

July 14, 2026

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, July 14, 2026, 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 Herbert Newman, 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 Herbert Newman, Chair, Joel D. Bailey, First Vice-Chair, Rev. Dr. Curtis T. Walker Sr., Member, S. Theresa Carter, Member, and Lisa M. King, Executive Director. Also in attendance were Dee Falconer, Lindsay Smith, Aaron Hockman, Mark Szeremet, Josh Hamblen, Dale Fobean, Alex Daw, Dave Kamps, Bonnie Burhoe, Andrew LeFevre, John Swansinger, Jake Kelly, and Kelly Messner.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF JUNE 9, 2026 PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

Resolution 73.2026

Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the minutes of the June 9, 2026, board meeting were approved. The previous minutes were emailed for the Commissioners' review.

The vote being:	Herbert Newman	Aye
	Joel D. Bailey	Aye
	Jill M. Stritch	Absent
	Rev. Dr. Curtis T. Walker Sr.	Abstain
	S. Theresa Carter	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 74.2026

Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Ms. Carter, 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:

Herbert Newman

Joel D. Bailey

Jill M. Stritch

Rev. Dr. Curtis T. Walker Sr.

S. Theresa Carter

Aye

Aye

Absent

Aye

Aye

A. **RATIFICATION OF BILLS PAID**

OPERS	June 2026	\$148,070.69
Medicare	June 2026	\$14,399.38
Interim Bills	June, 2026	\$1,643,021.83
Payroll	June 5, 2026	\$500,769.81
Payroll	June 18, 2026	\$508,925.35
TOTAL	BALANCE	\$2,815,187.06

Resolution 75.2026

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

B. **AUTHORIZATION TO ORDER SHIELDS FOR 2026 FALL HIKING SPREE**

The Summit Metro Parks Fall Hiking Spree is a treasured annual tradition for tens of thousands of residents and one of the park district’s most successful means of connecting people to nature. This year for the 63rd annual event, we will once again offer rewards for finishers of the spree. First year hikers receive a hiking staff and commemorative shield, and each year after hikers receive the commemorative shield. Local vendor Sackmann Stamp remains the single-source provider of this type of product and is a trusted company with extensive experience creating these pieces.

The Executive Director requested approval to purchase a total of 15,500 hiking shields for the 2026 Fall Hiking Spree from Sackmann Stamp at a cost not to exceed \$27,905.

Resolution 76.2025

The Executive Director was authorized to purchase a total of 15,500 hiking shields for the 2026 Fall Hiking Spree from Sackmann Stamp at a cost not to exceed \$27,905.

C. **AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR SILVER CREEK TRAIL**

In 2025, Planning Department staff assembled a feasibility study for the Silver Creek Trail from Trolley Park in Wadsworth to the Magic Mile Connector at the Towpath Trail in Barberton.

Building upon that previous study, staff would like to seek qualifications from firms capable of design, assembling construction documents, permitting, providing bidding assistance and construction administration for the proposed trail. Once the most qualified firm has been identified by staff, a fee proposal will be negotiated. The Board will be asked at a future meeting for authority to award the proposed work. The design and engineering of this project is partially funded with grant money.

The Executive Director requested authorization to advertise for qualifications for the proposed Silver Creek Trail project.

Resolution 77.2026

The Executive Director was authorized to advertise for qualifications for the proposed Silver Creek Trail project.

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)

I ask for a Motion that the Board of Park Commissioners adjourn to Executive Session to consider appointment, employment, discipline, investigation, promotion, demotion/compensation of a Summit Metro Parks employee, O.R.C. §121.22, (G) (1); the purchase of property for a public purpose pursuant to O.R.C. §121.22, (G) (2); to confer with counsel concerning disputes that are the subject of pending litigation and imminent litigation pursuant to O.R.C. §121.22, (G) (3); and to prepare for discussions with public employees concerning terms and conditions of employment pursuant to O.R.C. §121.22, (G) (4).

Resolution 78.2026

Following discussion, it was moved by Ms. Carter, seconded by Rev. Walker, that the Board of Park Commissioners adjourn to executive session.

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

Resolution 79.2026

Following discussion, it was moved by Rev. Walker, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board of Park Commissioners return to open session.

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

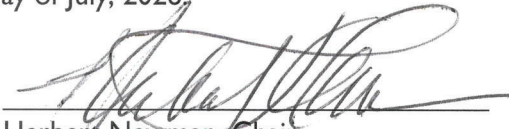
The Board returned to open session.

