

**Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority
Board of Commission Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.
Oakwoods Metropark**

A regular meeting of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority's Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at Oakwoods Metropark.

Commissioners Present:

John Paul Rea
Bernard Parker
Stephen Pontoni
Robert W. Marans
Tiffany Taylor

Staff Officers Present:

Chief Executive Officer
Chief Operating Officer
Chief of Finance

Amy McMillan
Mike Lyons
Shedreka Miller

Commissioners Absent:

Jaye Quadrozzi
William Bolin

Others:

Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone

Steve Mann

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Rea called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

2. Chairman's Statement

None

3. Public Participation

- Steve Beller, Mayor of Flat Rock, stated he does not feel this is a feasibility study, Beller stated the money has been hijacked and the treatment of Flat Rock is appalling.
- Brad Booth, Huron Township resident, stated this started in 2023, residents were not invited to the initial meeting and questioned if that was intentional. Booth stated he submitted a FOIA, to compare dam inspections and wanted to see if the park was in compliance, Booth stated

no maintenance records were provided. Booth stated reasons for dam removal is fish propagation, DNR reports states fish propagation is good, maintenance records and liability.

- John W, Flat Rock resident, complimented the board of commissioners for doing a great job with the parks. John stated the parks are an asset to our area. John stated there is shady stuff going on, he stated he spoke with engineers involved in feasibility study and was told there's nothing wrong with the dam. John stated this seems to be out of character for the organization and asked what are you going to do for the residents and wildlife.
- Dora Sanders Hill, Flat Rock Resident, stated she has lived here for 3 yrs and owns The Sanctuary on Huron River. Hill stated we moved there because its beautiful and certified as nature wildlife area with numerous animals. Hill stated the residents that live there cannot imagine the area turning to wetlands. Hill stated she doesn't understand why the parks are actively involved in destroying something so wonderful. Hill stated please consider the impact that you will have on the residents and visitors that come to visit. Hill stated a new soul food restaurant is popular and will be gone if the dam is removed.
- Mary, Flat Rock resident, stated she has lived in Flat Rock for 25 years. Mary asked about the feasibility report, she stated there was a plan to take down the big dam and smaller dam, stated she was surprised.
- Kelly Miller stated she runs the Facebook page. Miller read "it's not about the dam, it's about the biodiversity, it's a 100 year old eco system that will be lost".
- Jim Martin, council member of the city of Flat Rock, stated he is wondering why we are going to a drastic measure of removing the dam. Martin stated that back in 1989 there was a grant received to repair the dam, he asked why not put in another fish ladder to get fish upstream. Martin stated this seems like a drastic measure for small problem.
- Matt Zick, city attorney for Flat Rock, stated we all serve the same constituents, and the residents do not want the option of taking the dam down. Zick stated the public offer that was made was not a good faith offer, the \$5 offer was made unsolicited to each city by surprise, and it came through media. Zick stated the city took it at face value and did their due diligence and was a publicity stunt, not done to service residents. Zick stated the residents have spoken loud and clear that removing will not serve the community. Zick requests that we do not choose removing the dam.
- Kelly Trombley, supervisor of Huron Charter Township, stated she agrees with attorney Zick that the cities were not made aware of the offer, and received the letters the following Monday. Trombley stated she finds this unethical by the board of commissioners and hopes they listen to the residents about saving the flat rock dam.
- Jamie Thompson, State Representative, stated she is also speaking on behalf of State Representative, Jim Desana. Representative Thompson

stated her office has tried working with the Metroparks and she is here today to be the resident's voice. Representative Thompson stated nobody wants the dam removed, it is going to negatively affect the property values, access to area and transparency has been obstructed.

Representative Thompson stated the whole area has signs to save the dam. Representative Thompson stated it's a nonpartisan issue and we beg you to listen to our concerns. Representative Thompson stated she has been fielding all sorts of questions, phone calls and lobbyists.

Representative Thompson stated she knows the feasibility is a process and sees many faults in the process and the community doesn't feel like their voices are being heard. Representative Thompson stated we urge you to keep the dam as it is.

4. Approval – June 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Marans, support from Commissioner Pontoni that the Board of Commissioners approve the regular meeting minutes as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval – July 10, 2025 Full Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Parker, support from Commissioner Pontoni that the Board of Commissioners approve the full agenda as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

6. Approval – July 10, 2025 Consent Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Pontoni, support from Commissioner Parker that the Board of Commissioners approve the consent agenda as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

7. Closed Session – to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute, pursuant to section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Commissioner Pontoni to convene in closed session for the purpose of discussing material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statutes, supported by Commissioner Marans.

