ERIE METROPARKS
Board of Park Commissioners

Special Minutes Monday, August 24, 2026

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER
Commissioner Wisehart called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM in Margaret M. Murray Conference Room, Roger Johnson Nature Center, Osborn MetroPark, Huron, Ohio.

ROLL CALL
Park Commissioners Present: Troy Wisehart, Chairperson
Margaret Murray, Vice Chairperson
Kurt Kresser, Vice Chairperson

NEW BUSINESS
(A.) Erie County Budget Commission's Review of Erie MetroParks' 2027 Preliminary Tax Budget

A special meeting was called to discuss the Erie County Budget Commission's review of Erie MetroParks 2027 Preliminary Tax Budget.

Ms. Price explained that she, Ms. Ferback, Ms. Daniel, and Commissioner Kresser attended the budget commission meeting held on Friday, August 21, 2026. At that meeting, the budget commission voted to certify 2027 revenue collections for various county entities, with several entities receiving millage reductions.

Ms. Price further explained that Mr. Caleb Stidham motioned for a reduction of Erie MetroParks 2027 revenue collection by 0.125 mills, or approximately $300,000. When Ms. Price challenged the vote and requested that Mr. Jason Hinners, Assistant Prosecutor, be voting since he was part of original deliberations, the commission tabled their vote to reduce Erie MetroParks 2027 revenue collections.

Discussion ensued on how to proceed. The Board of Park Commissioners agreed that Ms. Price and Ms. Ferback should meet with Mr. Rick Jeffrey, County Auditor, on Tuesday, August 25, to discuss budget strategies and the parks projected expenditures.

ADJOURNMENT
With there being no further business brought before the Park Commission,

(1) Comm. Murray moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 AM.
Second: Commissioner Kresser
Action: Motion carried unanimously with three affirmative votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The foregoing is a true and accurate account of August 24, 2026, meeting of the Park Commission and has been formally adopted by the Commissioners as such and shall be placed in and become part of the Official Proceedings of the Board of Park Commissioners.

APPROVED:

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Troy Wisehart, Chairperson Date

ATTEST:

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Melissa Price, Executive Director Date