development Agreement (“PDA”) may be needed for the project in lieu of an MOU. Staff requests the Board authorize the execution of any legal agreement(s) necessary to effectuate the above.

Cleveland Metroparks will agree to finance those identified streetscape items in the MH BRT project with non-federally sourced funds derived from Project #2. Based on the MH BRT 100% design engineer’s estimate, Cleveland Metroparks understands these costs to be approximately \$710,000. GCRTA agrees to manage all bidding, construction, and construction inspections and administration of the MH BRT project, inclusive of the agreed upon streetscape items as being the construction responsibility of GCRTA. The funds necessary to cover the Cleveland Metroparks costs are being provided through the project development agreement between Cleveland Metroparks, LAND, and OCI.

GCRTA will notify Cleveland Metroparks of the actual bid price of the streetscape elements prior to contract award to confirm the budget. GCRTA will also notify and collaborate with Cleveland Metroparks if there are change orders necessary for those items. GCRTA shall give Cleveland Metroparks advanced notice and approval rights over such cost change orders.

No. 26-07-096:

It was moved by Vice President Moore, seconded by Vice President Ittu and carried, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding, Project Development Agreement, and/or any other legal agreement(s) necessary to effectuate the above with the **Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (“GCRTA”)** for the MetroHealth Bus Rapid Transit project. The share of funding expected to be provided to GCRTA is **\$710,000**, to be confirmed upon final bidding by GCRTA. Form of Memorandum of Understanding and agreement(s) to be approved by the Chief Legal and Ethics Officer.

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Roll-call vote on the motion was as follows:

Aye: Mr. Rinker.

Aye: Mr. Moore.

Aye: Ms. Ittu.

Nays: None.

- (g) ***Award of Emergency Contract – Cleveland Metroparks First Tee of Cleveland Roof Replacement, Washington Reservation – Emergency Quote No. 2026-10***
(Originating Sources: Sean E. McDermott, P.E., Chief Planning and Design Officer/Michele Crawford, Director of Project Development/Keith Carney, Project Manager)

Background

On February 23, 2022, Cleveland Metroparks and First Tee of Cleveland (“First Tee”) entered into a Project Development Agreement (“PDA”) (Board Resolution No. 21-11-161) to define the roles and responsibilities of the proposed First Tee of Cleveland Expansion Project (the “Project”).

On August 10, 2023, Cleveland Metroparks and First Tee Cleveland amended the PDA (“Amendment”) to update the scope of the Project.

In the Amendment, First Tee agreed to share some responsibility for the cost of roof repairs up to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000). First Tee will provide to Cleveland Metroparks the available balance of the roofing fund towards the emergency replacement herein.

In the Spring of 2024, First Tee opened the renovated facility in the former Cleveland Metropolitan School District Science building. A roof maintenance plan was established with Warren Roofing & Insulating LLC (“Warren Roofing”), as part of the Project, to monitor and care for the partially modified roof. Recently, First Tee has experienced periodic roof leaks from storm damage, aging membrane failure and external object damage. This has rapidly accelerated the roof decline and the condition of the roof is threatening the improvements included in the Project.

Emergency Quote No. 2026-10 Analysis

Cleveland Metroparks requested Warren Roofing to provide pricing to replace the roof membrane. Warren Roofing’s scope of work includes removing the existing membrane, adding coverboard and reinstalling new flashings and TPO membrane. This work will also include a 20-year No Dollar Limit Total System Warranty. An owner’s allowance in the amount of \$18,030 has been included to cover any unforeseen repairs to the insulation and decking that may be discovered during the replacement process. Warren Roofing will perform an infrared moisture scan of the existing roof system to help identify any areas of concern prior to commencement of construction. Warren Roofing understands that this is an immediate replacement and anticipate commencing work immediately upon contract execution.

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Warren Roofing's past performance on successful Cleveland Metroparks projects, their specific knowledge and previous work with this Project, along with their immediate availability will prove invaluable to the success and timely completion of this urgent work. Once finished, the new roof will provide necessary ongoing protection for the investments made by First Tee to the interior space of the Project.

Warren Roofing was the only respondent to Emergency Quote No. 2026-10. Industrial First Roofing did not reply when contacted.

No. 26-07-097: It was moved by Vice President Moore, seconded by Vice President Ittu and carried, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into an emergency contract with **Warren Roofing & Insulating LLC**, for First Tee of Cleveland Roof Replacement, Washington Reservation, **Emergency Quote No. 2026-10**, for the **not-to-exceed amount of \$205,000** as outlined above in a form of contract acceptable to the Chief Legal and Ethics Officer, pursuant a proposal dated May 29, 2026.

Roll-call vote on the motion was as follows:

Aye: Mr. Rinker.

Aye: Mr. Moore.

Aye: Ms. Ittu.

Nays: None.

COMPETITIVE PROCESS AWARDS.**No. 26-07-098:**

It was moved by Vice President Moore, seconded by Vice President Ittu and carried, to authorize the following awards:

- (a) **Bid #7016:** **2026 Asphalt Pavement Improvements – Big Creek Reservation** (see page **106819**);
- (b) **ODOT Co-Op #7031:** **2026/2027 Rock Salt** (see page **106821**);
- (c) **Bid #7046:** **2026 Pavement Markings** (see page **106823**); and,
- (d) **Sourcewell Co-Op #7049:** **Operational Purchases (Smallwares, Disposables) and Capital Equipment** (see page **106824**).

Roll-call vote on the motion was as follows:

Aye: Mr. Rinker.

Aye: Mr. Moore.

Aye: Ms. Ittu.

Nays: None.

COMPETITIVE PROCESS AWARDS (cont.)**BID #7016 SUMMARY: 2026 ASPHALT PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS –
BIG CREEK RESERVATION**

(Originating Sources: Joseph V. Roszak, Chief Operating Officer/Jim Rodstrom, Director of Construction)

Cleveland Metroparks has developed and successfully utilized pavement rehabilitation techniques consisting of simple overlays on pavements with good structural characteristics or a varying degree of pavement repair followed by an overlay on pavements in poor structural condition. The 2026 Pavement Improvements are proposed to utilize a repair and overlay approach similar to comparable projects completed over the past several years. Funding for these improvements will be from the 2024-2025 Ohio Department of Transportation biennium resurfacing allocation combined with funding from Cleveland Metroparks 2026 capital project budget.

The scope of work includes:

Big Creek Reservation

1-1/2" asphalt overlay of approximately 3.3 miles of roadway on Big Creek Parkway in Big Creek Reservation. 1-1/2" asphalt grind and overlay repair of approximately 7,114 total square yards, surface course grind and overlay repair of approximately 15,748 square yards, and 1,503 square yards of transition pavement planing prior to the asphalt overlay. Pavement marking restoration, removal and reinstallation of parking blocks, berming, and upgrades of 23 ADA road crossings as specified in the plans.

Bids were received on July 8, 2026 and are tabulated below:

Bidder	Base Bid
Carron Asphalt Paving	\$655,628.00
Phillips Paving, LLC	\$664,898.00
Barbicas Construction Co. Inc.	\$665,609.80
Ronyak Paving, Inc.	\$668,000.00
The Vallejo Company	\$698,429.75
Karvo Companies, Inc.	\$705,425.72
Ohio Paving & Construction Co., Inc.	\$738,937.01
The Shelly Company	\$822,304.65
Engineer's Estimate	\$675,000.00

After review of their proposal and industry reference checks, staff recommends awarding the bid to **Carron Asphalt Paving**. Carron has not completed any projects for Cleveland Metroparks in the recent past, but they have completed comparable roadway and parking lot work for other public and private entities across the State of Ohio. They have been in business for 58 years and specialize in an assortment of commercial, industrial, and government asphalt pavement services and are ODOT prequalified for Work Types 10 and 16 – Flexible Paving and Replacement.

COMPETITIVE PROCESS AWARDS (cont.)**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

That the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with **Carron Asphalt Paving** as the lowest and best bidder for Bid #7016, 2026 Asphalt Pavement Improvements – Big Creek Reservation, **for the total amount of \$655,628**. In the event that the bidder cannot satisfy their bid, the award will be given to the next successive bidder who the Board, in its discretion, has reflected in the minutes as being the next lowest and best bidder who can satisfy the bid. The difference in cost and all related costs to the difference will be assumed by the original bidder and/or surety. Form of contract to be approved by the Chief Legal and Ethics Officer.

(See Approval of this Item by Resolution No. 26-07-098 on Page 106818)

COMPETITIVE PROCESS AWARDS (cont.)