ITEM 10: FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES

Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. – F. A. Seiberling Nature Realm
Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. – F. A. Seiberling Nature Realm (*Foundation*)

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. – F. A. Seiberling Nature Realm
Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. – F. A. Seiberling Nature Realm (Foundation)
Tuesday, December 8, 2026 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 14th day of July, 2026.


Herbert Newman, Chair

Lisa M. King, Executive Director

True copies emailed to all Commissioners on July 17, 2026.

ITEM 4: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

	North Region	Central Region	South Region	Administrative Office
Public Programs	23	42	35	
Outreach Programs	6	6	5	
Program Attendance	693	1216	1257	
Phone Calls	56	174	80	1620
Building Visitation	2334	4825	1208	204

Liberty Park Nature Center

- June in the north region featured a prototype Pop-Up Nature Center at Furnace Run and the addition of two new community groups. A highlight was the Senior Ice Cream Social at Munroe Falls Metro Park, where in partnership with the Volunteer Department we hosted 65 older adults and day-service participants and showcased Cycling Without Age, providing approximately 30 rides. We look forward to building this momentum by serving five new groups in July.

Summit Lake Nature Center

- Summer outdoor recreation is in full swing with kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, fishing, cycling, archery, and gardening programs ramping up. We celebrated a successful Kid’s Fishing Derby and Special Needs Fishing Derby over Father’s Day weekend. Our staff bring nature to the public by doing outreach activities throughout the county including working with Better Kenmore, Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority, various summer camps, Kiwanis clubs and more!

F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm

- Drawing Outdoors** by Interpretative Artist Danette Rushboldt continues to be a popular activity for visitors of all abilities. Day support groups, adults, and teens enjoy an art class as they are surrounded by flowers, butterflies, and birds. Drawing programs continue through August at F. A. Seiberling Nature Realm.



CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

- Conservation staff have been participating in City of Akron Climate Change Action Plan meetings.

- The annual field school with the University of Akron is wrapping up and students are preparing formal presentations for later in July. This year's field school focused on expanding excavations at the Prather House Site (part of Wheelock Acres) and data collected from this site will be included in our application to add the Wheelock Acres Site to the National Register of Historic Places for its significance to Black History and especially the Great Migration.



CVNP staff visit archeological work at Wheelock Acres

- A site visit was held with the Wyandotte Nation at the Everette Knoll Site to discuss repatriation of ancestral human remains and future management of the knoll site.
- After nearly two years of affecting visitors at Sand Run Metro Park, the source of the persistent odor has been identified as a damaged sewer. A corroded manhole carrying wastewater from developments along Smith Road to a main sewer line beneath Sand Run Parkway was found to be the cause. The City of Akron is currently repairing the damaged infrastructure to resolve the issue.
- Park inventories are underway at the newly acquired Slipper Run Conservation Area in Peninsula.

HUMAN RESOURCES

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES:

- 10 Years of Service: Planning & Development Construction Supervisor Bob DeVore
- 5 Years of Service: Mechanic Michael Marcum

PROMOTIONS:

- Mathew Kincaid to Park Technician I

NEW HIRES:

- Thomas Bullock as Park Technician I

SEASONALS:

We have completed hiring seasonal positions for Community Engagement (4 positions), Conservation (10 positions) and Operations (41 positions) departments for the 2026 spring/summer seasons.

POSTINGS:

- 06/12/26 Part-time, Year-round Park Technician I – Munroe Falls
- 06/16/26 Maintenance Utility Technician
- 06/23/26 Park Technician III (External)
- 06/30/26 Park Manager I – Furnace Run

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM UPDATES:

- **Reoccurring Volunteer Engagement** | In June 2026, 144 reoccurring volunteers reported 1,308 hours for an average of 9 hours and 4.5 shifts per volunteer. Volunteers participated in 27 assignments across eight departments.
- **Episodic Volunteer Engagement** | 71 episodic volunteers contributed 194 hours assisting with the Fishing Derby and Special Needs Fishing Derby. United Disabilities Services and employees from Key Bank



assisted in trash cleanups along the Freedom Trail. Employees from Enbridge assisted in a trash clean up on the Cuyahoga River resulting in 741 lbs. of trash and 39 tires being removed from the water.

