

AGENDA
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SUMMIT METRO PARKS
May 13, 2025

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of April 8, 2025 Previous Board Minutes
4. Executive Director's Reports
5. Items removed from Consent Agenda
6. Consent Agenda Approval of Bills and Resolutions
 - A. Ratification of Bills Paid
 - B. Acknowledgment of Christy L. Counterman's Retirement
 - C. Authorization to Adjust the Monthly Workforce
 - D. Authorization to Contract Replacing Steam Lines at Goodyear Heights Lodge
 - E. Authorization to Enter Into a Contract for Paving at Shady Hollow and Chestnut Lodges in Sand Run Metro Park
 - F. Authorization to Increase Construction Contract for the F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm Service Drive and Parking Lot Improvements
 - G. Authorization to Award a Contract for the Goodyear Heights Metro Park Pavement Improvements
 - H. Authorization to Advertise for Bids for the Central Maintenance Facility Main Building
 - I. Authorization to Increase Survey Contract for Silver Creek Boundary Survey
 - J. Authorization to Apply for 2025 Summit County Community Grant for Western Access to Riding Run Area
 - K. Authorization to Award Silver Creek Metro Park Lakehouse Building Assessment
7. Unfinished/Old Business & New Business
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May 13, 2025

Minutes of Proceedings
Of
The Board of Park Commissioners
Of
Summit Metro Parks

The Board of Park Commissioners of Summit Metro Parks met on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 11:30 A.M., at the F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm, 1828 Smith Rd., Akron, OH 44313.

ITEM 1: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened by Herb Newman, First Vice-Chair, with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

ITEM 2: ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Herb Newman, First Vice-Chair, Joel Bailey, Second Vice-Chair, Jill M. Stritch, Member, Rev. Dr. Curtis T. Walker Sr., Member, and Lisa M. King, Executive Director. Also in attendance were Angie Hardman, Lindsay Smith, Aaron Hockman, Doug Shepard, Demetrius Falconer, Alex Daw, Mark Szeremet, Jen Harvey, Mike Johnson, Dale Fobean, Dave Kamps, and Josh Hamblen.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF APRIL 8, 2025 PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

Resolution 47.2025

Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Rev. Walker, that the minutes of the April 8, 2025, board meeting were approved. The previous minutes were emailed for the Commissioners' review.

The vote being:	S. Theresa Carter	Absent
	Herbert Newman	Aye
	Joel D. Bailey	Aye
	Jill M. Stritch	Aye
	Rev. Dr. Curtis T. Walker Sr.	Aye

ITEM 4: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

The Executive Director's reports were reviewed and discussed. Copies of these reports are attached at the end of the minutes.

ITEM 5: ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

- None

ITEM 6: CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 48.2025

Following discussion, it was moved by Ms. Stritch, seconded by Mr. Bailey, that the consent agenda items of the Board of Park Commissioners were approved. All supporting documents are at the end of this report.

The vote being:

S. Theresa Carter	Absent
Herbert Newman	Aye
Joel D. Bailey	Aye
Jill M. Stritch	Aye
Rev. Dr. Curtis T. Walker Sr.	Aye

A. RATIFICATION OF BILLS PAID

OPERS	April 2025	\$122,939.68
Medicare	April 2025	\$11,950.97
Interim Bills	April 30, 2025	\$1,167,682.07
Payroll	April 11, 2025	\$419,933.50
Payroll	April 25, 2025	\$418,677.22
TOTAL	BALANCE	\$2,141,183.44

Resolution 49.2025

The action of the Executive Director in paying the above bills was hereby ratified.

B. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CHRISTY L. COUNTERMAN'S RETIREMENT

Executive Director Lisa M. King requested the Board of Park Commissioners approve the following resolution honoring Christy L. Counterman upon her retirement from Summit Metro Parks:

WHEREAS, Christy L. Counterman was employed with Summit Metro Parks from May 17, 2010 through April 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, she served as Marketing Assistant for the park district's Marketing Department, and

WHEREAS, she has worked for Summit Metro Parks and for the benefit and enjoyment of the residents of Summit County for nearly fifteen years, and

WHEREAS, Christy L. Counterman retired on April 30, 2025 and entered into a new phase of her life,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Park Commissioners and staff express their sincere appreciation to Christy L. Counterman for her past service to Summit Metro Parks and to the people of Summit County.

Resolution 50.2025

The Board of Park Commissioners approved the above resolution, acknowledging Christy L. Counterman's service and retirement from Summit Metro Parks.

C. AUTHORIZATION TO ADJUST THE MONTHLY WORKFORCE

The Executive Director requested authorization to replace part-time, year-round Nature Club Coordinator with part-time, year-round Outreach Program Assistant within the Community Engagement Department, effective June 9, 2025.

Resolution 51.2025

The Executive Director was authorized to replace part-time, year-round Nature Club Coordinator with part-time, year-round Outreach Program Assistant within the Community Engagement Department, effective June 9, 2025.

D. AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT REPLACING STEAM LINES AT GOODYEAR HEIGHTS LODGE

The Goodyear Heights Lodge boiler system was replaced in 2011, but the original steam lines were reused as they were then in good condition. Now, however, portions of these lines require replacement.

Quotes were obtained for the replacement of steam lines in crawl spaces and accessible risers serving first and second-floor radiators. This included replacing all steam traps, installing shut-off valves on each radiator, and replacing insulation. The Geopfert Company submitted a quote for \$62,400. Flickinger Piping Co.'s initial \$130,000 quote included extra work, and they failed to provide a revised quote for only the requested scope.

The Executive Director requested authorization to enter into a contract with The Geopfert Company, for the quoted amount of \$62,400 and an additional 10% contingency, at a cost not to exceed \$68,640.

Resolution 52.2025

The Executive Director was authorized to enter into a contract with The Geopfert Company, for the quoted amount of \$62,400 and an additional 10% contingency, at a cost not to exceed \$68,640.

E. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR PAVING AT SHADY HOLLOW AND CHESTNUT LODGES IN SAND RUN METRO PARK

The driveway and parking lot at Shady Hollow Lodge and portions of the driveway and parking lot at Chestnut Lodge are in poor condition and need to be repaved.

Quotes for contracting milling, repaving and painting parking lot lines were received from Cardinal Cement & Excavating, Inc. at \$67,100, and Perrin Asphalt and Concrete at \$71,075.

The Executive Director requested authorization to enter into a contract with Cardinal Cement & Excavating, Inc., for paving at Shady Hollow and Chestnut Lodges, for the quoted amount of \$67,100 and an additional 10% contingency, at a cost not to exceed \$73,810.

Resolution 53.2025

The Executive Director was authorized to enter into a contract with Cardinal Cement & Excavating, Inc. for paving at Shady Hollow and Chestnut Lodges, for the quoted amount of \$67,100 and an additional 10% contingency, at a cost not to exceed \$73,810.

F. AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE F.A. SEIBERLING NATURE REALM SERVICE DRIVE AND PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

In November of 2024, the Board of Park Commissioners authorized a contract with Geauga Highway Co. for \$181,500.00, for the construction of the F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm Service Drive and Parking Lot Improvements project.

