MUSKINGUM VALLEY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Muskingum Valley Park District Commissioners was held at park district headquarters at Mission Oaks Gardens. The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm., by Board President Ty Kendrick.

Mr. Kendrick called roll and Commissioners Ty Kendrick, Ed Shaffer, Marianne Graham, Ben Appleby and Cole Ryan were present. Also present was Executive Director Russ Edgington.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

No guests were in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OR AMENDMENT OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Mr. Kendrick called for discussion on, or revisions to the minutes from the September 8th, 2026 regular meeting. On a motion by Mr. Shaffer and Second by Mr. Ryan the minutes were approved as presented by acclamation.

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND EXPENDITURES:

Mr. Edgington presented board members with a copy of the September 2026 financial statement. After a brief discussion, President Kendrick asked for a motion to approve the statement. On a motion by Mr. Ryan and second by Mr. Shaffer the board voted to approve the statement. The motion carried by acclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Ryan and second by Mr. Appleby the board voted to approve MVPD 2027 Budget (see attached). The motion carried by acclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Shaffer and second by Mr. Ryan the board voted to appropriate $25,000 from the unappropriated balance into the following accounts:

$15,000 Capital Improvements
$10,000 Contract Services

The motion carried by acclamation.

Mr. Edgington informed the board that the district had been contacted by Eric Schowengerdt, Dr. Carl Schowengerdt's son regarding the balance of Dr. Schowengerdt's committed $1,000,000.00 donation for trails. The district will receive a balance of $643,461.00 from a Wells Fargo IRA. The balance owed to the district is $500,000.00. The family has asked that the remaining funds, approximately $143,671 be returned to the Carl G. Schowengerdt Revocable Trust as noted in the attached documents.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Straker Landing – On a motion by Mr. Appleby and second by Mrs. Graham, the board authorized Mr. Edgington to execute crossing and gas line agreements with the Genesee and Wyoming Railroad.

Joe's Run Recreational Trail – The board reviewed and approved a sign template for the prohibition of wheeled recreational devices on the Joe's Run Recreational Trail. Mr. Kendrick suggested a phased public education and implementation program.

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND NEW BUSINESS

Appalachian Community Grant Program – Mr. Edgington announced that a ribbon cutting ceremony has been scheduled for Canal Park Trail on October 14th at 1pm.

Glass Rock Trail – Mr. Edgington reported that an onsite meeting has been scheduled in East Fultonham on October 27, 2026 at 12:30pm. with AEP and the Ohio Rail Development Corporation to discuss utility right of way issues.

Programs and Events - Mr. Edgington reported that the annual Trial of Treats Program at Collegial Woods Trails was well received. Mr. Shaffer reported that he had heard positive feedback about the program and staff.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Kendrick called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion by Mr. Appleby and second by Mrs. Graham, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 12:48pm. The next meeting date is November 10, 2026, at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Ty Kendrick, President