ODOT CO-OP #7031 SUMMARY: **2026/2027 ROCK SALT** to be supplied on an “as needed” basis to various locations throughout Cleveland Metroparks for the time period of September 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027

HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE
2025/2026 Expenditures = \$181,122.13
2026/2027 Estimate = \$209,192.50 (estimate includes 10% overage or 2,750 tons; piling charge billed separately by delivery service)

Estimated purchase for 2026/2027 is 2,500 tons. The estimate takes into consideration the current inventory of 1,589 tons plus the forecast of usage for 2026/2027.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has approved Cleveland Metroparks' participation in the ODOT (Contract 018-27) Cooperative Purchasing Program for Rock Salt. On June 8, 2026, ODOT confirmed that it awarded Cargill, Inc. the rock salt bid for participants in Cuyahoga County **at a cost of \$76.07 per ton**. The previous award's cost was \$63.99 per ton reflecting an **increase in cost of \$12.08 per ton** from the 2025/2026 winter season cost. The Purchasing Division recommends utilization of the award to the ODOT secured vendor, Cargill, Inc.

Salt piling (mechanically blowing the salt into the sheds) is currently NOT part of ODOT's award. Delivery service may be paid via credit card to the third-party delivery service at ±\$10.00/ton for such services and will be in addition to the total expenditure approved here.

Cleveland Metroparks salt sheds can hold 2,660 tons at capacity. The park currently has 1,589 tons in stock. This action requests authorization for the purchase of a minimum of 2,250 tons of salt up to 2,750 tons, which includes a 10% overage on an estimated need of 2,500 tons of rock salt on an "as needed" basis per location for the 2026/2027 winter season at the cooperative bid price shown above.

Maximum inventory for 2026/2027 season is 4,089 tons (1,589 in storage plus 2,500 to purchase).

Park District Historical Utilization

Historical costs per ton/per season, reflect the following for Cleveland Metroparks:

2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
\$64.76	\$73.28	*\$50.20	\$37.38	\$47.24	\$52.47	\$49.98	\$63.99

*Salt was not purchased for 2020-2021 season due to an abundance of salt in storage

COMPETITIVE PROCESS AWARDS (cont.)

Total previous utilization per season follows:

<u>Winter of</u>	<u>TONS OF SALT</u>
2018 – 2019	1,837
2019 – 2020	1,258
2020 – 2021	1,707 (salt was not purchased due to abundance of salt in storage)
2021 – 2022	2,296
2022 – 2023	1,137
2023 – 2024	1,110
2024 – 2025	2,418
2025 - 2026	2,544

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board authorize an award for participation in the ODOT Co-Op #7031 for the purchase of rock salt from the ODOT awarded supplier **Cargill, Inc.**, at the price of \$76.07 per ton, for a total amount not to exceed **\$209,192.50** (includes 10% over 2,500 tons (or 2,750 tons)), as bid by the ODOT awarded vendor under the terms and conditions of Contract 018-27 of the Ohio Department of Transportation bid for Rock Salt for the 2026/2027 winter season, for a period beginning September 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027 in full utilization of the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program. In the event the log of consumption approaches 90 percent and is likely to surpass 100 percent of the estimate during the time period, an action item will be presented to the Board requesting an estimated increase.

(See Approval of this Item by Resolution No. 26-07-098 on Page 106818)

COMPETITIVE PROCESS AWARDS (cont.)**BID #7046 SUMMARY: 2026 PAVEMENT MARKINGS**

(Originating Sources: Joseph V. Roszak, Chief Operating Officer/Jim Rodstrom, Director of Construction)

Each year, the Park District allocates capital funds for renewing roadway striping, stop bars, crosswalks, and other directional and safety symbols throughout various Reservations. The purpose of renewing the striping is to maximize vehicular and pedestrian safety and provide clear information to patrons.

The 2026 pavement marking bid scope of work includes centerline, edgeline, crosswalk, stop bar, and turn arrow markings on 36 miles of various sections of parkway in Bedford, Bradley Woods, Brookside, Euclid Creek, Garfield Park, Hinckley, North Chagrin, Ohio & Erie Canal, Rocky River, South Chagrin, and West Creek Reservations.

Bids were received on July 15, 2026 and are tabulated below.

BID #7046 - 2026 PAVEMENT MARKINGS	
Bidder Name	Base Bid
J.D. Striping and Services	\$105,475.82
American Roadway Logistics	\$109,247.50
Engineer's Estimate	\$125,000.00

Staff recommends awarding the bid to the lowest and best bidder, **J.D. Striping and Services Inc.** J.D. Striping and Services, Inc. has successfully completed the pavement markings contract for Cleveland Metroparks in 2015, 2017, 2019, 2022, 2023 and 2025 and has also performed similar work for other Cuyahoga County public entities including the City of Brecksville, the City of Middleburg Heights, and the City of Brook Park. They have been in business for over 25 years and are pre-qualified to perform numerous ODOT work types including ODOT Work Type 45-Pavement Markings. They specialize in county, municipal, and commercial pavement markings as well as ODOT projects.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with **J.D. Striping and Services Inc.** as the lowest and best bidder for Bid #7046, 2026 Pavement Markings in the amount of **\$105,475.82**. In the event that the bidder cannot satisfy the bid, the award will be given to the next successive bidder who the Board, in its discretion, has reflected in the minutes as being the next lowest and best bidder who can satisfy the bid. The difference in cost and all related costs to the difference will be assumed by the original bidder and/or surety. Form of contract to be approved by the Chief Legal and Ethics Officer.

(See Approval of this Item by Resolution No. 26-07-098 on Page 106818)

COMPETITIVE PROCESS AWARDS (cont.)**SOURCEWELL CO-OP #7049 SUMMARY:**

OPERATIONAL PURCHASES (SMALLWARES, DISPOSABLES) AND CAPITAL EQUIPMENT for various locations throughout Cleveland Metroparks for the time period of August 3, 2026 through June 22, 2030

Background

The following represents Operational Purchases (smallwares and disposables) for day-to-day business operations and Capital Equipment for any capital projects that come up in the food and beverage area. The dates are based on the existing contract term of the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Number 040726-SES detailed below.

The following items are recommended for purchase from a Sourcewell supplier, specifically Trimark SS Kemp (Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Number 040726-SES).

Breakdown of current estimated Operational and Capital Equipment by location (included, but not limited to):

Location – Smallwares and Disposables	Estimated Cost
Patrick S. Parker Sailing Center Concessions	\$75,000.00
Manakiki Concessions	\$65,000.00
The Chalet	\$6,000.00
Wallace Lake Concessions	\$6,000.00
Huntington Beach Concessions	\$6,000.00
Edgewater Pier Concessions	\$6,000.00
Edgewater Beach House Concessions	\$45,000.00
Hinckley Spillway Concessions	\$4,000.00
Ledge Pool Concessions	\$2,000.00
Merwin's Wharf	\$50,000.00
Euclid Beach Concessions	\$3,500.00
Wildwood Concessions	\$3,500.00
Emerald Necklace Marina Concessions	\$15,000.00
Operational Total	\$287,000.00
Location – Capital Equipment	Estimated Cost
Enterprise Locations	\$300,000.00
Capital Equipment Total	\$300,000.00
Total	\$587,000.00

Additional dollars are included in this request for unknown and unexpected operational and capital equipment expenditures during the time period.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board authorize an award of Sourcewell Co-Op #7049 for the purchase of Operational Purchases and Capital Equipment from Trimark SS Kemp, for **an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000** for the period beginning August 3, 2026 through June 22, 2030 in full cooperation of Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Number 040726-SES. In the event the log of consumption approaches 90 percent of the estimate and is likely to surpass 100 percent of the estimate during the approved time period an action item will be presented to the Board requesting an estimated increase.