Due to unforeseen drainage issues, the contractor proposes subgrade undercuts, hauling off unsuitable soils, and adding drainage tile. Due to these changes SMP staff seek to increase the contract with Geauga Highway Co. by \$20,000 to cover unforeseen subsoil drainage work.

The Executive Director requested authorization to increase the contract with Geauga Highway Co. by \$20,000 for additional unforeseen subbase issues for the F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm Service Drive and Parking Lot Improvements project.

Resolution 54.2025

The Executive Director was authorized to increase the contract with Geauga Highway Co. by \$20,000 for additional unforeseen subbase issues for the F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm Service Drive and Parking Lot Improvements project.

G. AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE GOODYEAR HEIGHTS METRO PARK PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS

In March of 2024, the Board of Park Commissioners authorized SMP staff to advertise for construction bids for the Goodyear Heights Metro Park – Pavement Improvements Project. The general scope of work includes the removal and repaving of the asphalt entry drive, two parking lots, and necessary ADA ramp and walkway improvements at Goodyear Heights Metro Park.

The project will be partially funded using OPRA grant funds of \$364,349.00 administered through ODOT District 4. The total from SMP's budget will be \$385,651.00 once OPRA grant funds are applied.

On April 10, 2025, bids were opened and the following bids were received:

Northstar Asphalt, Inc.	\$682,066.50
Ohio Paving and Construction Co., Inc.	\$734,591.63
Perrin Asphalt Co.	\$745,675.00
Barbicas Construction Co., Inc.	\$764,784.00
Karvo Companies, Inc.	\$767,535.75

The bids have been reviewed by park staff and the apparent low bid from Northstar Asphalt, Inc., as a responsible bid from a company with experience with similar construction projects.

The Executive Director requested authorization to sign a contract with Northstar Asphalt, Inc. for the paving of the Goodyear Heights Metro Park – Pavement Improvements Project for the bid amount of \$682,066.50 and requests an additional 10% contingency, at a total cost not to exceed \$750,000.00. The project will be partially funded using OPRA grant funds of \$364,349.00 administered through ODOT District 4.

Resolution 55.2025

The Executive Director was authorized to sign a contract with Northstar Asphalt, Inc. for construction of the Goodyear Heights Metro Park – Pavement Improvements Project for the bid amount of \$682,066.50 and an additional 10% contingency, at a total cost not to exceed \$750,000.00. The project will be partially funded using OPRA grant funds of \$364,349.00 administered through ODOT District 4.

H. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE CENTRAL MAINTENANCE FACILITY MAIN BUILDING

A bid package has been assembled for the building and site renovation for the new Central Maintenance Facility Main Building located at 435 North Broadway Street, Akron, Ohio 44308.

Construction plans have been prepared to renovate the existing building to become the central maintenance facility to service, repair, and maintain vehicles and equipment, receive and store purchasing items, and home offices for Operations and Purchasing staff. The project scope includes full structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and technology work for interior renovation, exterior sitework, and roofing replacement as an alternate.

The estimated cost for the work totals \$3,738,633.76 with the roofing replacement alternate cost estimate totaling \$1,586,406.00. The project will be partially funded using 2025 Planning Capital Funds and 2026 Planning Capital Funds. Plans have been reviewed by the City of Akron and Summit County Building Department. Once bid pricing is received from contractors, planning staff will review bids and select the lowest qualified contractor. Authorization to award the project will be sought at a future Board meeting.

The Executive Director requested authorization to advertise for bids for the renovation of the building and site for the new Central Maintenance Facility Main Building located at 435 North Broadway Street, Akron, Ohio 44308.

Resolution 56.2025

The Executive Director was authorized to advertise for bids for the renovation of the building and site for the new Central Maintenance Facility Main Building located at 435 North Broadway Street, Akron, Ohio 44308.

I. AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE SURVEY CONTRACT FOR SILVER CREEK BOUNDARY SURVEY

In November of 2024, the Board of Park Commissioners authorized staff to sign a contract with DLZ Ohio for boundary survey work at Silver Creek Metro Park. This project included a complete boundary of the park, marking the boundary with pins and carsonite markers and a map showing the staff any encroachment issues. The value of that contract was \$27,500.

SMP directed changes to the consultant's original scope to include adding multiple digital files to incorporate into our own database, requesting more carsonite placements in certain areas of the park and providing a full legal description of the entire park property. Due to these changes, SMP staff seeks to increase the contract with DLZ Ohio by \$2,500.

The Executive Director requested authorization to increase the contract with DLZ Ohio by \$2,500 for additional survey work at Silver Creek Metro Park.

Resolution 57.2025

The Executive Director was authorized to increase the contract with DLZ Ohio by \$2,500 for additional survey work at Silver Creek Metro Park.

J. AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR 2025 SUMMIT COUNTY COMMUNITY GRANT FOR WESTERN ACCESS TO RIDING RUN AREA

The Executive Director requested authorization to apply for \$15,000 from the Summit County Community Grant program to help fund a feasibility and design study to provide access to the Riding Run Area from the western communities. This is an important access opportunity because of the removal and vacation of Everett Road coming into the Cuyahoga Valley. This will allow patrons of the park to access the park without driving all the way around to the bottom of Everett Road. This is a partnership between Bath Township, Richfield Township and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

The Executive Director requested authorization to apply for the Summit County Community Grant and further asks for authority to have Lisa M. King sign on behalf of Summit Metro Parks.

Resolution 58.2025

The Executive Director was authorized to apply for the Summit County Community Grant and further ask for authority to have Lisa M. King sign on behalf of Summit Metro Parks.

K. AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD SILVER CREEK METRO PARK LAKEHOUSE BUILDING ASSESSMENT

Planning staff have solicited prices from consultants to perform an assessment of the Silver Creek Metro Park Lakehouse, to inform about future renovations and development of the building. Based on our scope of work, the following price quotes were received:

Bialosky & Partners, Architects, LLC	\$25,000
Hasenstab Architects	\$27,600
DS Architecture	\$29,600
MS Consultants	\$53,300

Based on overall cost and the firm's experience with our project type, the Executive Director requests authorization to award the Silver Creek Metro Park Lakehouse Assessment project to Bialosky & Partners Architects, LLC. This project is to include a comprehensive facility condition and feasibility assessment, the development of an engineering and architectural feasibility study, and a preliminary concept design and development plan for future use.

The project is not to exceed \$25,000 and to have a final report provided to staff by Fall 2025.

The Executive Director requested authorization to award the Silver Creek Metro Park Lakehouse Assessment to Bialosky & Partners, Architects, LLC, for \$25,000 and further give Lisa M. King authority to sign on behalf of Summit Metro Parks.

Resolution 59.2025

The Executive Director was authorized to award the Silver Creek Metro Park Lakehouse Assessment to Bialosky & Partners, Architects, LLC, for \$25,000 and further give Lisa M. King authority to sign on behalf of Summit Metro Parks.

