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## Summit Metro Park Board of Park Commissioners

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### Summary

- The meeting began at 11:33 a.m. following a pancake breakfast and a presentation on maple syrup. Presenters discussed its history and production in the region. The board meeting lasted approximately 15 minutes.
- Chief of Marketing and Communications Lindsay Smith presented the [2025 Annual Report](#), and the board discussed the quality and accessibility of the document.
- Executive Director Lisa King presented the 2026 budget amount for the property and liability Insurance and requested a vote on it.

### Follow-Up Questions

- According to the agenda, three people who were supposed to be acknowledged for retirement were not. Why did that not take place?
- Why did the board not discuss this agenda item: authorization to apply for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Clean Ohio Trails Grant for the Sagamore

Hills Connector Trail?

- The Property and Liability Insurance budget of \$264,500 was agreed upon. How does this amount compare to other metro parks in Ohio?

## Notes

The Board of Park Commissioners meeting was held in the administration building at the Liberty Park Nature Center in Twinsburg. There was no microphone or audio speakers set up for the meeting. The location had very high ceilings and at times the board members were not clearly audible.

Upon arrival, the board was having a pancake breakfast while a presentation was given on the history and production of maple syrup in the region.

A printed agenda was available as the meeting started. There were 15 people in attendance. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. No roll call was taken. The board sat behind a long table with all members in attendance and name tags in front of them.

The [board members](#) are:

- Joel Bailey
- Theresa Carter
- Herb Newman, chair
- Jill Stritch
- Curtis Walker

Also present were Executive Director Lisa King and Chief of Marketing and Communications Lindsay Smith.

### **Approval of previous board minutes:**

The meeting began abruptly with Newman asking if anyone had any issues with the previous board minutes. There were none.

### **2025 Annual Report to the Community:**

King then introduced Smith to present the [2025 Annual Report to the Community](#). The board discussed the document's appearance and asked whether it was available online or distributed to the public. King said that it is available online and that it is a short,

high-level view of the report.

Newman asked about the property tax amount of \$24,531,004, which he assumed the parks paid. King and Smith said the parks do not pay property taxes and that the total is part of the park's revenue.

**Consent agenda:**

Newman asked if anyone had any objections to the consent agenda. No one did, and the agenda was accepted unanimously. Three items referenced the retirement of three people. One part referenced an authorization to apply for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Clean Ohio Trails Grant for the Sagamore Hills Connector Trail.

**Old business:**

No old business was brought.

**New business:**

King brought up the budget for property and liability insurance. She said she has increased the line by 7% this year to \$264,500. The policy is renewed each year in March. Newman and an audience member asked if they could do a new bid for a better rate. King said it would have to be addressed next year and asked for a vote to approve the budget. The board agreed and accepted unanimously.

There was no discussion about any future meetings.