- **Group Interest** | Since the start of the new year, 64 requests have been submitted by corporate or youth groups looking for service opportunities this spring. So far, 17 groups have a confirmed project.
- **Senior Ice Cream Social** | The volunteer department partnered with community engagement to host a senior ice cream social. We had over 65 attendees taking part in naturalist-led activities including learning to fish and enjoying refreshments, while 31 took a ride around the lake on the Cycling Without Age trishaws. We had many couples and families as well as groups from UDS, Weaver Industries, The Society and Ardmore.
- **Second Quarter Review** | In the second quarter of 2026 (Apr-June), 412 volunteers (ongoing, episodic and group participants) reported 4,488 hours for an average of 11 hours per volunteer. Volunteers served in 2,063 shifts within 38 assignments across eight departments.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

- **This July**, the Marketing & Communications department is focused on:
 - Brainstorming for 2027+ park district communications
 - 2Q updates to Goal 4 of the park district’s strategic plan, and
 - Planning and preparations for late summer and fall events: Touch-a-Truck, Fall Hiking Spree, Fall Family Outing and Truck-or-Treat.
- **Media coverage in June** included mentions or stories in the following outlets: Akron Beacon Journal (Goodyear Heights Metro Park community shredding, fishing derbies, Akron dance festival preview, SR 91/BHT detour, programs & events), Cleveland.com (fireworks parking at Wood Hollow Metro Park, Heinz Poll Summer Dance Festival performances), Family Destinations Guide (Wood Hollow Metro Park), Northeast Ohio Parent (benefits of nature for children with disabilities, nature centers), Ohio Magazine (kids programs), Signal Akron (river cleanups, biking on the BHT), Spectrum News 1 (fishing derbies) and West Side Leader (river cleanup, Garden Conservancy open days, Fairlawn regulations for smoke and vape shops).
- Marketing continues to support a summer **“Free the Falls” awareness campaign** as the sediment remediation phase at Gorge Metro Park continues. Staff will continue to maintain up-to-date communications via the Free the Falls webpage at summitmetroparks.org and through the park district’s **Free the Falls Podcast**, with new episodes available each month on Apple and Spotify podcast services.
- **Maple Leaf Gifts** processed \$6,654 in total sales this June. Top-selling products include jewelry, stickers and magnets, clothing and toys.
- Marketing staff attended nine **internal and external community events** in June (reaching more than 2,455 people), including:

Date	Event	Location	Contacts
6/2/2026	Music by the Lake	Munroe Falls	309
6/5/2026	Summit Federal Credit Union Member Appreciation Picnic	Akron	58
6/5/2026	Children's Hospital Dream Night	Akron Zoo	300
6/6/2026	Kenmore Parade & Block the BLVD	Kenmore Boulevard	600+
6/9/2026	Music by the Lake	Silver Creek	127
6/13/2026	Westside Bazaar: Flower Power	Highland Square	23
6/16/2026	Music in the Park	Firestone Metro Park	91
6/18/2026	AMHA Touch a Truck	Summit Lake Apartments	117
6/21/2026	Stan Hywet Father’s Day Car Show	Stan Hywet Hall	830

OPERATIONS

- **Trail Repairs & Improvements:** Resumed improvements on the Downy Loop Trail. Completed the Pheasant Run Trail bridge replacement, including culvert installation and pond bank stabilization. Preparing to repair southern Towpath Trail bridge approaches and replace boardwalks on Redwing Trail (300') and Alder Trail (130'). Obtained quotes to replace entrance timbers and boardwalk decking along Nature Realm Visitors' Center walkway.
- **Lodge Improvements & Repairs:** Constructing a new service drive to improve delivery access for Himelright Lodge renters, with work scheduled to begin in July.
- **Shelter Repairs:** Roof replacements for the Sherman, White Spar, and Mountain Bike Trail shelters scheduled for July. Rescheduled structural post replacements at all three Munroe Falls Lake Area shelters for September.
- **Asphalt preservation program:** Underway with district-wide crack sealing, repairs, and repainting of parking lot lines and ADA spaces. Reinstalling posts and signage following the recent Bike & Hike Trail Stow Bikeway repaving. Obtaining quotes to repave Goodyear Eastwood Area parking lot.
- **Community Events:** Hosted successful June events, welcoming 250+ participants to the Kid's Fishing Derby (6/20) and 100+ participants to the Special Needs Fishing Derby (6/23). Preparing for the upcoming Touch-a-Truck event on August 1.
- **Seasonal Facility Hours:** **Nimisila Campground Office** is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (May 22 – Sept. 5). **Silver Creek Boat House** is open weekends and holidays from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (May 23 – Aug. 16).