ITEM 7: UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- None

ITEM 8: CORRESPONDENCE

- None

PUBLIC PORTION

- None

ITEM 9: EXECUTIVE SESSION: O.R.C. §121.22, (G) (1), (G) (2), (G) (3) AND (G) (4)

- None

ITEM 10: FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES

- Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. – F. A. Seiberling Nature Realm
- Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. – F. A. Seiberling Nature Realm
- Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. – F. A. Seiberling Nature Realm
- Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. – F. A. Seiberling Nature Realm
- Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. – F. A. Seiberling Nature Realm
- Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. – F. A. Seiberling Nature Realm
- Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. – F. A. Seiberling Nature Realm

There being no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand, this 13th day of May, 2025.


Herb Newman, First Vice-Chair


Lisa M. King, Executive Director

True copies emailed to all Commissioners on May 16th, 2025.

ITEM 4: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

	Central Region	North Region	South Region
Building Visitation	3631	1606	780
Phone calls	196	111	48
Number of Programs	12	12	33
Programs Attendance	324	291	470
Number of Special Events	-	-	2
Special Event Attendance	-	-	216
Number of Outreach	2	5	4
Outreach Attendance	33	100	1,106
Number of Virtual Programs & Outreach	3	-	-
Virtual Programs & Outreach Attendance	30	-	-
Number of Other (Impromptus, School Groups, Visits)	9	2	4
Other Attendance	300	126	52

Center Highlights: South

Springtime is here! This month delivered lots of the “April showers” that we hope will soon bring us plenty of “May flowers.” It was an excellent launch into our sustainability focus of “Water: Connecting Communities” as we focused on the theme of water throughout our various keystone programs. We kicked off the month with an “April showers” themed Kinderealm – that even included dancing in the rain. Nature Club explored “Who Lives in the Water?” including fish, aquatic plants, macroinvertebrates and “Watershed Stewardship” learning how our human-built environments and nature are connected through water. Nature Club also celebrated Earth Day in April by focusing on recycling, upcycling and doing a trash clean-up along the shores of Summit Lake with special guests from Riverkeepers Ohio.



April was also a pivotal month for us in the garden. Construction of the new ADA-friendly crushed limestone surface was completed in the main garden area at SLNC towards the end of March, allowing us to begin using the space for Kids in the Garden, Lil' Sprouts, and Good Garden Talks in the month of April. Let's Grow Akron completed its Community Garden Leader Training for 17 gardeners who are leaders of or planning to create their own community gardens. The garden season kicked off officially on April 19 when gardeners received their plot assignments at the garden orientations at both the Summit Lake Community Garden and the Goodyear Heights Community Garden.

Naturalists at Summit Metro Parks were able to participate in several valuable training opportunities including a De-escalation training presented by the Gentle Way Institute that teaches non-violent ways to stay safe and reduce conflict in public interactions. We also traveled to Geauga County to meet up with education staff from four local park districts for a Naturalist Gathering to learn about spring ephemeral wildflowers.



At Summit Lake Nature Center on Earth Day, April 22, we unveiled our new spring exhibits including an interactive pond themed play space and a hanging

display of upcycled plastic bottles, colored and woven to look like waves of water. Stop by the nature center to explore these unique exhibits and learn more about how we can protect our local waterways with simple everyday actions.

What's Next

From blooming wildflowers to singing birds, nature is alive in the month of May—and so are our programs!

Please don't miss returning favorites this month:

- Self-guided hikes on Daffodil Trail (FR)
- Native and vegetable plant swaps at Summit Lake and Goodyear Heights gardens
- Wandering for Warblers birding trip starting from the Nature Realm

Don't forget to check out a few of our new programs and activities:

- Let's Go Green: What Can We Do? Risk or Reward (LPNC)
- National Ride of Silence bike ride with South Street Ministries (SLNC)
- ...and more!

We can't wait to see you out on the trails during Spree for All (May 1 – June 30)! In addition to the headquarters location, you can pick up rewards at Liberty Park Nature Center, F. A. Seiberling Nature Realm, and Summit Lake Nature Center.

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

- Our Native Plant Festival is set for May 17 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Munroe Falls Metro Park. Please join us for food, fun, programs, and (native) PLANTS!
- Most Citizen Science programs are operational, and a new program was recently implemented. CLOUDS! This project will add data to a worldwide database led by NASA called Globe Observer. Registered park volunteers will monitor clouds from assigned sites (large parking areas with clear views of the sky) throughout the park district. Collecting cloud data will compliment data NASA collects from satellites and help to monitor weather patterns and climate change.
- Most summer seasonals have begun work with a few returning from previous years. These young people will provide value to our existing work and will develop skills to build their own careers.

CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT

April

Headquarters

Calls: 1,309

Visitors: 144

HUMAN RESOURCES

Summit Metro Parks held its inaugural seasonal orientation on April 20 at the F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm auditorium. There are four more seasonal orientations scheduled throughout the spring and summer, onboarding around sixty seasonal employees.

Milestone Anniversaries:

Ryan Blizzard	20 Years of Service	Park Technician I
Danette Rushboldt	15 Years of Service	Interpretive Artist
Tyler Meredith	10 Years of Service	Park Technician I
Nick Kifer	10 Years of Service	Park Technician I
Searcy Bradley	5 Years of Service	Park Technician I
Travis Saunier	5 Years of Service	Civil Engineer/Construction Supervisor

Retirements:

Christy Counterman	15 Years of Service	Marketing Assistant
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Promotions:

Ben Elia	Trail Technician
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New Hires

Jordon Collins	Community Engagement Specialist
Vincent Cocuzza	Donor Relations Coordinator
Jay Rauschenbach	Park Planner

Separations:

Ryan Trenner	Park Technician I – Sand Run
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Postings:

04/08/25	Forestry Technician
04/15/25	Chief of Rangers
	PTYR- Park Technician I
04/22/25	Part Technician I – Sand Run

Seasonals:

Gaige Barrett	Seasonal Maintenance	New Hire
Zoe Brown	Seasonal Cultural Resources Tech.	New Hire
Grace Bodossian	Seasonal Horticulturalist	Rehire
Eugene Bosch	Seasonal Boathouse Attendant	Rehire
Connor Butke	Seasonal Maintenance	New Hire
Dillon Byars	Seasonal Maintenance	New Hire
John Cave	Seasonal Maintenance	New Hire
Hannah Cooler	Seasonal Maintenance	New Hire
Sarah Culliton	Seasonal Biologist	Rehire
Julia Edwards	Seasonal Biologist	Rehire
Joshua Garner	Seasonal Maintenance	New Hire
Daniel Greco	Seasonal Naturalist	Rehire
Bryson Hill	Seasonal Maintenance	New Hire
Jaxon Monnard	Seasonal Maintenance	Rehire
James Myers	Seasonal Cultural Resources Tech.	New Hire
Joseph Naiman	Seasonal Maintenance	New Hire
Isabel Neeley	Seasonal Maintenance	New Hire
Cora Neville	Seasonal Biologist	Rehire
Noah Nicholas	Seasonal Maintenance	New Hire
Nick Pagels	Seasonal Maintenance	New Hire
Nick Palmer	Seasonal Naturalist	Rehire
Olivia Pira	Seasonal Biologist	New Hire
Jori Presutti	Seasonal Conservation Maintenance	New Hire
Logan Radcliff	Seasonal Maintenance	New Hire
Srdjan Rakic	Seasonal Conservation Maintenance	New Hire
Carson Roberts	Seasonal Maintenance	Rehire
Adam Schlarb	Seasonal Maintenance	Rehire
Robert Sherman	Seasonal Maintenance	Rehire
Lucas Ulbricht	Seasonal Maintenance	New Hire
Wyatt Ulbricht	Seasonal Maintenance	New Hire
Jenna Wike	Seasonal Conservation Maintenance	New Hire
Jessica Williams	Seasonal Biologist	Rehire