(See Approval of this Item by Resolution No. 26-07-098 on Page 106818)

GOODS AND SERVICES (\$25,000 - \$75,000) ACQUIRED
SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING (Presented 7/28/26)

Pursuant to Cleveland Metroparks By-Laws, Article 5 (Procurement), Section 5(a), “The CEO is authorized to enter into contracts and contract amendments for construction, change orders, and to purchase equipment, goods and services, and real estate, without prior approval of the Board in each instance, if the cost of the contract or contract amendment, for any single project, or the amount of the purchase, does not exceed \$75,000. Any contracts where the cost exceeds \$25,000 or any purchase where the amount exceeds \$25,000, and approved by the CEO, shall be reported to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting following the execution of said contract or said purchase,” the following is provided:

<u>REF. NO. / ITEM – SERVICE</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>PROCEDURE</u>
Earth moving for irrigation pond at Ironwood Golf Course Hole #18.	Greg Dobson Excavating	\$74,500.00	(7)
Lighting and controls for E. 55 th West Building.	Wolff Bros. Supply	\$29,342.70	(7)
Performers and Dance Party for 2026 Asian Lantern Festival at the Zoo.	Spectacular Party Entertainment LLC	\$37,000.00	(3)
Four (4) paddle boats for North Coast Harbor Marina; additional freight charges.	Great Lakes Composite	\$28,019.92 253.00 \$28,272.92	(7)
Dock piles for E. 55 th Street Marina.	Shoreline Contractors LLC	\$44,381.00	(7)
Special inspections and material testing services for Gordon Park South at Lakefront Reservation.	Terracon Consultants, Inc.	\$33,213.00	(7)
Annual support, inspections and service for Zipline at the Zoo.	Altitude Rides and Attractions, LLC	\$75,000.00	(3)
Aurelia X6 Pro payload drone, components and extended warranty for use throughout the Park District.	UAV Systems International, Inc.	\$27,580.86	(3)
One (1) 2026 Ford Maverick truck for Fleet.	Montrose Auto group	\$30,500.00	(2)
MARCS multi-agency radio communication system subscription for Police; 2025-2026.	Ohio DAS	\$23,000.00 7,500.00 \$30,500.00	(3)

GOODS AND SERVICES (\$25,000 - \$75,000) ACQUIRED (cont.)

<u>REF. NO. / ITEM – SERVICE</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>PROCEDURE</u>
Mobile modular shoot house for Police.	Kontek Industries Inc.	\$67,057.58	(7)
Maintenance agreement for ITS access control and surveillance systems for a one (1) year period.	Integrated Precision Systems	\$72,100.98	(3)
2026 asphalt pavement crack sealing at West Creek, Brookside and Bradley Woods reservations.	Innovative Pavement Maintenance, LTD	\$48,000.00	(7)
Demolition for 18150 Fowles Road, Big Creek Reservation.	Baumann Enterprises	\$38,500.00	(7)
Brush blasting and painting of Ledge Pool.	Pooltech, Inc.	\$49,875.00	(7)

===== **KEY TO TERMS** =====

- (1) “**BID**” – Formal bid invitations sent and advertised in *The Plain Dealer* 15 days preceding the bid opening.
- (2) “**COOPERATIVE**” – Purchased through cooperative purchasing programs i.e. – State of Ohio, OMNIA, etc.
- (3) “**SINGLE SOURCE**” – Purchased from one source as competitive alternatives are not available.
- (4) “**PROPRIETARY**” – Products purchased for resale directly from the brand’s manufacturer.
- (5) “**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**” – Services of an accountant, architect, attorney at law, physician, professional engineer, construction project manager, consultant, manager, surveyor or appraiser as outlined under Article 5, Sections 1-4 of the Board By-Laws and defined by ORC 307.86.
- (6) “**COMPETITIVE QUOTE (over \$5,000 up to \$25,000)**” – Originally estimated \$25,000 or less, quoted by three vendors.
- (7) “**COMPETITIVE QUOTE (over \$25,000 to \$75,000)**” – Chosen through the accumulation of three written quotes.

**CHANGE ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS TO NON-CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACTS (7/28/26)**

Pursuant to Cleveland Metroparks By-Laws, Article 5 (Procurement), Section 5(b) and (c), “...the CEO is not authorized to enter into any change orders to construction contracts, without prior approval of the Board in each instance, except that the CEO is authorized to enter into change orders to construction contracts, without prior approval of the Board in each instance, where there is no additional cost (e.g., to amend a schedule) or the additional cost is less than THE LESSER OF: (i) \$75,000, or (ii) ten percent (10%) of the total cost of the contract at the time of the change order. Each change order by the CEO under this Section involving an increase in cost shall be reported to the Board at the next meeting of the Board following the execution of said change order. The aggregate value of all change orders authorized by the CEO shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the original contract value without prior approval of the Board. If the Board approves a revised contract value, then the aggregate value of all change orders issued after Board approval of the revised contract value shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the revised contract value without additional approval of the Board.”

I. “Amendment to Non-Construction Contracts. For all non-construction contracts greater than \$75,000, the CEO is not authorized to enter into any amendment to a non-construction contract, without prior approval of the Board in each instance, except that the CEO is authorized to enter into amendments to contracts, without prior approval by the Board in each instance, where there are no additional fees (e.g., to amend a schedule) or the additional fees are less than THE LESSER OF: (i) \$75,000, or (ii) ten percent (10%) of the total cost of the contract at the time of the amendment. Each amendment by the CEO under this Section involving an increase in fees shall be reported to the Board at the next meeting of the Board following the execution of said amendment. The aggregate value of all amendments authorized by the CEO shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the original contract value without prior approval of the Board. If the Board approves a revised contract value, then the aggregate value of all change orders issued after Board approval of the revised contract value shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the revised contract value without additional approval of the Board,” the following is provided:

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Item/Service</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Change Order or Amendment</u>
<u>Emerald Necklace Marina Kayak Launch – Rocky River Reservation</u> <u>Contract Amount:</u> Original Contract Amount: \$121,904.00 Change Order No. 1 Amount: \$11,098.00 Revised Contract Amount: \$133,002.00	Concrete demolition.	R.A. Joseph Construction, Co.	#1
<u>Lake Link Trail Irishtown Bend – Lakefront Reservation</u> <u>Contract Amount:</u> Original Contract Amount: \$357,892.00 Amendment No. 1 Amount: \$103,252.00 Amendment No. 2 Amount: \$0.00 Amendment No. 3 Amount: \$9,993.00 Revised Contract Amount: \$471,137.00	Professional design services.	Osborn Engineering Company	#2 & #3

**COMPETITIVE PROCESS AWARDS; GOODS AND SERVICES (\$25,000 - \$75,000)
ACQUIRED; CHANGE ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS TO NON-CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACTS.**

The following were presented to the Board for award/acknowledgment: competitive process awards, as shown on pages 106818 through 106824; \$25,000 to \$75,000 purchased items/services report, pages 106825 through 106826; and change orders or amendments to non-construction contracts, page 106827.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL.

No. 26-07-089: It was moved by Vice President Moore, seconded by Vice President Ittu and carried, to approve vouchers, net payroll, employee withholding taxes, and procurement card charges, as identified on pages 106851 to 107066.

Roll-call vote on the motion was as follows:

Aye: Mr. Rinker.

Aye: Mr. Moore.

Aye: Ms. Ittu.

Nays: None.

No. 26-07-090: It was moved by Vice President Ittu, seconded by President Rinker and carried, to approve JP Morgan Mastercard-Arborwear dated June 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$50.00, as identified on pages 107067 to 107068.

Roll-call vote on the motion was as follows:

Aye: Mr. Rinker.

Aye: Ms. Ittu.

Abstained: Mr. Moore.

Nays: None.

Note: President Bruce G. Rinker signed off and no longer attended the meeting in compliance with Ohio Revised Code §121.221 and Cleveland Metroparks Virtual Public Meetings Policy, and Vice President Yvette M. Ittu conducted the remainder of the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS (cont.)

(c) *Appointment of Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer*
(Originating Source: Board of Park Commissioners)

Pursuant to Article 1, Section 3(a) of the By-Laws of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District (the “Board”), and in accordance with Section 1545.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) shall be chosen to serve as custodian of their funds and to serve as their fiscal officer.

Since March 19, 2026, Gary A. Butzback has served as the Interim Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer and Controller, and in these capacities as well as during his tenure with this organization, he has demonstrated the necessary expertise and knowledge to effectively serve as the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer for Cleveland Metroparks.

Gary was initially hired as Controller for Cleveland Metroparks in June 2018. In this role, Gary oversaw accounting policy and operations, including the annual external financial audit and federal single audit. He also oversaw the Business Systems, Budget Planning & Analysis, and Compliance divisions within Finance. Gary also previously served as Interim Chief Financial Officer from January through April 2022.

Prior to joining Cleveland Metroparks, Gary spent more than 30 years in private sector financial roles including Big Eight public accounting, manufacturing, and logistics. In addition, Gary co-founded an auditing and consulting firm serving many of the largest private and public sector entities in Ohio and the surrounding states.

Gary holds an Accountancy degree from Miami University and has held a CPA certificate in the State of Ohio since 1990.

