



MINUTES – SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Fairfield County Board of Park Commissioners

Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 **Time:** 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Place: Mambourg Nature Center - 5531 Cincinnati-Zanesville Rd NE, Lancaster

Scheduled to Attend

Commissioners:

Jeffrey Feyko, Chair
Ami Williams, Vice Chair
David Smith
John Watts

Director:

Marcey Shafer

Park Staff:

Tommy Springer, Deputy Director
Chad Reed, Finance and Administration
Tom Shisler, Wahkeena Nature Preserve
Kimber Caito, Media Coordinator
Chris Varga, Park Technician
Jack Campbell, Interpretive Historian
Miranda Cain, Education Specialist
Grace Daugherty, Education Program Assistant
Uriah St. John, Community Outreach Coordinator

Visitors:

David Hague, Coyote Run State Nature Preserve

OPENING OF SPECIAL MEETING

Call to Order at 11:00 a.m. by Jeff Feyko.



AGENDA

Introduction - Marcey Shafer

- Marcey reviewed the list of 2021 levy promises and provided updates on the park district's progress towards achieving each goal.

Partnership Focus – Marcey Shafer and David Hague, Guest

- Marcey introduced David Hague, owner of Coyote Run State Nature Preserve. David gave an overview of Coyote Run's mission and history of land acquisition. A discussion about a continued partnership with Coyote Run and utilizing the site for future programs followed.

Divestments – Marcey Shafer

- Marcey reviewed a list of properties formerly owned or leased by FCPD that did not align with the goals and mission of the park district and have been divested to other public agencies. A list of properties currently owned by FCPD to be considered for future divestment was also discussed.

Zeller Park – Tommy Springer

- Tommy provided information about Zeller Park and potential concerns over the lease agreement with PYSA/PASA. A discussion about future development and improvements of underutilized portions of the park followed.

Lunch – Shelter House

Park Improvements – Tommy Springer (Smeck and Wagner)

Marcey Shafer (Mambourg, Rock Mill, Two Glaciers)

- Tommy discussed 2024 improvements to Smeck Park, including: opening of Goldenrod Trail and installing electric in the Fetter-Hood barn; and Wagner Preserve, including: partnerships with USFWS to utilize ODNR H2Ohio funds to break field tile and restore natural hydrology and Liberty Union School District to install a remote feed camera to monitor a Blue Heron nest.
- Marcey discussed 2024 improvements to Mambourg Park, including the creation of a natural play area, a trail extension, and invasive species removal. Planning for nature center exhibits is nearly done with a ribbon cutting expected in spring of 2026; Stebelton Park at Rock Mill, including: repairs to the forebay and exterior access walkway and regrading the gorge access; and Two Glaciers Park, including: completion of permitting and survey work for the H2Ohio wetland project.

Programs and Events – Miranda Cain

- Miranda provided attendance data for various 2024 programs and events. She explained the program categories were refined from previous years and that accounted for the figures looking different than in years past.
- She also discussed future program planning and introduced an outline for creating a Strategic Education Plan.

Finance and Budgeting – Chad Reed

- Chad went over financial and budgetary data for 2024 and provided a list of projected major expenditures in 2025.

Staff Accomplishments – Marcey Shafer

- Marcey provided a brief list of trainings, goal achievements, and other staff accolades accomplished in 2024.



Adjourn for Regular Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Upon the motion of Commissioner John Watts, seconded by Commissioner Sherry Orlando, this resolution has been adopted on May 12, 2025

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Jeffrey Feyko	x	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ami Williams	x	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Smith	x	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sherry Orlando	x	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Watts	x	<input type="checkbox"/>

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution action upon by Fairfield County Board of Park Commissioners for Fairfield County Park District on the date noted above.

Chad Reed

Chad Reed, Secretary

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