Volunteer Program

- Volunteer Engagement
 - In April 2025, 104 reoccurring volunteers reported 1,075 hours within 33 assignments across the park district including the fishing derbies.
 - Episodic volunteers contributed 118 hours assisting with spring-cleaning events at Munroe Falls Metro Park, Cascade Valley Metro Park and Nimisila Reservoir. They also assisted in a bareroots planting along the Jogging Trail in Sand Run Metro Park and a perennial planting at the Valley View Area of Cascade Valley Metro Park. Among them included employees from Wayside Furniture, Bloom Medicinal Akron, Burns and McDowell and First Generation Medical Professionals.
 - Twenty-seven youth volunteers from Hudson High School contributed 81 hours in April by assisting in a spring cleanup at Munroe Falls.

- Recruitment
 - One new volunteer has been selected and onboarded this month.
 - Coordinating with 15 corporate groups on possible volunteer service projects this spring.
 - The interest of 90 prospective volunteers was expressed within April alone via our volunteer signup at summitmetroparks.org/volunteer.aspx.
- Education and Outreach
 - The volunteer department celebrated National Volunteer Week with social media posts created by the Marketing Department. See volunteer interviews here: [Meet 5 Volunteers from Summit Metro Parks](#)
 - Volunteer Program Coordinator Jessica Tomlins was accepted into a six-week Volunteer Engagement Fundamentals Course hosted by ServeOhio. Additionally, we celebrated her one-year anniversary with SMP mid-April. It has been great to have her enthusiasm, ideas, and dedication to assisting volunteers and staff.

Photos: Perennial planting at Valley View (left) Nimisila Reservoir clean up (right)



MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

- **This May**, the Marketing department is focused on:
 - Continuation of the online program registration project
 - Promoting and staffing Spree for All **(5/1-6/30)**, the Mother's Day 5K **(5/11)** and Native Plant Festival **(5/17)**
 - Preparing for a public meeting for Free the Falls project updates **(5/19)** and developing our summer messaging/ad campaign promoting the Free the Falls project to remove the Gorge Dam
 - Coordinating with CVNP on a private ribbon-cutting event to dedicate the new river access site at Northampton Point **(tentatively planned for 5/29)**
 - Hiring for one open department position (marketing assistant)
- Marketing has once again coordinated with the Summit Metro Parks Foundation and HiHo Brewing Co. on a custom "Wild Back Yards" pale ale brew. This product partnership brings greater awareness to the Wild Back Yards initiative and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Summit Metro Parks Foundation. A launch event, where SMP staff will be on hand to discuss the Wild Back Yards program, is planned for May 14 at 3 p.m. at HiHo Brewing Co. in Cuyahoga Falls.
 - This year, **Maple Leaf Gifts** staff will be in attendance to sell Wild Back Yards themed merchandise.
- We have received the results of the **2025 Summit Poll**. High-level findings will be shared with the Board at an upcoming meeting.
- **Media coverage** in April included mentions or stories in the following outlets: Akron Beacon Journal (Gorge Dam removal, Kids' and Special Needs Fishing Derbies), Akron Life Magazine (Kids in the Garden program), Cleveland 19 News (Bat Appreciation Day), Ideastream (Gorge Dam removal, hummingbirds, salamanders), Ohio Magazine (SMP programs and events), Outdoor News (Fish Ohio program), Patch (Gorge Dam removal), Record-Courier (best fishing lakes in Ohio), Script Type Publishing (Bike & Hike Trail), Signal Akron (Kids' Fishing Derby, South Street Ministries cycling programs), Spectrum News 1 (Gorge Dam removal), WAKR (Kids' Fishing Derby, Daffodil Trail blooms), West Side Leader (Daffodil Trail blooms) and WKYC-TV (Mother's Day 5K)
- Marketing staff attended the annual **Akron-Summit Convention and Visitors Bureau's "Zenith Awards" event on May 7** where we were honored with a hospitality industry "Pinnacle Partnership" Zenith Award for our collaboration with HiHo Brewing Co. to promote Wild Back Yards with a custom pale ale beverage.

- Maple Leaf Gifts processed nearly \$5,000 in sales last month, with best-selling items including clothing, jewelry and books. Staff will support Summit Metro Parks with pop-up shopping opportunities at several upcoming events.
- **2024 Fall Hiking Spree numbers are now available!** It was another great year for the Spree, which saw 13,874 people earn rewards during the 61st annual event. This was a slight decrease from last year's participation but still more than event participation averages over the decades. Additionally, volunteers served the public throughout spree season by attaching thousands of hiking shields to visitors' staffs during several "Shield Assistance" programs coordinated by marketing staff.

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OPERATIONS

Park Areas and Structures

- Gorge: The t-dock was removed in preparation for the sediment removal project.
- Silver Creek: Staff located a large sink hole (6' x 12' x 12' deep) near the boat house parking lot and bridle trail. The Ohio Department of Natural Resource Division of Mineral Resources Management determine the sink hole is related to an abandoned mine shaft. ODNR will hire a contractor to complete the reclamation work.
- Goodyear: The Pioneer Shelter will be stained and the flagstone floor repaired this month.
- Goodyear: Quotes were obtained to replace steam lines for Goodyear Lodge's boiler system. Quotes are also being obtained to replace kitchen cabinets and adjust countertops for ADA requirements in both rooms. Work is planned to be completed this summer while the lodge is closed for paving.
- Sand Run: Quotes were obtained to repave Shady Hollow Lodge's driveway and parking lot, and portions of Chestnut Lodge's driveway and parking lot.
- Sand Run: Quotes are being obtained to replace the roof on the Service Center and a storage garage. Quotes are also being obtained to replace the fascia, soffit and gutters on the field office.
- Liberty Park: Quotes are being obtained to replace the roof, fascia, soffit and gutters at the field office.
- Towpath: The wire for the tunnel lights at Waterloo Road was stolen and will be repaired this spring.
- District-wide: Memorial benches for SMP Foundation are being installed this spring.
- Staff are working with the planning department to develop plans for the future central maintenance facility, Silver Creek and Munroe Falls master plans, Goodyear Lodge boiler system, kitchen cabinets and countertops at Goodyear Lodge, docks for Nimisila C3 area and Long Lake area, Coventry Oaks Lodge back deck, paving and Fitzpatrick restroom replacements.