The Board, therefore, has chosen Gary A. Butzback to serve in that capacity, effective July 26, 2026.

No. 26-07-099: It was moved by Vice President Moore, seconded by Vice President Ittu and carried, to appoint Gary A. Butzback as Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer for Cleveland Metroparks, effective July 26, 2026.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Ittu and Mr. Moore.

Nays: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Public comments were offered by Marty Leshner of Olmsted Township and Sam Delfing of Brook Park. All such comments can be heard in their entirety by accessing the "About" section of Cleveland Metroparks website at <https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/about/cleveland-metroparks-organization/board-of-park-commissioners/board-meeting-archives>.

INFORMATION/BRIEFING ITEMS/POLICY.

There were no Information/Briefing Items/Policy for this meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was scheduled by the Board for Tuesday, August 25, 2026, 8:00 a.m. at the Board's office, 4101 Fulton Parkway, Cleveland, Ohio.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

No. 26-07-100: At 8:33 a.m., upon motion by Vice President Moore, seconded by Vice President Ittu and carried, the meeting adjourned to an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining, as stated by Legal Counsel Katie M. McVoy.

Roll-call vote on the motion was as follows:

Aye: Mr. Moore.

Aye: Ms. Ittu.

Nays: None.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT.

No. 26-07-101: There being no further matters to come before the Board, upon motion by Vice President Ittu, seconded by Vice President Moore, and carried, Vice President Ittu adjourned the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Ittu and Mr. Moore.

Nays: None.

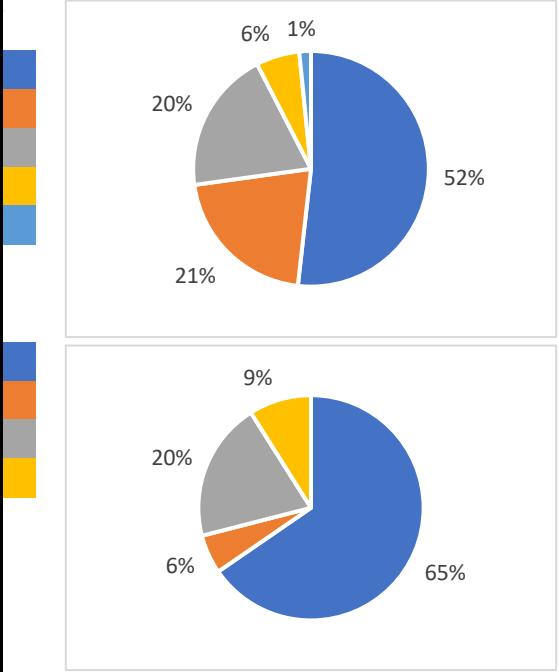
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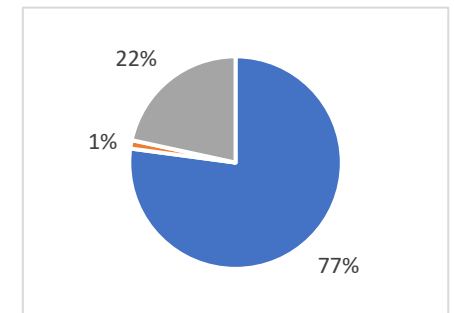
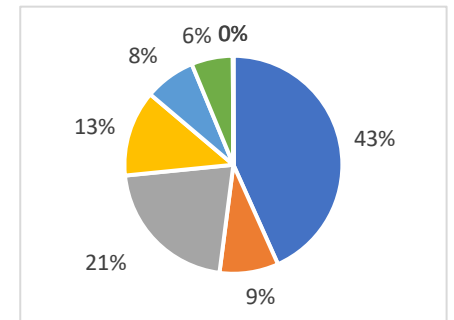
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CM Park District

	Actual June '25	Actual June '26	Fav (Unfav)	Actual YTD June '25	Actual YTD June '26	Fav (Unfav)
Revenue:						
Property Tax	0	351	351	52,085,818	52,663,978	578,160
Local Gov/Grants/Gifts	8,006,542	5,796,476	(2,210,066)	18,308,691	21,391,021	3,082,330
Charges for Services	5,320,229	6,398,724	1,078,495	17,555,010	19,953,580	2,398,570
Self-Funded	976,778	1,017,626	40,848	5,871,386	6,068,714	197,328
Interest, Fines, Other	<u>311,007</u>	<u>146,610</u>	<u>(164,397)</u>	<u>2,536,825</u>	<u>1,623,894</u>	<u>(912,931)</u>
Total Revenue	14,614,556	13,359,787	(1,254,769)	96,357,730	101,701,187	5,343,457
OpEx:						
Salaries and Benefits	7,754,360	8,002,676	(248,316)	43,844,555	44,776,068	(931,513)
Contractual Services	529,145	449,521	79,624	4,063,279	3,828,011	235,268
Operations	2,116,909	2,619,796	(502,887)	12,961,423	13,713,454	(752,031)
Self-Funded Exp	<u>766,677</u>	<u>1,222,374</u>	<u>(455,697)</u>	<u>5,214,533</u>	<u>6,138,839</u>	<u>(924,306)</u>
Total OpEx	11,167,091	12,294,367	(1,127,276)	66,083,790	68,456,372	(2,372,582)
Op Surplus/(Subsidy)	3,447,465	1,065,420	(2,382,045)	30,273,940	33,244,815	2,970,875
CapEx:						
Capital Labor	126,883	140,517	(13,634)	739,190	652,771	86,419
Construction Expenses	4,541,227	4,984,020	(442,793)	21,785,865	48,600,920	(26,815,055)
Capital Equipment	290,567	521,876	(231,309)	3,505,403	3,712,600	(207,197)
Land Acquisition	489,309	213,525	275,784	769,741	467,591	302,150
Capital Animal Costs	<u>3,417</u>	<u>1,604</u>	<u>1,813</u>	<u>17,198</u>	<u>5,770</u>	<u>11,428</u>
Total CapEx	5,451,403	5,861,542	(410,139)	26,817,397	53,439,652	(26,622,255)
Net Surplus/(Subsidy)	(2,003,938)	(4,796,122)	(2,792,184)	3,456,543	(20,194,837)	(23,651,380)



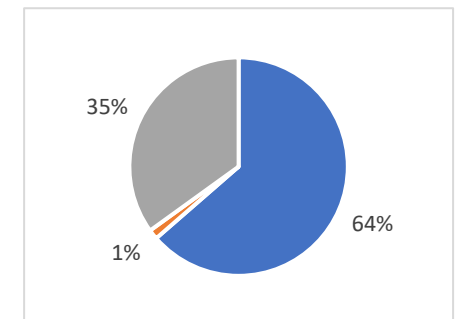
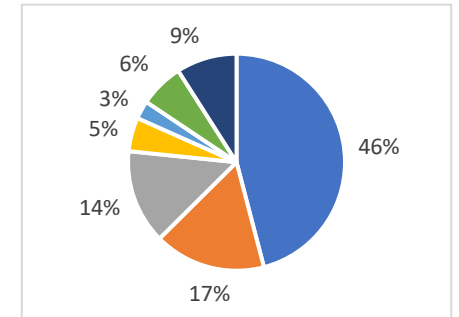
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Zoo

	Actual June '25	Actual June '26	Fav (Unfav)	Actual YTD June '25	Actual YTD June '26	Fav (Unfav)
Revenue:						
General/SE Admissions	754,455	906,059	151,604	1,943,152	2,402,664	459,512
Guest Experience	131,372	184,151	52,779	412,445	485,876	73,431
Zoo Society	0	0	0	1,147,069	1,185,997	38,928
Souvenirs/Refreshments	320,137	307,113	(13,024)	693,833	708,599	14,766
Education	25,435	15,087	(10,348)	416,776	420,146	3,370
Rentals & Events	55,650	39,900	(15,750)	515,852	341,370	(174,482)
Consignment	0	1,916	1,916	0	3,486	3,486
Other	(3,185)	(2,570)	615	930	(1,762)	(2,692)
Total Revenue	1,283,864	1,451,656	167,792	5,130,057	5,546,376	416,319
OpEx:						
Salaries and Benefits	1,574,853	1,590,314	(15,461)	9,184,075	9,143,405	40,670
Contractual Services	4,945	36,956	(32,011)	108,332	151,319	(42,987)
Operations	351,960	404,509	(52,549)	2,786,017	2,562,020	223,997
Total OpEx	1,931,758	2,031,779	(100,021)	12,078,424	11,856,744	221,680
Op Surplus/(Subsidy)	(647,894)	(580,123)	67,771	(6,948,367)	(6,310,368)	637,999
CapEx:						
Capital Labor	8,797	0	8,797	10,980	0	10,980
Construction Expenses	58,663	1,477,890	(1,419,227)	2,197,973	9,000,046	(6,802,073)
Capital Equipment	0	0	0	654,449	85,396	569,053
Capital Animal Costs	3,417	1,604	1,813	17,198	5,770	11,428
Total CapEx	70,877	1,479,494	(1,408,617)	2,880,600	9,091,212	(6,210,612)
Net Surplus/(Subsidy)	(718,771)	(2,059,617)	(1,340,846)	(9,828,967)	(15,401,580)	(5,572,613)
Restricted Revenue-Other	114,371	5,323,916	5,209,545	3,489,765	11,851,541	8,361,776
Restricted Revenue-Zipline	55,384	68,223	12,839	145,332	153,808	8,476
Restricted Expenses	2,241,415	89,243	2,152,172	8,411,227	14,142,304	(5,731,077)
Restricted Surplus/(Subsidy)	(2,071,660)	5,302,896	7,374,556	(4,776,130)	(2,136,955)	2,639,175