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Construction:

- **Central Maintenance Facility – Main Building.** Construction is ongoing with the roof, interior finishes and electrical/mechanical utilities being installed; site work removals have started. Anticipated completion in Fall.
- **Freedom Trail – Phase 4a.** Trail work has started up again in downtown Akron. We are wrapping up lights for completed trail. University Avenue is closed for bridge work. Project is to be completed in the Fall.
- **Paving Projects.** Bike & Hike Trail paving of the SR 303 parking lot driveway and the Stow Bike Way have been repaired and re-paved. Project is to be completed soon.
- **F. A Seiberling Nature Realm – Open Shelter Area.** Utility (Water and Electric) work. Water Fountain moved from near the Rock & Herb Garden to parking lot to meet ADA standards. Shelter has been erected and concrete paving installed. Anticipated completion in Summer. Please take a walk up to the site or we can show you around.
- **Sand Run Parkway Paving Project (Ford to Revere Road).** Mid-July start with work to take 60 days. Project will include replacing 7 culverts and re-paving the road. Anticipated Completion in August for Marathon.
- **Cuyahoga River Water Trail.** The City of Akron, Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Summit Metro Parks recently launched the Cuyahoga River Conditions Tool called [CUYAC](#) (pronounced "kayak") to help inform



Cuyahoga River paddlers river conditions before they get on the water. River rescues and emergencies are common on the Cuyahoga River and most of these tragedies can be avoided by preparing before the trip. Application is live for the public to use.

Design/Engineering:

- **Valley View Bridges.** Design development submittal review. Permitting for the project is awaiting approval. Future Towpath re-route discussion with partners.
- **Summit Lake Perennial Garden (Teardrop).** Construction documents have been prepared and scheduling for construction to be complete for Fall 2026 construction.
- **District Wide Restroom Replacement (O'Neil Woods/Old Portage Area).** Pavement re-design with consultant for late summer bidding.
- **Silver Creek Play Area.** Preliminary design with Midstates. Internal meeting was held to present our design and updating design to incorporate ideas.
- **Munroe Falls Freedom Trail Connector.** Wetlands (Conservation) update to culvert near road, bid in Fall for 2027.

Planning:

- **Sand Run Ford Removal.** Reviewed qualifications and asked consultant for cost proposal.
- **Silver Creek Bridle Trail Reroute.** Evaluating/negotiating proposal fees from consultant to prepare bridle/Miners' trail reroute across the Medina Line Road bridge.
- **Silver Creek Lakehouse.** Reviewing qualifications to find consultant.
- **Highbridge Trail - Structure Study (ravine crossing).** Received draft report. Reviewing comments on options and associated cost. Keep or remove bridge structure TBD.
- **Gorge Metro Park Masterplan.** Looking into future development of trails and restoration.
- **Twin Creeks Metro Park Masterplan.** Setting priorities and working with other departments for consensus on future development.
- **Central Maintenance Facility - Puzzle Building.** Consultant (Bowen) hired, carpentry, police, and regional managers occupants. Kick-off meeting scheduled in June.
- **District Wide Restroom Replacement (Goodyear – Pioneer Area/Sand Run – Big Bend).** Planning and construction documents are with a consultant for future construction.
- **Summit County Trail & Greenway Plan.** We are in the process of updating the plan which identifies trails and greenways in Summit County.
- **ADA Transition Plan.** Planning Department is working to identify and prioritize ADA projects across the park district. We are currently working on a GIS/database system that will help us keep track with progress, location and type of project. With the help of our Operations Department, we are revamping our current kiosks to be ADA accessible across all parks. Current Construction/Design/Planning projects also are integrating ADA projects within the scope.
- **Project Update Map for Website.** An interactive map for the public of all current projects is on our website, please see <https://www.summitmetroparks.org/about/project-updates/> ; project is complete.

GRANT ACTIVITY		
Grants-Pending: (Application made, awaiting word)		
Clean Ohio Trail Fund	Sagamore Connector Trail	\$ 250,000
		\$ 250,000
Total		
Grants-Awarded:		
O&ECC - Summit County Community Grant	Engineering/Design of Silver Creek Trail	\$ 10,000
Clean Ohio Conservation Fund	Slipper Run Conservation Area	\$ 1,730,000
Ohio & Erie Canalway Association	Big Bend Trailhead Upgrades	\$ 20,000
ODNR Division of Forestry	Rx STEP 2025-10	\$ 3,333
Summit County Community Grant	Western Access to Cuyahoga Valley	\$ 10,000
Ohio & Erie Canalway Association	Sagamore Hills Trail Engineering and Design	\$ 20,000
Clean Ohio Trail Fund	Freedom Trail Phase 4	\$ 500,000
FHWA - AMATS	Freedom Trail Phase 4 (2024)	\$ 700,000
O&ECC - Summit County Community Grant	Freedom Trail Phase 4 Engineering and Design	\$ 5,000
Total		\$ 2,998,333