Trail Improvements

- Goodyear: Staff obtained quotes for materials to replace a 16' bridge and headwalls on Parours Trail. The replacement will take place mid-to-late summer.
- District-wide: Spring clean-up and preparing trails for the Spree for All program is underway. Fall Hiking Spree trails have been evaluated and preparing plans for trail repairs this summer.
- Nature Realm: Trail improvements and a small reroute will take place this spring on Fernwood Loop.
- Wood Hollow: Staff are preparing to replace sections of the boardwalk and improve trail surface on Downy Loop later this year.

Park Activities & Events

- The annual kid's fishing derby at Firestone Metro Park was held on April 12 for anglers 15 and younger. Even though the weather was chilly and wet for the event this year, there were still over 325 anglers that participated.
- The annual special needs fishing derby at Firestone Metro Park was held on April 15. The fishing derby was open to adults and children with special needs. The weather was chilly and rainy for this year's event; however, we still had 27 anglers brave the weather.

- Staff are working with several departments and preparing for May's events. The Mother's Day 5k event will be held on May 11 and the Native Plant Festival event will be held on May 17. Both events will be at Munroe Falls.
- Recruitment efforts for seasonal staff have paid off and most positions for the summer are filled.

Training:

- Training: 2025 NE Ohio APWA Expo
When: May 20
Attendees: T. Meredith, D. Gottas, A. Keys, M. Cunningham, M. Thompson, B. Eakin, J. Porchowsky, and M. Bartzi
- Small Engine Repair Course
When: Self pace
Attendees: A. Brown and B. Eakin
- Training: OSHA 30-hour Construction Training Course
When: Self pace
Attendees: B. Gray

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Below is a high-level summary and status update of the active park planning and development projects.

DESIGN, PLANNING AND STUDY PROJECTS:

District Wide

ADA Transition Plan:

- Status:
 - ADA Consultant finished their initial facilities assessment and setting up spreadsheet of projects to review with staff.
 - Interview taking place with all departments to update and follow correct ADA procedures.
 - ADA Coordinator training is on-going (Bob DeVore and Dion Harris certified).

Central Maintenance Facility:

- Work with Richard L. Bowen and Associates continues
 - Construction documents for the site and building are to be complete soon to start site work and utility construction in 2025.
 - Currently permitting with the City of Akron and decisions on phasing the project.

Cascade Valley

Towpath Trail Connector:

- EMH&T is working on alternative designs for the park to consider. Site visits were made to review alternatives and choose the best locations for bridges.

Gorge

Dam Removal:

- Sediment Disposal: status
 - Ohio EPA chose a contractor for the sediment removal work. The Gorge pre-construction meeting was held April 2 and the sediment pipeline and route site walk set for April 9.
 - Working on permits, land acquisition and review of project documents.
- Dam Structure Removal: status
 - This phase is being managed by the City of Akron and will follow the sediment remediation phase.
- Cuyahoga Falls Sanitary Sewer Replacement: Design and coordination are ongoing, hoping to coordinate

Munroe Falls

- Master planning of Munroe Falls Metro Park is continuing.
 - Staff working on final edits to maps and writing report to present to staff and board in July.

Goodyear Heights

Entry Drive and Parking Lot Improvements

- Existing asphalt and curbs will be removed and ADA access to the Lodge and Restroom buildings improved.
 - The parking lots at the Newton Lodge will be CLOSED June 1 – September 30 for this work,

Service Drive and Parking Lot Improvements

- ### New Shelter

- ## O'Neil Woods

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- Hand-drawn site plan for the O'Neil Woods Trailhead. The plan shows a parking area with a "NEW ADA SPACES AND RAMP" section, a "TRAIL" entrance, a "TRAILHEAD" area, and a "NEW WALKER REST ROOM". The site is surrounded by green areas representing vegetation and trees. A scale bar indicates 0 to 30 feet. A north arrow is located in the top right corner.

Trails

- Trail extension in Sagamore Hills
 - Status: Working on agreements with partners, initial trail alignment approved through utilities, moving forward with survey and design.

- Phase 4: Planning continues for the final phase to the Metro RTA Station and Towpath Trail.
 - Looking into alternatives to make the connection to the Towpath Trail more cost effective and efficient.

- Big Bend Restroom Replacement: Upgrades to the restroom and trailhead.
 - Survey work completed and applied for Ohio & Erie Canal Strategic Initiatives Grant for \$30,000 to help with construction costs.

- Lake Area: upgrades to the entire old beachfront area:
 - Beach restoration and playground design underway.
 - Waiting on board approval for Lakehouse building assessment.
- The Silver Creek Trail is a proposed trail which would connect Silver Creek Metro Park in Norton to the Towpath Trail in Barberton.
 - First Energy has agreed to allow the trail on their property from Wadsworth to Barberton. Survey work completed, agreement with First Energy underway.
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Cascade Valley

- Construction work continues

Cuyahoga River Water Trail

Northampton Point:

- Construction continues, currently working on concrete forms and paving the parking lot.



Paving at Northampton Point

Freedom Trail

Middlebury Road:

- New trail connector to the Portage County Hike and Bike Trail, includes a new pedestrian/bicycle bridge over the CSX railroad tracks along with a trail; bridge installed and work for switchbacks underway.



Switchback being installed on the west-end near bridge

Freedom Phase 4:

- Project began on March 5, 2025; began working on clean-up of the corridor with University of Akron.

Ohio & Erie Canal

Towpath Trail:

- Bridge replacement at Wolf Creek Trailhead is underway. Status: The contractor has demolished the bridge and set helical piers to set up a new bridge. Abutments poured on March 4, 2025.

O'Neil Woods

Entry Drive & Parking Lot Paving:

- Entry drive and parking lot are being repaved. Seeding and restoration will need done in the spring.

Sand Run

Retaining Walls and Railing Replacement

- Status: Contractor has set-up traffic controls and work area limits, drilling steel columns and placing steel plates for the wall has begun, all three wall sections is nearing completion.

