

July 23, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes
Preservation Parks of Delaware County
11:30 PM Deer Haven Park

Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 11:31 AM, with Board members Glenn Marzluf, Chair; John Bader, Vice Chair; and Bruce Ruhl Secretary present. Staff included Mary Van Haaften, Director; Tyler Swartzlander, Deputy Director; Matt Simpson; and Bonnie Houk.

Public Present: Amy Tovar

Other Business:

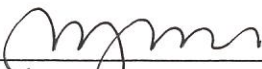
1. *Property Tax Update* - M. Van Haaften reported that the coalition to eliminate property taxes did not obtain enough signatures to place the elimination of all Ohio property taxes on the ballot this November but vowed to continue their efforts and will attempt to place the issue before voters in November 2027.
2. *Levy Update* – M. Van Haaften reported on progress toward the 10-year operating levy commitments, noting that nearly all commitments have been fulfilled. She also reported that the 10-year Land and Park Development levy included a commitment to add 800 acres of parkland; with the Gallant Woods expansion expected to close in September, the District will have added 834 acres.
3. *Levy Scenarios* – M. Van Haaften discussed potential scenarios for a future levy.
4. *Park Development Update* – M. Van Haaften and M. Simpson presented an updated Capital Project Timeline.

Executive Session: B. Ruhl moved to go into executive session at 12:14 PM for the purpose of discussing land acquisition. G. Marzluf seconded. Roll call was taken, and all members were present. All members voted aye. The motion passed.

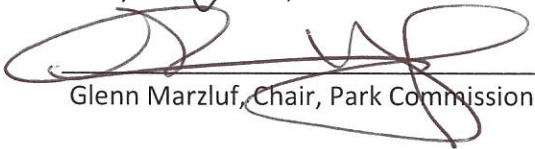
The Board returned to regular session at 12:51 PM. No action was taken.

Adjournment: G. Marzluf moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:51 PM, B. Ruhl seconded, all members voted aye. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Van Haaften, Executive Director



Glenn Marzluf, Chair, Park Commissioner