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Golf Summary

	Actual June '25	Actual June '26	Fav (Unfav)	Actual YTD June '25	Actual YTD June '26	Fav (Unfav)
Revenue:						
Greens Fees	1,196,132	1,364,542	168,410	2,893,512	3,351,811	458,299
Equipment Rentals	454,316	480,008	25,692	1,087,155	1,214,360	127,205
Food Service	378,208	417,523	39,315	913,312	1,025,102	111,790
Merchandise Sales	117,766	129,455	11,689	321,050	367,242	46,192
Pro Services	16,791	24,242	7,451	152,459	198,589	46,130
Driving Range	142,753	156,025	13,272	418,605	480,852	62,247
Other	<u>130,903</u>	<u>101,676</u>	<u>(29,227)</u>	<u>582,197</u>	<u>659,045</u>	<u>76,848</u>
Total Revenue	2,436,869	2,673,471	236,602	6,368,290	7,297,001	928,711
OpEx:						
Salaries and Benefits	739,332	819,778	(80,446)	3,191,492	3,541,706	(350,214)
Contractual Services	19,091	28,187	(9,096)	69,623	80,261	(10,638)
Operations	<u>382,018</u>	<u>438,331</u>	<u>(56,313)</u>	<u>1,761,756</u>	<u>1,946,407</u>	<u>(184,651)</u>
Total OpEx	1,140,441	1,286,296	(145,855)	5,022,871	5,568,374	(545,503)
Op Surplus/(Subsidy)	1,296,428	1,387,175	90,747	1,345,419	1,728,627	383,208
CapEx:						
Capital Labor	38,101	58,501	(20,400)	340,349	261,933	78,416
Construction Expenses	247,654	93,686	153,968	1,463,062	1,610,395	(147,333)
Capital Equipment	<u>89,800</u>	<u>136,225</u>	<u>(46,425)</u>	<u>571,771</u>	<u>956,284</u>	<u>(384,513)</u>
Total CapEx	375,555	288,412	87,143	2,375,182	2,828,612	(453,430)
Net Surplus/(Subsidy)	920,873	1,098,763	177,890	(1,029,763)	(1,099,985)	(70,222)



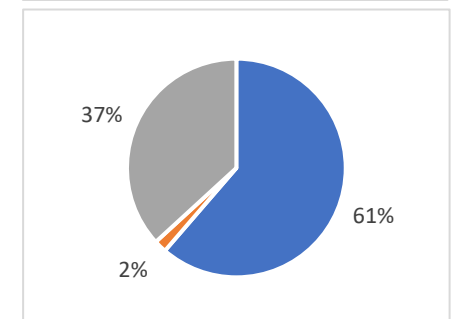
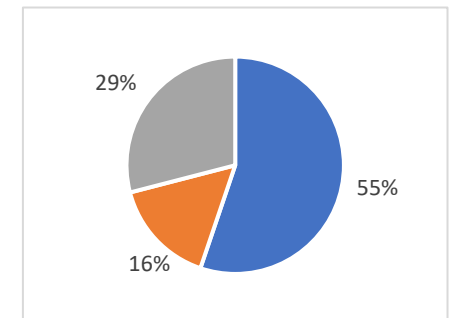
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Golf Detail

	Big Met (18)		Little Met (9)		Mastick Woods (9)		Manakiki (18)		Sleepy Hollow (18)	
	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26
Operating Revenue	1,017,160	1,138,393	329,899	336,662	222,485	240,710	780,282	917,228	1,261,647	1,317,637
Operating Expenses	<u>810,871</u>	<u>870,528</u>	<u>182,159</u>	<u>211,382</u>	<u>168,909</u>	<u>180,246</u>	<u>597,066</u>	<u>649,171</u>	<u>866,216</u>	<u>943,658</u>
Operating Surplus/(Subsidy)	206,289	267,865	147,740	125,280	53,576	60,464	183,216	268,057	395,431	373,979
Capital Labor	0	0	0	10,623	0	0	215,828	36,190	56,419	58,996
Construction Expenses	0	73,261	0	315	0	4,758	196,902	7,317	142,333	169,621
Capital Equipment	<u>21,049</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>77,899</u>	<u>19,060</u>	<u>63,236</u>	<u>134,692</u>
Total Capital Expenditures	21,049	73,261	0	10,938	0	4,758	490,629	62,567	261,988	363,309
Net Surplus/(Subsidy)	185,240	194,604	147,740	114,342	53,576	55,706	(307,413)	205,490	133,443	10,670

	Shawnee Hills (27)		Washington Park (9)		Seneca (36)		Ironwood		Golf Admin		Total	
	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26
Operating Revenue	853,944	983,522	448,877	476,644	903,229	1,251,494	550,712	608,400	55	26,311	6,368,290	7,297,001
Operating Expenses	<u>549,727</u>	<u>647,226</u>	<u>322,524</u>	<u>291,966</u>	<u>662,790</u>	<u>778,628</u>	<u>456,936</u>	<u>512,032</u>	<u>405,673</u>	<u>483,537</u>	<u>5,022,871</u>	<u>5,568,374</u>
Operating Surplus/(Subsidy)	304,217	336,296	126,353	184,678	240,439	472,866	93,776	96,368	(405,618)	(457,226)	1,345,419	1,728,627
Capital Labor	0	5,081	2,200	0	49,562	62,634	16,339	88,409	0	0	340,348	261,933
Construction Expenses	0	121,178	223,909	1,387	811,021	1,157,521	88,898	75,037	0	0	1,463,063	1,610,395
Capital Equipment	<u>175,495</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>42,000</u>	<u>131,800</u>	<u>490,659</u>	<u>102,292</u>	<u>269,873</u>	<u>571,771</u>	<u>956,284</u>
Total Capital Expenditures	175,495	126,259	226,109	1,387	860,583	1,262,155	237,037	654,105	102,292	269,873	2,375,182	2,828,612
Net Surplus/(Subsidy)	128,722	210,037	(99,756)	183,291	(620,144)	(789,289)	(143,261)	(557,737)	(507,910)	(727,099)	(1,029,763)	(1,099,985)

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Enterprise Summary

	Actual June '25	Actual June '26	Fav (Unfav)	Actual YTD June '25	Actual YTD June '26	Fav (Unfav)
Revenue:						
Concessions	794,883	1,252,058	457,175	1,478,719	2,085,711	606,992
Dock Rentals	2,082	12,028	9,946	526,012	596,171	70,159
Other*	<u>234,827</u>	<u>418,503</u>	<u>183,676</u>	<u>864,649</u>	<u>1,097,057</u>	<u>232,408</u>
Total Revenue	1,031,792	1,682,589	650,797	2,869,380	3,778,939	909,559
OpEx:						
Salaries and Benefits	451,088	634,792	(183,704)	1,784,212	1,996,253	(212,041)
Contractual Services	9,156	11,026	(1,870)	64,669	60,358	4,311
Operations	<u>326,341</u>	<u>535,404</u>	<u>(209,063)</u>	<u>868,632</u>	<u>1,198,123</u>	<u>(329,491)</u>
Total OpEx	786,585	1,181,222	(394,637)	2,717,513	3,254,734	(537,221)
Op Surplus/(Subsidy)	245,207	501,367	256,160	151,867	524,205	372,338
CapEx:						
Capital Labor	19,318	0	19,318	25,156	4,103	21,053
Construction Expenses	9,858	74,340	(64,482)	70,648	199,512	(128,864)
Capital Equipment	<u>35</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>19,732</u>	<u>7,776</u>	<u>11,956</u>
Total CapEx	29,211	74,340	(45,129)	115,536	211,391	(95,855)
Net Surplus/(Subsidy)	215,996	427,027	211,031	36,331	312,814	276,483



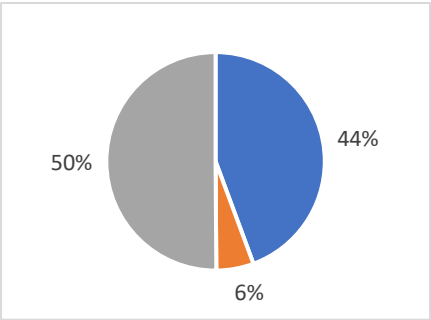
*Other includes Chalet fees, parking, hayrides, aquatics, gift cards, misc.