GRANT ACTIVITY

Grants-Pending: (Application made, awaiting word)

Ohio & Erie Canalway Association	Big Bend Trailhead Upgrades	\$	30,000
Total		\$	30,000

Grants-Awarded:

Akron/Summit Convention and Visitors Bureau	Summit Lake Nature Center Signage	\$	2,500
Ohio & Erie Canalway Association	Sagamore Hills Trail Engineering and Design	\$	20,000
Summit County Community	Northampton Point Construction	\$	11,000
Clean Ohio Trail Fund	Freedom Trail Phase 4	\$	500,000
Ohio & Erie Canalway Association	Towpath Trail - Portage Path N. Improvements	\$	12,000
FHWA - AMATS	Freedom Trail Phase 4 (2024)	\$	700,000
FHWA - AMATS	Freedom Trail Middlebury Connector Trail (2023)	\$	700,000
Land and Water Conservation Fund	Valley View Riverfront	\$	450,000
Ohio & Erie Canalway Association	Barberton Towpath Bridge	\$	25,000
Clean Ohio Conservation Fund	Sand Run East End Restoration Project	\$	175,000
Ohio Capital Improvement Community Park, Recreation/Conservation Project	Valley View Park Development Riverfront Area	\$	98,000
Clean Ohio Conservation Fund	Sand Run Stream Restoration	\$	2,000,000
O&ECC - Summit County Community Grant	Freedom Trail Phase 4 Engineering and Design	\$	5,000
Total		\$	4,698,500

RANGER DEPARTMENT

- 28 incident reports were completed for the month of April 2025.
- 648 hours of ranger foot patrol were completed for the month of April. The ranger's primary means of patrol is on foot, checking designated trails, conservation areas and park boundaries.
- 3,043 visitor contacts were made for the month of April. A visitor contact may be as simple as assisting the park visitor with directions and may be as involved as having to arrest and remove a disorderly park patron for just cause.
- Rangers and commissioned park managers completed weapons qualification April 1-2, both handgun and shotgun, at the Summit County Training Center in Green. Rangers and commissioned park managers must qualify semi-annually with their duty weapon, per Summit Metro Parks Operating Procedure, Firearms Training and Qualification.
- The following rangers assisted with crowd and traffic control at the Summit Metro Parks Kids' Fishing Derby and Accessible Fishing Derby at Firestone Metro Park on April 12 and 15. Sgt Rebecca Deem, Rangers Bill Kelly, Spencer Forshey, Kelly Brown, Dan Krieger, and Joe Gonser.
- Ranger Captain Josh Hamblen participated in the Pittsburgh Half Marathon on May 3 and had been training for months for this event. He will also participate in the upcoming Cleveland Full Marathon in May, and the Marine Corps Memorial Full Marathon in September, even though a brutal winter. Great work Josh!!!
- On April 28, Ranger Department Project Manager Ron Arpajian, who manages property encroachments, orchestrated the restoration of 1/2 acre plot along the western border of Wood Hollow Metro Park, adjacent to Sagamore Companies. With the assistance of the Conservation Department and the Liberty Park crew, members were able to facilitate this project with proper seed and cover crop.



2025 MONTHLY WORK FORCE REPORT, SUMMIT METRO PARKS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Full Time Employees, Job Positions												
Accounting/Payroll Manager (1)	1	1	1	1								
Accounting/Payroll Specialist (1)	1	1	1	1								
Administrative Office Mgr/Executive Asst. (1)	1	1	1	1								
Assistant Park Manager (2)	1	1	1	1								
Assistant Purchasing Manager (1)	1	1	1	1								
Brand Manager (1)	1	1	1	1								
Carpenter (1)	1	1	1	1								
Chief of Community Engagement (1)	1	1	1	1								
Chief of Conservation (1)	1	1	1	1								
Chief of Finance (1)	1	1	1	1								
Chief of Human Resources & Admin (1)	1	1	1	1								
Chief of Marketing & Communications (1)	1	1	1	1								
Chief of Operations (1)	1	1	1	1								
Chief of Planning (1)	1	1	1	1								
Chief of Philanthropy (1)	1	1	1	1								
Chief of Rangers (1)	1	1	1	1								
Civil Engineer/Construction Supervisor (1)	1	1	1	1								
Community Engagement Coordinator (3)	3	3	3	3								
Community Engagement Manager (3)	3	3	3	3								
Community Engagement Specialists (2)	1	1	1	1								
Crew Leader I (9)	9	9	9	9								
Crew Leader II (3)	3	3	3	3								
Cultural Resource Specialist (1)	1	1	1	1								
Customer Service Rep (2)	2	2	2	2								
Donor Relations Coordinator (1)	0	0	0	0								
Donor Relations Specialist (1)	1	1	1	1								
Executive Director (1)	1	1	1	1								
Events Specialist (1)	1	1	1	1								
Fleet Manager (1)	1	1	1	1								
Forestry Crew Leader (1)	1	1	0	1								
Forestry Technician (1)	1	1	1	0								
Graphic Designer (2)	2	2	2	2								
Horticulturalist (1)	1	1	1	1								
Human Resources Coordinator (1)	1	1	1	1								
Human Resources Manager (1)	0	0	0	0								
Interpretive Artist (1)	1	1	1	1								
Interpretive Naturalist (6)	6	6	6	6								
Landscape Architect (1)	1	1	1	1								
Lead Mechanic (1)	1	1	1	1								
Lead Naturalist (1)	1	1	1	1								
Maintenance/Utility Technician (2)	2	2	2	2								
Manager Volunteer Programs (1)	1	1	1	1								
Marketing Assistant (1)	1	1	1	1								
Marketing & Public Relations Manager (1)	1	1	1	1								
Marketing Specialist (1)	1	1	1	1								
Mechanic (1)	1	1	1	1								
Natural Resources Project Manager (1)	1	1	1	1								
Operations Project Manager (2)	2	2	2	2								
Operations Service Manager (1)	1	1	1	1								
Park Biologist (3)	3	3	3	3								
Park Manager I (3)	3	3	3	3								
Park Manager II (8)	8	8	8	8								
Park Planner (1)	0	0	0	0								
Park Ranger (20)	16	16	16	16								
Park Technician I (36)	37	37	36	37								
Park Technician II (1)	2	2	2	2								
Park Technician III (5)	3	3	3	3								
Planning & Development Project Manager (1)	1	1	1	1								
Purchasing Manager (1)	1	1	1	1								
Ranger Captain (1)	1	1	0	1								
Ranger Lieutenant (1)	1	1	1	0								
Ranger Project Manager (1)	1	1	1	1								
Ranger Sergeant (3)	2	2	2	2								
Regional Manager (2)	2	2	2	2								
Sales Supervisor (1)	1	1	1	1								
Supervisor of Cultural Resources (1)	1	1	1	1								
Supervisor of Ecological Resources (1)	1	1	1	1								
Supervisor of Wildlife Resources (1)	0	0	0	0								
Trail Crew Leader (1)	1	1	1	1								
Trail Technician (1)	0	0	0	0								
Utility Technician (1)	1	1	1	1								
Volunteer Coordinator (1)	1	1	1	1								

Total Full-Time Hired	157	157	154	155									
Total FT Authorized	169	169	169	169									
Part-Time, Year Round Employees													
Accounting Specialist (1)	1	1	1	1									
Civil Engineer/Construction Supervisor (1)	0	0	0	0									
Cultural Resource Specialist (1)	0	0	0	0									
Community Engagement Specialist (6)	6	6	6	6									
Customer Service Rep (1)	1	1	1	1									
Interpretive Naturalist (6)	6	6	6	6									
Nature Club Coordinator (1)	1	1	1	1									
Park Technician (11)	11	10	9	9									
Park Biologist (3)	3	3	3	3									
Sales Assistant (2)	2	2	2	2									
Watershed Resource Specialist (1)	1	1	1	1									
Total Part-Time, Year Round Hired	32	31	30	30									
Total PT, YR Authorized	34	34	34	34									
Seasonal Employees													
Community Engagement	2	1	1	1									
Conservation	3	2	2	6									
Operations	5	3	2	6									
Total Seasonal Hired	10	6	5	13									
Total Seasonal Authorized	104	104	104	104									
Casual Employees													
Ranger (5)	1	1	1	1									
Visitor Engagement Specialists (0)	0	0	0	0									
Total Casual Hired	1	1	1	1									
Total Casual Authorized	5	5	5	5									
Intern Employees													
Total Interns Hired	0	0	0	0									
Total Interns Authorized (9)	9	9	9	9									
Grand Total Hired Employees	200	195	190	199									
Grand Total Employees Authorized	321	321	321	321									