POLICE DEPARTMENT

	Total
Incident Reports	45
Foot Patrol	633 Hours
Visitor Contacts	3,588

- On June 6, Officer Kelly Brown attended the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Touch-A-Truck event. Touch-A-Truck provides first responders an opportunity to build trust with the community and inspire future generations.
- On June 20 and 23, the following officers provided both crowd and traffic control at the Summit Metro Parks Fishing Derbies at Firestone Metro Park: Lt. Rebecca Deem, Officers John Schlaeppi, Kelly Brown, William Kelly, Christopher Lloyd, Spencer Forshey, Dan Krieger, and Regional Manager Dave Kamps.
- On June 24, Ohio Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Officer Zach Hillman requested assistance from Summit Metro Parks Police Department and First Energy in reference to a juvenile eagle with a fishing lure lodged in both the upper and lower break. Before starting the operation, a drone was flown to check on the eagle. Upon checking the eagle, the fishing lure was no longer lodged in both beaks, and the eagle was left in the nest.
- On June 29, Akron Police Department requested assistance from the FBI, Summit Metro Parks Police Department, and New Franklin Police Department for a report involving four missing juveniles near the Summit Lake Community Center. An extensive investigation was launched, and the juveniles were located safely and returned to their parents.

TRAINING

- Gracie Survival Tactics Level II Instructor
When: June 22-26, 2026
Attendee: Chief Josh Hamblen and Officer Joe Gonser

2026 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)												
Accounting/Payroll Specialist (1)												
Administrative Office Mgr/Executive Asst. (1)												
Assistant Park Manager (2)												
Assistant Purchasing Manager (1)												
Brand Manager (1)												
Center (1)												
ef of Community Engagement (1)												
Chief of Conservation (1)												
Chief of Finance (1)												

Chief of Human Resources & Admin (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Chief of Marketing & Communications (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Chief of Operations (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Chief of Planning (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Chief of Philanthropy (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Chief of Police (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Civil Engineer/Construction Supervisor (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Community Engagement Coordinator (3)	3	3	3	3	3	3						
Community Engagement Manager (3)	3	3	3	3	3	3						
Community Engagement Specialists (2)	2	2	2	2	2	2						
Crew Leader I (9)	9	9	9	9	9	9						
Crew Leader II (3)	3	3	3	3	3	3						
Cultural Resource Specialist (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Customer Service Rep (2)	2	2	2	2	2	2						
Donor Relations Coordinator (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Donor Relations Specialist (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Executive Director (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Events Specialist (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Fleet Manager (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Forestry Crew Leader (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Forestry Technician (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Graphic Designer (2)	2	2	2	2	2	2						
Horticulturalist (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Human Resources Coordinator (1)	0	0	1	1	1	1						
Human Resources Manager (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Interpretive Artist (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Interpretive Naturalist (6)	6	6	6	6	6	6						
Land Compliance Project Manager (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Landscape Architect (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Lead Mechanic (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Lead Naturalist (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Maintenance/Utility Technician (2)	2	2	2	2	2	2						
Manager Volunteer Programs (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Marketing Assistant (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Marketing & Public Relations Manager (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Marketing Specialist (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Mechanic (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Mechanic - Small Engine (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Natural Resources Project Manager (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Operations Project Manager (2)	2	2	2	2	2	2						
Operations Service Manager (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Park Biologist (3)	3	3	3	3	2	2						
Park Manager I (3)	3	3	3	3	3	3						
Park Manager II (8)	8	8	8	8	8	8						
Park Planner (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Park Technician I (36)	36	36	37	36	35	35						
Park Technician II (1)	0	0	0	0	1	1						
Park Technician III (5)	4	4	4	4	4	4						
Planning & Development Project Manager (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Police Captain (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Police Lieutenant (1)	0	0	0	0	1	1						
Police Officer (20)	18	18	18	18	18	18						
Police Sergeant (3)	2	2	2	2	1	1						
Purchasing Manager (1)	2	2	1	1	1	1						
Regional Manager (2)	2	2	2	2	2	2						
Sales Supervisor (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Supervisor of Cultural Resources (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Supervisor of Ecological Resources (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Supervisor of Wildlife Resources (1)	0	0	0	0	1	1						
Trail Crew Leader (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Trail Technician (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Utility Technician (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Volunteer Coordinator (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Total Full-Time Hired	162	162	163	162	162	162						
Total FT Authorized	170	170	170	170	170	170						
Part-Time, Year Round Employees												
Accounting Specialist (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Civil Engineer/Construction Supervisor (1)	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Cultural Resource Specialist (1)	0	1	1	1	1	1						
Community Engagement Specialist (6)	5	6	6	6	6	6						
Customer Service Rep (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Interpretive Naturalist (6)	6	6	6	4	6	6						
Outreach Program Assistant (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Park Technician (11)	11	10	9	9	11	11						
Park Biologist (3)	3	3	3	3	3	3						
Sales Assistant (2)	2	2	2	2	2	2						
Watershed Resource Specialist (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1						