Roll Call Vote

Voting Yes: Parker, Rea, Marans, Pontoni, Taylor

Voting No: None

Absent: Quadrozzi, Bolin

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Reports

A. Administrative Department

1. Report – Special Park Districts Forum Report

Discussion: Executive Assistant, Micaela Vasquez presented the Special Park Districts Forum Report.

Motion by Commissioner Taylor, support from Commissioner Marans that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the Special Park Districts Forum Report as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval - Metroparks Summer Swim Lesson Partner – YMCA Detroit Swims Expansion

Discussion: Chief of Marketing and Communications, Danielle Mauter presented the Metroparks Summer Swim Lesson Partner – YMCA Detroit Swims Expansion.

Motion by Commissioner Marans, support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners approve the Metroparks Summer Swim Lesson Partner – YMCA Detroit Swims Expansion as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval - Digital and Social Media Advertising Services & Placements

Discussion: Chief of Marketing and Communications, Danielle Mauter presented the Digital and Social Media Advertising Services & Placements.

Motion by Commissioner Parker, support from Commissioner Marans that the Board of Commissioners approve the Digital and Social Media Advertising Services & Placements as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Finance

1. Report – Monthly Financial Report

Discussion: Chief of Finance, Shedreka Miller presented the monthly financial report.

Motion by Commissioner Pontoni, support from Commissioner Marans receive and file the Monthly Financial Report as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Department Updates

1. Report – Interpretive Services Update

Discussion: Chief of Interpretive Services, Jennifer Jaworski presented the Interpretive Services Update.

Motion by Commissioner Parker, support from Commissioner Taylor receive and file the Monthly Financial Report as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Amendment - Motion by Commissioner Pontoni, support from Commissioner Taylor to receive and file the remaining department updates as submitted.

- 1. Report – DEI Update*
- 2. Report – Natural Resources Update*
- 3. Report – Marketing Update*
- 4. Report - Planning and Development Update*

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Engineering

1. Approval – Change Order Reflection Nature Trail Improvements Design Services

Discussion: Chief of Engineering Services, Mike Henkel presented the Change Order Reflection Nature Trail Improvements Design Services.

Motion by Commissioner Pontoni, support from Commissioner Marans approve Change Order Reflection Nature Trail Improvements Design Services as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval - Walnut Grove Campground Improvements

Discussion: Chief of Engineering Services, Mike Henkel presented the Walnut Grove Campground Improvements.

Motion by Commissioner Pontoni, support from Commissioner Marans approve the Walnut Grove Campground Improvements as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Planning & Development

1. Approval – North Marina Bathhouse Grant Agreement Resolution

Discussion: Chief of Planning and Development, Janet Briles presented the North Marina Bathhouse Grant Agreement Resolution.

Motion by Commissioner Pontoni, support from Commissioner Parker approve the North Marina Bathhouse Grant Agreement Resolution as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval – TAP Grant

Discussion: Chief of Planning and Development, Janet Briles presented the TAP Grant.

Motion by Commissioner Marans, support from Commissioner Parker approve the TAP Grant as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Public Participation

- Kelly Miller stated she had to pay to get into the meeting and this is violation of the public meetings act. Chairman Rea stated she can speak with park staff following the meeting for a refund.
- Unnamed resident asked why the Planning & Development report was moved on the agenda and how to access the report. Chairman Rea stated he can speak with park staff following the meeting.

10. Other Business

None.

11. Leadership Update

Chief Executive Officer, Amy McMillan stated “Keeping all the communities we serve informed and included in our decision-making process through transparency is the Metroparks' top priority. We appreciate everyone who participated in our community meetings and made their voices heard at our board meetings. We want to be clear: NO decision has been made about the

future of the Flat Rock Dam and we are still exploring ALL options as outlined in the draft feasibility study on our website.

We will we have a recommendation for the Board of Commissioners for consideration and will be communicated during our public meeting in August. That information will be available in the packet for next month's meeting and shared out online, with media and with anyone who has signed up for email updates about the feasibility study. This is the same schedule for the feasibility study that we have previously shared with the public and the media.”

12. Commissioner Comments

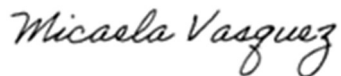
None.

13. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Pontoni, support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners adjourn the regular meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Micaela Vasquez".

Micaela Vasquez
Executive Assistant