Summit Metro Parks

April 30, 2025

I certify approval for payment of the vouchers listed:

Vendor	Description	Net Amount
4 IMPRINT INC	Promotional Giveaways	1,825.61
4 IMPRINT INC	Volunteer Uniforms	562.03
ABC PORTA THRONES	Portable Restroom Rental	1,055.00
ADAMS WATER LABORATORY INC	Water Testing	30.00
AED BRANDS LLC	Maintenance Supplies & Materials	3,784.00
AG PRO OHIO LLC	Equipment Supplies	130.50
AIRGAS USA LLC	Maintenance Supplies	485.43
AKRON BEARING CO INC	Equipment Supplies	126.24
AKRON TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT INC	Equipment Supplies & Repairs	9,958.88
AKRON UNIFORMS	Uniforms	1,230.70
ALAN STONE CO INC	Retaining Wall Replacement	164,980.00
ALCO CHEM INC	Cleaning & Sanitary Supplies	1,813.28
ALL TOWN & COUNTRY SEPTIC TANK SERVICE INC	Septic Service	1,190.00
ALPHA NURSERIES INC	Maintenance Materials	1,535.25
ALWAYS ANGLIN INC	Maintenance Materials	740.00
AM LEONARD INC	Maintenance Supplies	172.24
ANTHEM LIFE INSURANCE CO	Life Insurance	416.11
APG OFFICE FURNISHINGS INC	Administrative Office Renovation	12,534.30
APPLE INC	Office Equipment	9,760.00
ARBORWEAR LLC	Uniforms	324.00
ARS VIDEO INC	Scanning & Archiving Service	327.45
ATWELLS POLICE & FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY	Ranger Equipment	398.00
AUSTIN IGNITION COMPANY	Vehicle Supplies	785.58
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION BUREAU LLC	Background Checks	370.65
BAIR'S INC	Equipment Supplies	78.88
BAKER VEHICLE SYSTEMS INC	Vehicle Supplies	252.74
BASIC BENEFITS LLC	FSA & COBRA Administration	323.39

BUCKEYE UNIFORMS INC	Uniforms	340.97
BUCKINGHAM DOOLITTLE & BURROUGHS	Legal Services	15,255.00
C & L SHOES INC	Uniforms	1,864.93
CAR PARTS WAREHOUSE INC	Vehicle Supplies	444.33
CARDINAL CEMENT & EXCAVATING COMPANY INC	Concrete Installation	34,110.00
CAVANAUGH BUILDING CORP	River Access Project	63,126.00
CERMAK, JAMES J	Gift Shop Items & Program Supplies	629.75
CITY OF AKRON	Water & Sewer Services	1,566.80
CITY OF AKRON	Ranger Radio Fees	1,572.00
CITY OF BARBERTON	Water & Sewer Services	49.07
CITY OF CLEVELAND	9999 Liberty Rd - Water Services	133.52
CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS	Water & Electric Services	298.12
CITY OF HUDSON	Electric Service	13.82
CITY OF MUNROE FALLS	Water Services	36.80
CITY OF STOW	Water Services	32.98
CLEVELAND VICON CO INC	Maintenance Materials	10,479.00
COLIN BAKER	Advertising	2,813.00
COMDOC INC	Copier Service Contracts	110.66
COPLEY TOOL RENTAL LLC	Equipment Rental	805.60
CRANDALL CO INC	Vehicle & Equipment Supplies	1,043.60
CURFMAN, JANEAN DENISE	Uniform Reimbursement	79.99
CURTIS, EMILY M	Gift Shop Items	116.10
CUSTOM APPAREL ETC LLC	Uniforms	1,943.50
DATABASE MARKETING INNOVATORS INC	Mailing Services	603.94
DAVEY RESOURCE GROUP INC	Boundary Survey	7,720.00
DGL CONSULTING ENGINEERS LLC	Design Services	34,770.00
DON BRODIES THOMAS LIMOUSINE SERVICE INC	Program Transportation	735.00
EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY	Gas Service	2,492.03
ELIZABETH F SCHUSTER	Strategic Plan	14,506.00
ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	Vehicle Lease	50,834.99
ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP LLC	Park Master Plans	1,854.60
ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP LLC	Bike & Hike Trail Design	10,335.30
EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING AMERICA HOLDING INC	Water Testing	30.00
EVANS MECHWART HAMBLETON & TILTON INC	Valley View Bridge Design	19,387.13
EVANS MECHWART HAMBLETON & TILTON INC	Construction Services	5,953.28
E-VOLVE CREATIVE GROUP LLC	Website Services	12,826.50
E-VOLVE CREATIVE GROUP LLC	Program Reservation Development	4,800.00
FALLSWAY EQUIPMENT CO INC	Vehicle Supplies	42.00
FAMOUS DISTRIBUTION INC	Maintenance Materials	2,432.52
FASTENAL COMPANY	Maintenance Materials	68.20
FIRST COMMUNICATIONS LLC	Phone & Internet Services	6,285.10
FISHER SAND & GRAVEL INC	Maintenance Materials	747.34
FLORENT, MIRANDA RAE	Mileage Reimbursement	87.36
FOLKMANIS INC	Gift Shop Items	24.50
FORESTRY SUPPLIERS INC	Maintenance Materials & Supplies	422.90
FRED MARTIN MOTOR COMPANY	Vehicle Supplies	300.96
GALLS PARENT HOLDINGS LLC	Maintenance Materials	304.98
GATEWAY PRODUCTS RECYCLING INC	Shredding Service	24.88
GEMPLERS INC	Maintenance Materials	122.48
GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	Maintenance Materials & Supplies	655.51
GEO-SCI LABORATORY INC	Construction Testing & Inspection	1,974.60
GOLD CREST DISTRIBUTING LLC	Gift Shop Items	511.66
GOOSE DOCTORS LLC	Wildlife Management	650.00
GOTTO, ANTHONY	Ranger Reimbursement	99.00
HANES COMPANIES INC	Maintenance Materials	547.00
HARTVILLE HARDWARE INC	Maintenance Supplies	198.36

