

**Sandusky County Park District
Board of Park Commissioners Meeting
February 18th, 2026, Regular Meeting
9:30am at Fremont Rotary Lodge, Don W. Miller Memorial Park
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The Board of Park Commissioners met at Fremont Rotary Lodge, Don W. Miller Memorial Park on February 18th, 2026, at 9:30AM.

Roll Call

Commissioner Lawrence called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Christina conducted the roll call showing Commissioners Fails and Lawrence were present; Director Andrew Brown and Administrative Supervisor-HR Coordinator Christina Warden was in attendance. Commissioner Moore had an excused absence.

Recognition of Visitors/Public Participation/Correspondences

Deputy Troy Gibson was in attendance. Chief Deputy Nick Kotsopoulos arrived during the meeting. Rich Synowiec addressed the Board during the public participation portion of the meeting.

(1) Motion to accept minutes of the January 21st, 2026, Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Fails, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, and passed unanimously with a vote of 2-yes and 0-no.

Finances

(2) A motion to approve the financial reports was made by Mr. Fails, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, and passed unanimously with a vote of 2-yes and 0-no.

Expenditures were approved as presented.

Credit Card Report: Credit card report was available at the meeting.

Departmental Reports

Copy of Operations Report included in the Proceedings of the Board of Park Commissioners Journal. Programs Report is missing.

New Business

(3) Resolution 2026-07: Entering into a 2-year Contract with the Sandusky County Sheriff's Office: Approval of a two-year Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with the Sandusky County Sheriff. The agreement extends the term to two years and establishes annual costs of \$204,869.15 for 2026 and \$209,869.15 for 2027. The 2026 amount reflects a one-time \$5,000 reduction representing the Park District's cost-share contribution toward a \$10,000 K-9 transport cage. The District's legal counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement. A motion to approve Resolution 2026-07 was made by Mr. Fails, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, and passed unanimously with a vote of 2-Yes, 0-No.

(4) Resolution 2026-08: Seasonal Staff Compensation 2026: This resolution establishes the criteria for seasonal staff compensation, including starting pay rates, returning employee incentives, additional pay for Head positions, bonus eligibility and timeframes, and a shift differential applicable exclusively to

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Beach Guards. A motion to approve Resolution 2026-08 was made by Mr. Fails, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, and passed unanimously with a vote of 2-Yes, 0-No.

(5) Hinkle Report Preparation for State Auditor's Office: Once again this year, the Park District is seeking the services of a professional accounting firm to assist with preparation and filing of the annual Hinkle Report with the Ohio Auditor of State. Julian & Grube, Inc., of Westerville, Ohio, specializes in governmental accounting and has successfully assisted the Park District in recent years with preparing cash-basis financial statements in compliance with GASB 34 and Auditor of State requirements. The attached proposal provides for a three-year engagement at a fixed annual cost of \$1,300, which represents submission of the Park District's annual financial reports. Staff recommends approval of the three-year agreement and authorization for the Director to execute the contract. Staff notes that the 2025 Hinkle Report has been completed and filed with the Ohio Auditor of State. A copy is enclosed for Board review and acknowledgement. A motion to approve the three (3) year engagement agreement with Julian & Grube, Inc., and authorize the Director to execute the contract was made by Mr. Fails, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, and passed unanimously with a vote of 2-Yes, 0-No.

Board Initiated Business:
None

(12) Adjournment: Next regular meeting is scheduled Wednesday, March 18th, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.; Fremont Rotary Lodge, Don W. Miller Memorial Park. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Fails.

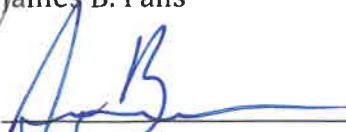
With no further business, the Board adjourned at 9:51 am.

Board of Park Commissioners


George B. Moore


Bradford J. Lawrence


James B. Fails


Andrew Brown, Director/Secretary

3/18/2026
Date