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Enterprise Detail

	Merwin's Wharf		EW Beach House		E55th Marina		E55th Restaurant		North Coast Harbor Marina		Hinckley Lake Boathouse	
	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26
Operating Revenue	932,091	1,014,729	168,211	178,877	498,188	519,354	0	440,027	0	113,361	0	98,287
Operating Expenses	<u>852,096</u>	<u>895,592</u>	<u>112,801</u>	<u>109,777</u>	<u>93,085</u>	<u>148,243</u>	<u>1,695</u>	<u>179,474</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>88,829</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>104,926</u>
Operating Surplus/(Subsidy)	79,995	119,137	55,410	69,100	405,103	371,111	(1,695)	260,553	0	24,532	0	(6,639)
Capital Labor	1,196	4,103	0	0	785	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction Expenses	70,648	199,512	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Capital Expenditures	71,844	203,615	0	0	785	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Surplus/(Subsidy)	8,151	(84,478)	55,410	69,100	404,318	371,111	(1,695)	260,553	0	24,532	0	(6,639)
	Wildwood		Euclid Beach		EmerNeck Marina		EmerNeck Restaurant		Astorhurst Concession			
	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26		
Operating Revenue	6,163	0	488	471	203,803	200,351	198,029	212,701	0	31,739		
Operating Expenses	<u>12,711</u>	<u>4,964</u>	<u>3,014</u>	<u>2,167</u>	<u>76,840</u>	<u>91,625</u>	<u>200,666</u>	<u>196,298</u>	<u>2,827</u>	<u>56,631</u>		
Operating Surplus/(Subsidy)	(6,548)	(4,964)	(2,526)	(1,696)	126,963	108,726	(2,637)	16,403	(2,827)	(24,892)		
Capital Labor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Construction Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Capital Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
Total Capital Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Net Surplus/(Subsidy)	(6,548)	(4,964)	(2,526)	(1,696)	126,963	108,726	(2,637)	16,403	(2,827)	(24,892)		
	Edgewater Pier		Wallace Lake		Hinckley Lake Concession		Huntington		Boat Dock			
	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26		
Operating Revenue	19,304	28,825	71,174	81,859	0	11,873	215,765	239,763	670	3,408		
Operating Expenses	<u>25,206</u>	<u>23,626</u>	<u>84,416</u>	<u>71,644</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11,960</u>	<u>124,016</u>	<u>115,079</u>	<u>1,068</u>	<u>1,060</u>		
Operating Surplus/(Subsidy)	(5,902)	5,199	(13,242)	10,215	0	(87)	91,749	124,684	(398)	2,348		
Capital Labor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Construction Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Capital Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
Total Capital Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Net Surplus/(Subsidy)	(5,902)	5,199	(13,242)	10,215	0	(87)	91,749	124,684	(398)	2,348		
	Chalet		Ledge Lake		Parking		Enterprise Admin		Total			
	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26	YTD June '25	YTD June '26		
Operating Revenue	270,718	252,705	137,937	142,896	146,838	207,712	0	0	2,869,379	3,778,938		
Operating Expenses	<u>241,144</u>	<u>220,156</u>	<u>47,039</u>	<u>56,704</u>	<u>9,258</u>	<u>15,310</u>	<u>829,631</u>	<u>860,668</u>	<u>2,717,513</u>	<u>3,254,733</u>		
Operating Surplus/(Subsidy)	29,574	32,549	90,898	86,192	137,580	192,402	(829,631)	(860,668)	151,866	524,205		
Capital Labor	0	0	0	0	0	0	23,174	0	25,155	4,103		
Construction Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70,648	199,512		
Capital Equipment	<u>19,732</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,776</u>	<u>19,732</u>	<u>7,776</u>		
Total Capital Expenditures	19,732	0	0	0	0	0	23,174	7,776	115,535	211,391		
Net Surplus/(Subsidy)	9,842	32,549	90,898	86,192	137,580	192,402	(852,805)	(868,444)	36,331	312,814		

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Nature Shops and Kiosks

	Actual June '25	Actual June '26	Fav (Unfav)	Actual YTD June '25	Actual YTD June '26	Fav (Unfav)
Retail Revenue	68,333	54,781	(13,552)	233,789	219,745	(14,044)
OpEx:						
Salaries and Benefits	61,825	25,562	36,263	216,560	91,824	124,736
Contractual Services	2,227	2,210	17	8,629	11,433	(2,804)
Operations	<u>17,846</u>	<u>19,035</u>	<u>(1,189)</u>	<u>170,525</u>	<u>103,732</u>	<u>66,793</u>
Total OpEx	81,898	46,807	35,091	395,714	206,989	188,725
Op Surplus/(Subsidy)	(13,565)	7,974	21,539	(161,925)	12,756	174,681
CapEx:						
Capital Labor	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total CapEx	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Surplus/(Subsidy)	(13,565)	7,974	21,539	(161,925)	12,756	174,681



**CLEVELAND METROPARKS
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND INVESTMENTS SCHEDULES
FOR THE MONTH END-June 2026**

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Current	Past Due					Total
	1-30 Days	30-60 Days	61-90 Days	Over 90 Days		
\$299,619	\$883,731	\$1,075,461	\$3,625	\$792,739		\$3,055,175

Date Placed	Bank	Description	Days of Duration	Rate		Date of Maturity	Interest Earned	EOM Balance
06/01/26	PNC Bank	Money Market (A)	29	3.01%		06/30/26	\$15,549	\$7,586,232.63
06/01/26	STAR Ohio	State pool (B)	29	3.77%		06/30/26	115,725.30	\$30,210,382.14

(A) Premium Business Money Market Account

Investment balance ranged from \$6,409,406 to \$7,586,232.63 in June 2026.

(B) State Treasurer's Asset Reserve (STAR Ohio)

Investment balance ranged from \$38,094,657 to \$30,210,382 in June 2026.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF JEAN E. LANG

WHEREAS, *Jean Lang has served Cleveland Metroparks for over 22 years; and,*

WHEREAS, *Jean Lang has committed these years of service utilizing her skills and abilities as a Handyperson, Maintenance Specialist, Service Worker, General Maintenance, and General Maintenance 3 (Electrician); and,*

WHEREAS, *Jean Lang was noted for her incomparable skill set and being the first and only female member of the General Maintenance crew at the Zoo; and,*

WHEREAS, *Jean Lang played many roles in improving efficiency in zoo maintenance and was specifically noted for improving the efficiency of the annual fire hydrant inspection and maintenance by creating a guide using photographs and numbering system to locate all the hydrants throughout the park; and,*

WHEREAS, *Jean Lang was instrumental in preparing the home of the onagers by using her carpentry, electrical and plumbing skills to repair and upgrade the barn on time and in a professional manner; and,*

WHEREAS, *Jean Lang would annually assist with providing specialty needs for the CZS Twilight event, Asian Lantern set-up, and modernize the Christmas light images by contributing to the modification of all the electrical requirements at each event and display; and,*

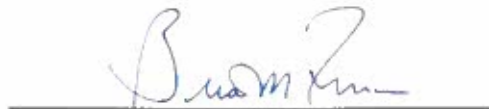
WHEREAS, *Jean Lang's commitment to detail, work ethic and efficiency played a huge role in the success of many events and projects at North Chagrin Reservation and the Zoo; and,*

WHEREAS, *Jean's devotion to teamwork, her commitment to the Core Values, and her love for Cleveland Metroparks was a great contribution to the organization and won't be forgotten.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Park Commissioners of Cleveland Metroparks expresses its sincere appreciation to Jean Lang for her years of service and dedication in serving the citizens of Greater Cleveland.*