HIGH ENERGY ASSOCIATES LLC	Maintenance Supplies	109.68
HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK	Safe Deposit Box Rentals	315.00
INDEPENDENCE OFFICE AND BUSINESS SUPPLY CO INC	Maintenance & Office Supplies	437.57
JACKSON HIRSH INC	Office Supplies	147.54
JD WILLIAMSON CONSTRUCTION CO INC	Freedom Trail Project	267,951.00
JERRY PATE TURF & IRRIGATION INC	Equipment Supplies	831.15
JOHNSON, MICHAEL D	Program Expense	75.00
JWS WHOLESALE BAIT LLC	Program Supplies	140.00
KAMM STAR CONTRACTORS LLC	HVAC Maintenance	200.00
KASTNER WESTMAN & WILKINS LLC	Legal Services	700.00
KEIM CO	Maintenance Materials	434.38
KEITH C LUCKS EXTREME TREE SERVICE LLC	Invasive Tree Removal	24,500.00
KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY INC	Ranger Equipment	6,317.80
KROMHARD TWIST DRILL LLC	Maintenance Materials	92.85
KUBICKI ENTERPRISES INC	Maintenance Materials	101.92
KURTZ BROS INC	Maintenance Materials	683.60
LEANDRA DRUMM DESIGN INC	Gift Shop Items	280.00
LEPPO INC	Equipment Rental	3,464.00
LODI LUMBER COMPANY	Program Supplies	616.76
M CONLEY CO	Maintenance Supplies	2,818.99
MAGIC GARAGE DOOR INC	Overhead Door Maintenance	1,148.00
MANN MARKETING INC	Promotional Giveaways	10,595.16
MARKS CONSTRUCTION INC	Maintenance Materials	871.70
MARS ELECTRIC CO INC	Maintenance Materials	1,643.94
MCDONALD HOPKINS LLC	Legal Services	5,845.00
MCMASTER CARR SUPPLY CO	Maintenance Materials	51.61
MCMILLEN STEEL LLC	Maintenance Supplies	235.30
MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO	Vision & Hearing Claims & Administration	463.19
MIDWEST MOTOR SUPPLY CO INC	Maintenance Supplies	2,196.13
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	Ranger Communication Equipment	5,801.50
MULTI SERVICE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS INC	Uniforms	2,246.40
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO INC	Equipment Rental & Supplies	3,816.21
MYTEE INC	Maintenance Supplies	231.84
NATIONAL LIME & STONE COMPANY	Maintenance Materials	4,405.66
NEXSTAR INC	Advertising	2,500.00
NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT	Water Service	60.90
OHIO AFSCME CARE PLAN	Ohio AFSCME Care Plan	1,799.50
OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL	Ranger Training	75.00
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE	Boiler Inspection	68.25
OHIO EDISON CO	Electric Services	13,477.96
OHIO TACTICAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION	Ranger Training	1,800.00
OLIGER SEED CO	Maintenance Materials & Supplies	473.49
OREILLY AUTO ENTERPRISES LLC	Vehicle Supplies	710.90
OSBORN ENGINEERING COMPANY	Freedom Trail Design Services	8,126.53
OSCAR BRUGMANN SAND & GRAVEL INC	Maintenance Materials	338.43
OTP-AP	Lodge Refund	500.00
P K CRUSHING & MATERIALS LLC	Maintenance Materials	964.47
PARK FORD INC	Vehicle Repairs	1,226.96
PHOENIX METAL SALES AND FABRICATION LLC	Portal Sign Frames	12,320.00
POND MANAGEMENT GROUP HOLDINGS LLC	Aquatic Weed Management	1,103.08
PRAIRIE MOON NURSERY	Landscape Materials	1,669.00
PRO DOOR AND SECURITY INC	Door Repairs	560.00
PROBE TECHNOLOGIES LTD	Computer Services & Equipment	16,276.00
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE INDUSTRIES INC	Construction Testing	5,174.00
PUREBUTTONS COM LLC	Promotional Giveaways	6,494.40
RCR WASTE MANAGEMENT LLC	Composting Service	52.32
REPOS INC	Maintenance Materials	1,038.40

RICE OIL COMPANY LLC	Disposal Services	25.00
RICHARD L BOWEN & ASSOCIATES INC	Architectural Services	13,670.47
ROETZEL & ANDRESS LPA	Legal Services	1,125.00
ROSSI, JOSEPH LEO	Design Services	490.00
SANTMYER ENERGY INC	Fuel Services	13,059.05
SECURITAS ELECTRONIC SECURITY INC	Security Monitoring Services & Alarm Updates	9,403.63
SHELLY MATERIALS INC	Maintenance Materials	1,075.24
SHOE HORN INC	Uniforms	554.97
SMITH, CAROL A	Gift Shop Items	181.00
SOHARS ALL SEASON MOWER SERVICE INC	Lawn Mowers	31,978.00
SOHARS ALL SEASON MOWER SERVICE INC	Equipment Supplies	1,829.45
STANDOUT STICKERS INC	Promotional Giveaways	2,986.66
SUMMA HEALTH SYSTEM	Employee Drug Screens	292.50
SUMMIT C & D TRANSFER LLC	Disposal Services	550.00
SUMMIT COUNTY OH	Regional Radio System	2,814.17
SUMMIT COUNTY OH	Real Estate Taxes & Assessment	4,991.99
SUMMIT COUNTY OH	Sewer Service	586.33
SUMMIT COUNTY OH	Campground License	510.00
SUMMIT COUNTY OH	Building Project Fees	3,500.00
SUMMIT FIRE & SECURITY LLC	Inspection Services	278.00
SUMMIT METRO PARKS	FSA & Visa Reimbursement Check	57,318.69
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA	Dental Claims & Administration	9,128.06
SWAN HARDWARE INC	Fall Hiking Spree Staffs	4,804.80
TEAM APPROACH INC	Office Supplies	216.00
TERRY LUMBER & SUPPLY CO	Maintenance Materials	401.87
TIGER SAND AND GRAVEL LLC	Maintenance Materials	5,791.17
ULINE INC	Maintenance Supplies	432.93
UNIVERSITY OF AKRON	Police Academy Tuition	5,896.00
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC	Wireless Services	5,897.24
VERMEER MID ATLANTIC LLC	Equipment Supplies	191.06
VISUAL EDGE IT INC	Copier Service	1,312.26
W W GRAINGER INC	Maintenance Materials	1,382.99
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF OHIO INC	Disposal Services	1,547.92
WERTZ GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING INC	Construction Monitoring & Testing	5,638.40
WEST PUBLISHING CORP	Ranger Subscription	226.01
WEST SIDE PUBLISHING CO	Advertising	690.00
WHISTLE CREEK LLC	Gift Shop Items	496.19
WL TUCKER SUPPLY COMPANY	Maintenance Materials	87.50
WOODLAND MSC LLC	Maintenance Materials	1,728.50
WVRC MEDIA LLC	Advertising	9,200.00
ZIEGLER TIRE & SUPPLY CO	Equipment Supplies	305.88
ZOLLINGER SAND & GRAVEL CO	Construction Debris Disposal	64.00
ZORO TOOLS INC	Maintenance Supplies & Materials	4,040.75
		<u>1,167,682.07</u>