Total Part-Time, Year-Round Hired	31	32	31	29	33	32						
Total PT, YR Authorized	34	34	34	34	34	34						
Seasonal Employees												
Community Engagement	0	0	0	0	3	4						
ervation	5	4	5	7	12	10						
rations	5	3	4	5	30	38						
total Seasonal Hired	10	7	9	12	45	52						
Total Seasonal Authorized	104	104	104	104	104	104						
Casual Employees												
Ranger (5)	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Visitor Engagement Specialists (0)	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Total Casual Hired	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Total Casual Authorized	5	5	5	5	5	5						
Intern Employees												
Total Interns Hired	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Total Interns Authorized (9)	9	9	9	9	9	9						
Grand Total Hired Employees	203	201	203	203	240	246						
Grand Total Employees Authorized	322	322	322	322	322	322						

Summit Metro Parks

June 25, 2026

I certify approval for payment of the vouchers listed:

Vendor	Description	Amount
4 IMPRINT INC	Maintenance Materials	438.67
A & B TENT RENTAL INC	Program Tent Rental	510.00
ACCURATE AUTO GLASS INC	Vehicle Repair	591.64
AIRGAS USA LLC	Maintenance Materials & Supplies	126.80
AKRON SAFETY LITE & EQUIPMENT CO INC	Maintenance Materials	290.00
AKRON TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT INC	Equipment Supplies	528.29
AKRON UNIFORMS	Uniforms	5,191.08
ALCO CHEM INC	Cleaning & Sanitary Supplies	664.54
ALL TOWN & COUNTRY SEPTIC TANK SERVICE INC	Septic Service	1,870.00
AM LEONARD INC	Maintenance Materials	166.59
ASSUREDPARTNERS CAPITAL INC	Vehicle Liability Insurance	4,360.00
ATHENA AKRON INC	Membership Dues	250.00
AUTOMATION MAILING & SHIPPING SOLUTIONS INC	Postage Machine Rental	491.70
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION BUREAU LLC	Background Checks	289.30
BAIN ENTERPRISES	Maintenance Materials	555.00
BAKER VEHICLE SYSTEMS INC	Vehicle Supplies	271.09
BASIC BENEFITS LLC	COBRA & FSA Administration	318.58
BIALOSKY AND PARTNERS ARCHITECTS LLC	Munroe Falls Building Assessment	6,076.89
BRIGHT IDEA SHOPS LLC	Maintenance Materials	1,461.50
BUCKINGHAM DOOLITTLE & BURROUGHS	Legal Services	11,998.00
CAR PARTS WAREHOUSE INC	Vehicle Supplies	458.08
CDW LLC	Computer Docks	1,492.28
CITY OF AKRON	Water Service	1,991.76
CITY OF BARBERTON	Water Service	108.43
CITY OF CLEVELAND	Water Service	97.99
CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS	Water & Electric Service	111.81
CITY OF HUDSON	Electric Service	14.85
CITY OF STOW	Water Service	33.43
CKM CARPET CLEANING INC	Building Maintenance	900.00
CLEVELAND VICON CO INC	Maintenance Materials	780.00
COLIN BAKER	Advertising	2,863.00
COMDOC INC	Copier Service Contract	70.80
COP COLLISIONRIGHT HOLDINGS INC	Vehicle Repairs	14,535.98
COPLEY FEED & SUPPLY	Maintenance Materials	469.84
CRANDALL CO INC	Vehicle Supplies	119.95