Bruce G. Rinker
President, Board of Park Commissioners



Brian M. Zimmerman
Chief Executive Officer



RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF JOYCE OHLRICH

WHEREAS, *Joyce Ohlrich has served Cleveland Metroparks for over 18 years; and,*

WHEREAS, *Joyce Ohlrich has committed these years of service utilizing her skills and abilities as a Guest Services Associate and Guest Experiences Lead and,*

WHEREAS, *Joyce Ohlrich was a great asset to the Zoo's guest experience by providing great customer service being the first encounter of all patrons that visited; and,*

WHEREAS, *Joyce Ohlrich showed resilience over the years as the zoo experienced many changes and evolutions in its operations and services; and,*

WHEREAS, *Joyce Ohlrich continued to show great dedication and commitment to her role by remaining steady, dependable, and an exemplary member of the team; and,*

WHEREAS, *Joyce Ohlrich was a great role model to new employees consistently demonstrating a great work ethic with her punctuality, professionalism, willingness to be taught; and,*

WHEREAS, *Joyce Ohlrich has been a true asset to Guest Experiences and her genuine care for the Zoo and her devotion to great customer service has been an attribute to her legacy of service; and,*

WHEREAS, *Joyce's devotion to teamwork, her commitment to the Core Values, and her love for Cleveland Metroparks was a great contribution to the organization and won't be forgotten.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Park Commissioners of Cleveland Metroparks expresses its sincere appreciation to Joyce Ohlrich for her years of service and dedication in serving the citizens of Greater Cleveland.*



Bruce G. Rinker
President, Board of Park Commissioners



Brian M. Zimmerman
Chief Executive Officer



RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF KATHY SOBEL

WHEREAS, *Kathy Sobel has served Cleveland Metroparks for over 32 years; and,*

WHEREAS, *Kathy Sobel has committed these years of service utilizing her skills and abilities as a Secretary, Cashier, and Information Specialist; and,*

WHEREAS, *Kathy Sobel used her knowledge and skills to establish effective processes and procedures administratively for the Youth Outdoors department that will continue to be the standard practice; and,*

WHEREAS, *Kathy Sobel exhibited attention to detail and organizational skills when she operated in her information specialist role assisting in planning, scheduling events, organizing and delivering integral information and connections amongst the Youth Outdoors Team; and,*

WHEREAS, *Kathy Sobel contributed greatly to office operations including tracking program data, budgets purchasing and so much more; and,*

WHEREAS, *Kathy Sobel always went beyond the call of duty and would assist with special events such as Outdoor Odyssey, Children's Fishing Derbies and Fall Family Fishing Fest; and,*

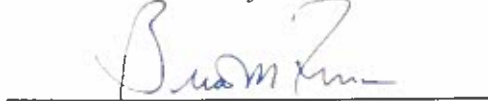
WHEREAS, *Kathy Sobel's dedication to outdoor experiences for all guests did not go unnoticed as she knew all of the youth participants by name and truly cared for each of them like they were her own, seeing the youth participants as not just another number, but as individuals whose lives matter; and,*

WHEREAS, *Kathy's devotion to teamwork, her commitment to the Core Values, and her love for Cleveland Metroparks was a great contribution to the organization and won't be forgotten.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Park Commissioners of Cleveland Metroparks expresses its sincere appreciation to Kathy Sobel for her years of service and dedication in serving the citizens of Greater Cleveland.*



Bruce G. Rinker
President, Board of Park Commissioners



Brian M. Zimmerman
Chief Executive Officer



RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF GERALD A. WOCHNA

WHEREAS, *Gerald Wochna has served Cleveland Metroparks for over 26 years; and,*

WHEREAS, *Gerald Wochna has committed these years of service utilizing his skills and abilities as a Handyperson, Service Worker, Grounds Maintenance, Technician, and Technician Lead and,*

WHEREAS, *Gerald Wochna was a true steward of the parks and consistently worked to raise maintenance standards, using his skills and knowledge to improve the quality of Brookside and Rocky River Reservations, notably planning and planting ornamental cherry trees at Brookside to improve landscape aesthetics and visitor experience; and,*

WHEREAS, *Gerald Wochna played an essential role in many notable projects throughout the parks such as leading and organizing the refurbishing of the southeast corner of Fulton and Denison where the bronze monument and flagpole commemorating World War II Veterans abides, installation of erosion control at Brookside Reservation, assisting in the Seneca Golf Course project, and leading the planting of six commemorative trees in Rocky River Reservation to honor former and current Park Chief Executive Officers creating a lasting tribute to leadership and service within Cleveland Metroparks; and,*

WHEREAS, *Gerald Wochna displayed leadership and teamwork by providing training to new hires, seasonals, and giving educational presentations throughout the park district, always assisting with events such as Brookstock and Crossroads, and assisting the Development Department with the Legacy Tree Program; and,*

WHEREAS, *Gerald Wochna was noted and recognized consistently throughout the parks for his professionalism, willingness to help and step into leadership roles as needed, and his continued support and collaboration with providing guidance and hands-on training for volunteer groups for tree planting, garden development, and park improvement projects; and,*

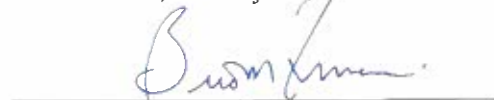
WHEREAS, *Gerald Wochna supported sustainability initiatives by offering ideas and actively participating in the Green team, promoting environmental stewardship throughout the park system, and playing a key role in the design and development of pollinator gardens, supporting native species habitats and furthering Cleveland Metroparks conservation goals; and,*

WHEREAS, *Geralds' devotion to efficiency, teamwork, his commitment to the Core Values, and his love for Cleveland Metroparks was a great contribution to the organization and won't be forgotten.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Park Commissioners of Cleveland Metroparks expresses its sincere appreciation to Gerald Wochna for his years of service and dedication in serving the citizens of Greater Cleveland.*



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President, Board of Park Commissioners



Brian M. Zimmerman
Chief Executive Officer



CLEVELAND METROPARKS
Appropriation Summary - 2026

Object Code	Object Description	Original Budget			Total Prior Budget Amendments	Proposed Amendment #6 7/28/2026	Total
		Baseline Budget	Carry Over Encumbrances	Total			
OPERATING							
51	Salaries	\$ 72,891,838	\$ 13,924	\$ 72,905,763	\$ 271,953	\$ 10,000 A	\$ 73,187,716
52	Employee Fringe Benefits	25,704,801	31,692	25,736,492	20,637	10,045 B	25,767,174
53	Contractual Services	21,412,860	1,816,035	23,228,895	70,934	47,400 C	23,347,229
54	Operations	35,693,137	4,967,663	40,660,800	1,563,064	54,137 D	42,278,001
	Operating Subtotal	155,702,636	6,829,314	162,531,950	1,926,588	121,582	164,580,120
CAPITAL							
571	Capital Labor	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 58,121	\$ -	1,058,121
572	Capital Construction Expenses	66,576,340	42,016,821	108,593,161	19,779,487	625,729 E	128,998,376
574	Capital Equipment	4,636,300	1,537,411	6,173,711	233,820	(2,400) F	6,405,131
575	Zoo Animals	100,000	-	100,000	-	-	100,000
576	Land	592,150	129,002	721,152	-	-	721,152
	Capital Subtotal	72,904,790	43,683,234	116,588,024	20,071,428	623,329	137,282,780
TOTALS							
Grand totals		\$ 228,607,426	\$ 50,512,548	\$ 279,119,974	\$ 21,998,016	\$ 744,911	\$ 301,862,900

OPERATING

51 SALARIES

\$ 10,000 Increase of appropriations in Seasonal Salaries for Park Operations Youth Outdoors
 Appropriation increase will be covered by existing donations in the Youth Outdoors Fund

A \$ 10,000 Total increase (decrease) to Salaries

52 FRINGE BENEFITS

\$ 10,045 Increase of appropriations in PERS and Medicare for Park Operations Youth Outdoors
 Appropriation increase will be covered by existing donations in the Youth Outdoors Fund

B \$ 10,045 Total increase (decrease) to Fringe Benefits

53 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

\$ 50,000 Increase of appropriations in Other Contractual Services for Park Operations Natural Resources
 Appropriation increase will be covered by new foundation grant from the Cleveland Tree Coalition

\$ (600) Transfer of appropriation from Other Contractual Services to Operations for Park Operations
 Net budget effect is zero

\$ (2,000) Transfer of appropriation from Other Contractual Services to Operations for Planning and Design
 Net budget effect is zero