Russell Edgington, Executive Director

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2026 ACTIVITY THRU 12/31/26	2026 AMENDED BUDGET	2027 REQUESTED JUNE BUDGET	2027 JULY COM / BD ACCEPT BUDGET	2027 DEPARTMENT MODIFIED BUDGET
801-000-401001	SETTLEMENTS	480,457.76	434,974.00	434,974.00	434,974.00	438,549.00
801-000-415001	FEES	12,726.34	9,800.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00
801-000-415068	EMPLOYEE INS REIMBUR	3,667.50	6,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
801-000-415131	COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00
801-000-415136	DONATIONS	100,410.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
801-000-415176	LOCAL GOVT TAXES	59,931.76	57,000.00	58,000.00	58,000.00	65,710.00
801-000-415217	REIMBURSEMENTS	99.06				
801-471-501002	EMPLOYEE SALARIES	161,238.49	197,350.00	200,850.00	200,850.00	173,609.00
801-471-502001	MEDICARE	2,284.78	2,912.00	2,912.00	2,912.00	2,517.00
801-471-502003	PERS	22,300.62	28,119.00	28,119.00	28,119.00	24,305.00
801-471-502004	INSURANCE	19,764.93	30,032.30	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
801-471-502006	UNEMPLOYMENT	5,603.22	8,000.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
801-471-502009	WORKERS COMPENSATION	160.63	3,013.00	3,013.00	3,013.00	2,604.00
801-471-502013	TRAVEL & TRAINING EXPENSES	972.50	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
801-471-504393	SETTLEMENT DEDUCTION	10,231.54	11,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00
801-471-511042	INSURANCE-LIABILITY	16,960.00	17,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
801-471-511063	SUPPLIES & FUEL	12,581.70	18,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
801-471-511068	MATERIALS	1,840.28	5,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
801-471-511100	CONTRACT SERVICES	95,980.08	132,164.90			123,000.00
801-471-511109	BIKE PATH EXPENSES	14,908.24	29,628.99	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
801-471-511138	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	1,672.07	8,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00
801-471-511147	UTILITIES	19,318.62	32,130.23	24,000.00	24,000.00	25,000.00
801-471-511156	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	21,549.45	23,688.50	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
801-471-511162	EQUIPMENT & REPAIRS	7,670.06	10,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
801-471-511205	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	15,901.63	38,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
801-471-511999	TRANSFER OUT	12,500.00	20,000.00			
802-000-415178	LOCAL GRANTS	6,250.00	6,250.00			
802-471-511100	CONTRACT SERVICES	3,050.00	14,196.48			
803-471-511100	CONTRACT SERVICES		67.16			
804-471-511100	CONTRACT SERVICES	1,464.00	3,652.44			
805-471-511100	CONTRACT SERVICES		23,368.26			
806-000-415136	DONATIONS	10,000.00				
806-471-511100	CONTRACT SERVICES	1,015.70	322,008.11			
808-000-415001	FEES	2,200.00				
808-000-415136	DONATIONS	2,000.00	4,100.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
808-000-415999	TRANSFERS IN	12,500.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	
808-471-511100	CONTRACT SERVICES	18,126.36	20,021.78	23,000.00	23,000.00	
809-000-415178	LOCAL GRANTS		750,000.00			

October 2, 2026

Russel Edgington
Executive Director
Muskingum County Park District
415 Hunter Avenue
Zanesville, OH 43701

Greetings Mr. Edgington;

My name is Eric Schowengerdt, son of Dr. Carl Schowengerdt, and I'm contacting you on behalf of my siblings David and Jan Schowengerdt, and me, regarding The Carl. G. Schowengerdt Fund. As you are likely already aware, Dad passed on Thursday, August 20, 2026.

Obviously, Dad was a fan of your trails. He talked about how he looked forward to getting his daily exercise on them, even after he began using his walker regularly. He mentioned several times that he missed going after he was no longer able to. The same trails are where I and my own family would do our version of a Turkey Trot prior to our annual Thanksgiving dinner of a Bob Evan's Feast, his favorite.

I'm sure you're also aware that Dad committed $1,000,000 to the Muskingum Valley Park District (MVPD) and that five separate disbursements of $100,000 each have been made to the MVPD in the name of his fund. This leaves an additional $500,000 to be dispensed to the MVPD.

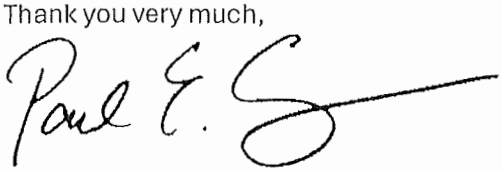
To follow through on his commitment, Dad named the MVPD as the beneficiary of the funds from a Wells Fargo IRA that had a balance of $643,461 at the time of his death. The MVPD will receive a check for that amount from Wells Fargo through Dad's financial advisor, John Ellingwood, at North Point Wealth Management. If you haven't been contacted by him yet, you can reach him at 614-467-8810.

After the $634,461 from the IRA completes his commitment, there will be an excess of $143,641 that was originally stipulated to be given to the Unrestricted Fund of the Muskingum County Community Foundation. In the month before his passing, Dad had paperwork drawn up to change the beneficiary of the above IRA to his trust fund so that it could be disbursed as he wished in his fourth and last amendment to the Trust, on July 22, 2026. He specified that the total donation would be capped at $1,000,000 and the remaining balance would stay with the Trust. Copies of these documents are enclosed.

Unfortunately, he became incapacitated shortly after that and passed before being able to sign and file the document. There is also additional documentation indicating that he wanted that excess amount deposited into his checking account to help cover his final expenses.

We are asking for the extra amount of roughly $143,671 be returned to the Carl G. Schowengerdt Revocable Trust, to be disbursed as he wished in his latest Trust amendment and documented final wishes. Please contact me if you would like to discuss any of this or have any questions.

Thank you very much,



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