CUSTOM APPAREL ETC LLC	Uniforms	7,887.00
DATABASE MARKETING INNOVATORS INC	Mailing Services	175.84
DAYWALT MANAGEMENT LLC	Vehicle Supplies	750.00
DON BRODIES THOMAS LIMOUSINE SERVICE INC	Naturalist Program Transportation	1,327.75
EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY	Gas Service	2,467.57
ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	Vehicle Lease	46,350.92
ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP LLC	Connector Trail Design	4,970.00
ENVIROSCIENCE INC	Gorge Dam Permitting	145.00
EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING AMERICA HOLDING INC	Water Testing	33.00
EVANS MECHWART HAMBLETON & TILTON INC	Engineering Services	1,502.50
EVANS MECHWART HAMBLETON & TILTON INC	Bridge Design and Permitting	85,370.42
E-VOLVE CREATIVE GROUP LLC	Website Services	10,925.00
FALLS FLAG & BANNER	Maintenance Materials	75.10
FALLSWAY EQUIPMENT CO INC	Equipment Supplies	667.44
FAMOUS DISTRIBUTION INC	Maintenance Materials	8.43
FENDERS FISH HATCHERY LLC	Fishing Programs	13,200.00
FIRST COMMUNICATIONS LLC	Phone & Internet Services	6,302.77
FISHER AUTO PARTS INC	Vehicle Supplies	274.78
FISHER SAND & GRAVEL INC	Maintenance Materials	137.10
FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA INC	Postage Meter Rental	144.00
GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	Vehicle Supplies	565.11
GLAUS PYLE SCHOMER BURNS & DEHAVEN INC	Restroom Replacement Design Services	1,952.84
GLAUS PYLE SCHOMER BURNS & DEHAVEN INC	Trail Structure Study	2,747.52
GLOBAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Maintenance Materials	177.03
GOOSE DOCTORS LLC	Wildlife Management	650.00
GVS SAFETY SUPPLIES INC	Maintenance Supplies & Materials	421.30
HELIOS HR LLC	Employee Engagement Survey	6,250.00
IDEASTREAM	Advertising	5,356.00
INDEPENDENCE OFFICE AND BUSINESS SUPPLY CO INC	Office Supplies	380.88
INDIGO BEAM LLC	Computer Software Updates	328.00
INDUSTRIAL HARDWARE DIST INC	Equipment Supplies	360.69
JD WILLIAMSON CONSTRUCTION CO INC	Bridge Construction	25,312.50
JOHN J HEMMINGER CONSTRUCTION COL INC	Maintenance Facility Construction	852,390.00
JWS WHOLESALE BAIT LLC	Program Supplies	144.00
K & M INTERNATIONAL INC	Gift Shop Items	167.77
KASTNER WESTMAN & WILKINS LLC	Legal Services	145.00
KEIM CO	Maintenance Materials	10,769.08
KENMORE CONSTRUCTION CO INC	Freedom Trail Construction	84,008.90
KG NORTON LLC	Vehicle Supplies	81.45
KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY INC	Law Enforcement Supplies	585.60
LINDY PAVING PRODUCTS INC	Maintenance Materials	9,150.00
LTR INTERMEDIATE HOLDINGS INC	Disposal Services	626.23
M CONLEY CO	Cleaning & Sanitary Supplies	3,323.98
MAGIC GARAGE DOOR INC	Garage Door Repairs	1,190.00
MAR ZANE INC	Maintenance Materials	365.40
MARS ELECTRIC CO INC	Maintenance Materials	201.09
MCDONALD HOPKINS LLC	Legal Services	4,223.37
MCMASTER CARR SUPPLY CO	Equipment & Vehicle Supplies	174.51
MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO	Vision Claims & Administration	588.23
MIDWEST MOTOR SUPPLY CO INC	Maintenance Supplies	573.77
MITCHELL MEDIA LLC	Advertising	700.00
MS CONSULTANTS INC	Trailhead Feasibility Study	1,055.78
NATIONAL LIME & STONE COMPANY	Maintenance Materials	5,717.02
NICHOLS CONCRETE SERVICES INC	Maintenance Repair	1,050.00
NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT	Stormwater Service	63.50
NORTHEASTERN EDUCATION TELEVISION OF OHIO	Advertising	1,063.00