C \$ 47,400 Total increase (decrease) to Contractual Services

54 OPERATIONS

\$ 11,500 Increase of appropriations in Internet Services for Park Operations Enterprise Operations
 Appropriation increase will be covered by existing and new Enterprise charges

\$ 4,407 Increase of appropriations in Program Supplies for Park Operations Natural Resources
 Appropriation increase will be covered by new grant from the ODNR Allison Cusick and Daniel Rice Research program

\$ 600 Transfer of appropriation from Contractual Services to Trash Collection Service for Park Operations
 Net budget effect is zero

\$ 3,660 Increase of appropriations in Program Supplies for Park Operations Natural Resources
 Appropriation increase will be covered by existing Foley and Fischkorn Wildlife and Conservation program donations

\$ 2,000 Transfer of appropriation from Contractual Services to Sponsorship Expense for Planning and Design
 Net budget effect is zero

\$ 15,000 Increase of appropriations in Exhibit Material and Expenses for Park Operations Towpath Trail Kiosk
 Appropriation increase will be covered by existing reimbursement from 41 North

\$ 11,545 Increase of appropriations in Training/Conference Registration Fees and Program Supplies for Park Operations Youth Outdoors
 Appropriation increase will be covered by existing donations in the Youth Outdoors Fund

\$ 2,400 Transfer of appropriation from Capital Equipment to Rental Equipment for Police
 Net budget effect is zero

\$ 3,025 Increase of appropriations in Exhibit Material and Property Maintenance Supplies for Park Operations Euclid Creek Reservation
 Appropriation increase will be covered by existing Euclid Creek Enhancement donations

D \$ 54,137 Total increase (decrease) to Operations

\$ 121,582 TOTAL INCREASE (DECREASE) TO OPERATIONS

CAPITAL

572 CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES

\$ 19,500 Increase of appropriations in Project Equipment for Zoo lactation pod for Primate Forest
 Appropriation will be covered by existing donations

\$ 566,229 Increase of appropriations in Capital Contracts for Zoo Primate Forest
 Appropriation will be covered by existing CZS donations

\$ 40,000 Increase of appropriations in Capital Materials for fiber conduit installation at Lakefront Reservation
 Appropriation will be covered by a new donation from the Edgewater Yacht Club

E \$ 625,729 Total increase (decrease) to Capital Construction Expenses

574 CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

\$ (2,400) Transfer of appropriation from Miscellaneous Capital Equipment to Operations for Police
Net budget effect is zero

F \$ (2,400) Total increase (decrease) to Capital Equipment

\$ 623,329 TOTAL INCREASE (DECREASE) TO CAPITAL

\$ 744,911 GRAND TOTAL - INCREASE (DECREASE) FOR AMENDMENT

**Resolution of Authorization
Irishtown Bend Park Improvements
NatureWorks**

July 28, 2026

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes, through the State of Ohio NatureWorks grant program, and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Metroparks is a partner on the Irishtown Bend Park project, Cleveland, Ohio, and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Metroparks plans to construct an event lawn and picnic area at Irishtown Bend Park, and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Metroparks desires financial assistance under the NatureWorks grant program,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District:

That the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District approves filing this application for financial assistance.

That Brian M. Zimmerman is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance.

That the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District does agree to obligate the funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the NatureWorks grant program.

Bruce G. Rinker, President
Board of Park Commissioners

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

I the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by Cleveland Metroparks on the 28th day of July 2026, and that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.

Brian M. Zimmerman
Chief Executive Officer

**Resolution of Authorization
Hinckley Lake Kayak Access
NatureWorks**

July 28, 2026

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes, through the State of Ohio NatureWorks grant program, and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Metroparks owns and maintains public parkland in Medina County, Ohio as part of Hinckley Reservation, and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Metroparks plans to improve kayak access at Hinckley Lake in Hinckley Reservation, and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Metroparks desires financial assistance under the NatureWorks grant program,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District:

That the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District approves filing this application for financial assistance.

That Brian M. Zimmerman is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance.

That the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District does agree to obligate the funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the NatureWorks grant program.

Bruce G. Rinker, President
Board of Park Commissioners

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Brian M. Zimmerman
Chief Executive Officer

**Resolution of Authorization
North Chagrin Hemlock Trail Bridge Replacement
NatureWorks**

July 28, 2026

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes, through the State of Ohio NatureWorks grant program, and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Metroparks owns and maintains public parkland in Lake County, Ohio as part of North Chagrin Reservation, and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Metroparks plans to replace a pedestrian bridge on a hiking trail and make accessibility improvements to the public trail in North Chagrin Reservation, and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Metroparks desires financial assistance under the NatureWorks grant program,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District:

That the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District approves filing this application for financial assistance.

That Brian M. Zimmerman is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance.

That the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District does agree to obligate the funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the NatureWorks grant program.

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Chief Executive Officer

IRISHTOWN BEND PARK

LEGEND:

- ① ITB ENTRY PLAZA

② CAFE PARCEL

③ STORMWATER TREATMENT PONDS

④ PICNIC GROVE

⑤ PLAYGROUND

⑥ ITB HERITAGE SITE

⑦ BRIDGE AVENUE STAIR
- ⑧ RED LINE GREENWAY CONNECTION

⑨ COLUMBUS TRAILHEAD

⑩ CLEVELAND FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL LAKE LINK TRAIL

⑪ MANDEL FOUNDATION MARITIME THEATER

⑫ RIVERWALK

⑬ COAL DOCK REMNANT
- ⑭ OLD DETROIT TRAILHEAD

⑮ EVENT LAWN

⑯ FUTURE VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE ALL PURPOSE TRAIL CONNECTION

⑰ WEST 25TH ALL PURPOSE TRAIL

⑱ FRANKLIN ALL PURPOSE TRAIL

- Cleveland Foundation Centennial Trail / Franklin Ave. Enhancements
- Irishtown Bend Park Improvements
- GCRTA MetroHealth Line Bus Rapid Transit



The following vouchers have been reviewed as to legality of expenditure and conformity with the Ohio Revised Code.

Attest: _____

Interim Chief Financial Officer

BE IT RESOLVED, that the payment of the following items, which may include Then and Now Certificates, are ratified by the Board of Park Commissioners. All expenditures have been reviewed and approved for payment by the Interim Chief Financial Officer and Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the by-laws of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Wire Transfer dated June 12, 2026 in the amount of \$4,296.00

Printed Checks/EFT's dated June 12, 2026 in the amount of \$2,699,069.87

Direct Disbursements dated June 18, 2026 in the amount of \$111,646.32

Printed Checks/EFT's dated June 18, 2026 in the amount of \$1,221,309.91

Printed Checks/EFT's dated June 26, 2026 in the amount of \$2,134,583.96

Direct Disbursements dated July 2, 2026 in the amount of \$111,212.23

Printed Checks/EFT's dated July 2, 2026 in the amount of \$8,985,419.47

Wire Transfer dated July 10, 2026 in the amount of \$4,320.00

Printed Checks/EFT's dated July 10, 2026 in the amount of \$1,695,868.57

Net Payroll dated May 17, 2026 to May 30, 2026 in the amount of \$2,081,743.10

Withholding Taxes in the amount of \$432,305.02

Net Payroll dated May 31, 2026 to June 13, 2026 in the amount of \$2,284,694.43

Withholding Taxes in the amount of \$447,132.01

Bank Fees/ADP Fees in the amount of \$56,826.99

Cigna Payments in the amount of \$1,099,293.86

ACH Debits (First Energy; Sales Tax) in the amount of \$420,696.71

JP Morgan Mastercard dated June 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$881,823.56

OPERS in the amount of \$2,022,792.45

Total amount: \$26,695,034.46

PASSED: July 28, 2026

Attest: _____

President of The Board of Park Commissioners

Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Board of Park Commissioners approves **Resolution No. 26-07-089** listed above.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-07-090

The following vouchers have been reviewed as to legality of expenditure and conformity with the Ohio Revised Code.

Attest: _____

Interim Chief Financial Officer

BE IT RESOLVED, that the payment of the following items, which may include Then and Now Certificates, are ratified by the Board of Park Commissioners. All expenditures have been reviewed and approved for payment by the Interim Chief Financial Officer and Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the by-laws of the Board of Park Commissioners.

JP Morgan Mastercard-Arborwear dated June 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026 in the amount \$50.00

Total amount: \$50.00

PASSED: July 28, 2026

Attest: _____

President of The Board of Park Commissioners

Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board of Park Commissioners approves **Resolution No. 26-07-090** listed above.