



Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners
Board Meeting Agenda
June 20, 2025 9:00 AM
950 Eden Park Drive Cincinnati, OH 45202

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. Call to Order**
 - A. Public Comments
- II. Administrative Actions**
 - A. Action Item: Approval of May 15, 2025, Meeting Minutes
- III. Information / Updates / Action Items**
 - A. Cincinnati Parks + Rec for Wellness Jennifer Hafner Spieser, Cathy Crain,
and Dr. Sian Cotton
 - B. Planning & Design Update Jason Barron, Director
 - C. Monthly Finance / IT Division Highlights Herta Fairbanks, CFO
 - D. HR Update Derrick Gentry, HR Manager
 - E. Action Item: Grants Application / Acceptance Jason Barron, Director
- IV. Director's Comments**
- V. Open Commissioner Discussion & Comments**
- VI. Next Regular Meeting Date: Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 9:00 AM**
- VII. Adjournment**

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

May 15, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners was held on this day at 950 Eden Park Drive. Commissioners present: President Molly North, Commissioner Susan Castellini, and Commissioner Phyllis McCallum. Commissioner John Neyer attended virtually. Vice President Kick Lee was not present. President North called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

Acknowledgement of Public Comments

President North acknowledged five in-person public comments regarding Parks' deer hunting program, staffing of the Conservation and Land Management team, federal policies on the environment and conservation, and the Burnet Woods dog park. President North also acknowledged public comments received via email.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Approval of the April 17 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner McCallum motioned to approve the April 17, 2025, meeting minutes. Commissioner Castellini seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Appointment of Kerry DePietro to Parks' Investment Committee

Commissioner Neyer briefly shared the background and qualifications of Kerry DePietro. President North shared her support and thanked Ms. DePietro in advance for her service. Commissioner Neyer motioned to approve Ms. Depietro for membership on Parks' Investment Committee. Commissioner McCallum seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

INFORMATION/ UPDATES

Planning & Design Update

Division Manager Joel Gross briefed the Board on a number of projects, including the grand opening of Theodore M. Berry International Friendship Park, the Lytle Park comfort station, the Burnet Woods dog park, Smale Lot 23 enhancements, the Mt. Airy bike skills course, ADA pathway, and comfort station, Everybody's Treehouse repairs, the California Woods hydrological plan study, the Sinton Operations center, Inwood Park, and renovations to P&D's headquarters at Hauck Botanic Gardens. The Commissioners and Staff discussed combined sewer overflows and sinkholes at Burnet Woods, and Parks' general approach to managing combined sewer overflow events.

Finance / IT Division Highlights

Herta Fairbanks, CFO, presented an overview of recent significant accomplishments, improvements to processes, staffing assignments, and the general activities of Parks' Finance and IT Division as the end of FY 2025 approaches. Commissioners and Staff discussed having the Investment Committee present to the Board in a meeting prior to the Board's evaluation of the Commissioner Fund budget in early FY 2026. The Commissioners and Staff also discussed Parks technology funding and needs.

HR Update

Director Jason Barron provided a high-level update on new full-time hires and the hiring process, as well as an overview of part-time vacancies by division. The Commissioners and Staff discussed staffing needs and President North proposed having the Division of Natural Resources provide an update on the needs of the Conservation and Land Management team sometime in the next few months.

ACTION ITEMS

Sawyer Point Playground Vendor Selection

Director Barron shared an update on progress towards remedying damage caused by the November 1, 2024, fire at Sawyer Point, and the process of selecting a potential vendor to reimagine and rebuild the playground destroyed by the fire. The Commissioners and Staff discussed plans for community engagement as a significant component of the custom design process. Parks Staff recommended selecting Midstates Recreation to design and build the playground, featuring a custom Earthscape play feature(s). Commissioner Castellini motioned to approve Midstates Recreation as the vendor, and authorized up to \$50,000 as the downpayment for the custom Earthscape play equipment. Commissioner McCallum seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Acceptance of In-Kind Contributions from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation

Director Barron requested the Board approve acceptance of Q1 2025 in-kind contributions from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation in the amount of \$9,376.82. Commissioner Castellini motioned to accept Q1 2025 in-kind contributions. Commissioner McCallum seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director Barron presented the following updates:

- Recent improvements to Fleischmann Gardens and Diggs Plaza
- Krohn's Conservatory's annual butterfly show, *Gothica Botanica*, is open and receiving rave reviews
- A video highlight of the work the volunteers with Friends of French Park are doing to manage invasives and educate the community about their important work
- Summer kickoff events throughout Parks

OPEN COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION & COMMENTS

Commissioner McCallum shared her excitement about the grand opening of Theodore M. Berry International Friendship Park.