OHIO AFSCME CARE PLAN	AFSCME Care Plan	914.50
OHIO ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE INC	Membership Dues	245.00
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	Annual Dam Safety Fees	820.40
OHIO EDISON CO	Electric Service	10,062.00
OLIGER SEED CO	Naturalist Program Supplies	218.87
ORCHARD HILTZ & MCCLIMENT INC	Corridor Feasibility Study	4,395.00
OREILLY AUTO ENTERPRISES LLC	Vehicle Supplies	1,646.55
OSBORN ENGINEERING COMPANY	Freedom Trail Design Services	2,965.90
PARK FORD INC	Vehicle Supplies	43.17
PIEDMONT PLASTICS INC	Maintenance Materials	686.08
PPG ARCHITECTURAL FINISHES INC	Maintenance Supplies	335.44
PRECISION LASER & INSTRUMENT INC	Maintenance Supplies	63.05
PRIME AE GROUP INC	Design Services	7,486.50
PROBE TECHNOLOGIES LTD	Computer Services & Equipment	19,571.42
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE INDUSTRIES INC	Testing & Inspection Services	1,271.00
RAUSCHENBACH, JAY	Conference Reimbursement	184.07
RCR WASTE MANAGEMENT LLC	Composting Service	104.64
REPROS INC	Maintenance Materials	1,610.07
REPUBLIC SERVICES INC	Disposal Services	4,349.76
RICE OIL COMPANY LLC	Disposal Services	151.60
RJ PLATTEN CONTRACTING COMPANY	Nature Realm Shelter	91,751.30
ROBERTSON HEATING SUPPLY CO	Maintenance Materials	2,166.63
ROETZEL & ANDRESS LPA	Legal Services	19.50
RPM INDUSTRIAL COATINGS GROUP INC	Maintenance Supplies	51.98
SACKMANN STAMP AND STENCIL CO INC	Office Supplies	56.00
SANTMYER ENERGY INC	Fuel Delivery	31,318.65
SECURITAS ELECTRONIC SECURITY INC	Security Monitoring Services	1,350.00
SECURITAS ELECTRONIC SECURITY INC	Security System Replacement	4,610.85
SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO	Maintenance Supplies	372.40
SHOE HORN INC	Uniforms	389.98
SICO AMERICA INC	Chestnut Lodge Tables	13,481.60
SKULSKI CONSULTING LLC	ADA Transition Plan	42,885.00
SLICED LOAF LLC	Maintenance Materials	1,030.00
SOHARS ALL SEASON MOWER SERVICE INC	Equipment Supplies	1,835.66
SOLUTION VENTURES INC	Uniforms	23.92
SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT CO INC	Rental Equipment	3,516.00
SOUTHERN COMFORT KITCHEN	Employee Appreciation Luncheon	2,370.00
STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	Life Insurance	475.84
STAT INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGIES INC	Aquatic Management Program	6,000.00
STONECO INC	Maintenance Materials	677.54
SUMMA HEALTH SYSTEM	Employee Drug Screens	356.16
SUMMIT C & D TRANSFER LLC	Disposal Services	110.00
SUMMIT COUNTY OH	Regional Radio System	20,436.78
SUMMIT COUNTY OH	Semipublic Sewage Treatment	350.00
SUMMIT COUNTY OH	Animal Control	300.00
SUMMIT METRO PARKS	FSA & Visa Reimbursement Check	61,472.96
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA	Dental Claims & Administration	5,844.80
SUPERIOR AERIAL AND EQUIPMENT REPAIR INC	Annual Bucket Truck Inspection	800.00
TANK INTEGRITY SERVICES INC	Equipment Inspection	674.55
TERRY LUMBER & SUPPLY CO	Maintenance Materials	803.28
TIGER SAND AND GRAVEL LLC	Maintenance Materials	4,212.51
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CORP (TASC)	HSA Employee Contributions	455.55
ULINE INC	Maintenance Supplies	305.12
URBAN ONE	Advertising	3,375.00
VEIT LLC	Copier Service Contract	682.88
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC	Internet Services	2,044.22
W W GRAINGER INC	Maintenance Materials	2,320.12

WASTE MANAGEMENT OF OHIO INC	Disposal Services	1,715.79
WEST PUBLISHING CORP	Software Subscription	237.31
WEST SIDE PUBLISHING CO INC	Advertising	1,380.00
WESTERN RESERVE COMMUNITY BAND	Naturalist Program	300.00
WHISTLE CREEK LLC	Gift Shop Items	388.00
WHOLLY FRIJOLES MEXICAN STREET FOOD	Employee Appreciation Luncheon	500.00
WINSUPPLY AKRON OH CO	Maintenance Materials	880.00
WKYC TV LLC	Advertising	5,100.00
WL TUCKER SUPPLY COMPANY	Maintenance Supplies	337.70
WOLFF BROS SUPPLY INC	Maintenance Materials	59.19
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