ADJOURNMENT

President North adjourned the meeting at 10:15am.

The next regular meeting date is Friday, June 20, 2025, at 9:00am.

ATTEST:

PRESIDENT _____ DIRECTOR _____



Date: June 20, 2025
To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Jason Barron, Director
Subject: Planning & Design Monthly Update

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Park Board Commissioners, please review the monthly update from the Division of Planning & Design (P&D):

2025 PLAN OF WORK UNDERWAY PROJECTS:

Lytle Park Comfort Station: Only one bid was submitted and it was significantly over the estimate. We are regrouping and considering potential paths forward.

Burnet Woods Dog Park: The project is under construction. They have installed the drainage and water infrastructure. They are currently working on the site grading and will be pouring the sidewalk and curbs this week. The project is projected to be completed by the end of July.

Smale Lot 23 Enhancements – Construction: The contracts are with the vendors to sign. Once they have been signed by everyone, there will be a pre-construction kick-off meeting, likely in late June. At that point, we should get an estimated timeline for the project.

Mt. Airy Area 23 Bike Skills Course, ADA Pathway & Comfort Station: Parks is meeting with American Ramp Company, and CORA on 6/27 to coordinate next steps and scheduling, which is tentatively scheduled for fall 2025. We anticipate presenting the detailed site plan to the Mt. Airy Park Advisory Council this summer and will coordinate this effort with Parks' CEV team. We still anticipate being able to complete the concrete work under existing paving or recreational area improvement term contracts.

Mt. Airy Everybody's Treehouse – Repairs and Stabilization: All procurement approvals have been received, and the delivery order (DO) has been issued. P&D will be meeting with Megan soon to establish construction timelines for the project, which is anticipated to begin in July.

Ault Park Playground: Everything is on track. DWA has ordered equipment. Once they have more details about the expected delivery date, we will be able to establish the timeline for installation.

California Woods – Hydrological Plan Design: All survey work has been completed. Survey data processing is underway, with Stantec's geomorphology team to begin interpretation of existing conditions based upon this topographic data and other studies. We are awaiting the geomorphology report draft for review and anticipate receipt by the end of June.

Sinton - East Operations, Facilities and Biochar Campus: P&D has received Design Development (DD) – level plans for all work on the Sinton campus, to include the biochar facility. P&D has begun internal reviews of costs, staging, and project components. We anticipate providing KZF with initial comments in early July. It is anticipated that P&D will share a high-level review with the Board during the July 2025 meeting, and we will include concerns and direction we receive back with our comments.

Inwood Park – Master Planning, Concept, and Request for Proposals: P&D is working to finalize the RFP scope master plan for the park. We anticipate releasing this RFP in July once the City's financial system reopens. It is intended that this RFP will cover work from where we are at initial community engagement through construction level documents for major park renovation components. It is anticipated that the bulk of work will be focused in lower Inwood Park, and will involve these three areas:

- Restoration of the pavilion to include best-use analysis and plans for activation.
- Refurbishment to repurpose the concrete pond area. Initial community engagement raised potential updates and/or altered uses for the pond such as the creation of a natural fishing pond or wetland, repurposing the pond as basketball and pickleball courts, or replacing it with a splash pad, fountain, or water play area.
- Assessment and planning for sustainability measures throughout the remainder of the park to include protection and enhancement of the park's natural elements, preservation of greenspaces and mature trees, expansion of park lighting, and review of supporting elements such as the lower picnic table grove and playground locations in relation to and support of new / improved amenities.

The project to remove the honeysuckle from Inwood is complete.

Sawyer Point Playground: The RFP for the landscape architect is currently out for bid.

Owl's Nest: P&D has requested a proposal from KZF as the engineer of record to complete the construction drawings for the Owl's Nest renovation project. That proposal is expected in late June, and it is anticipated that we will bring that before the board at the July meeting.

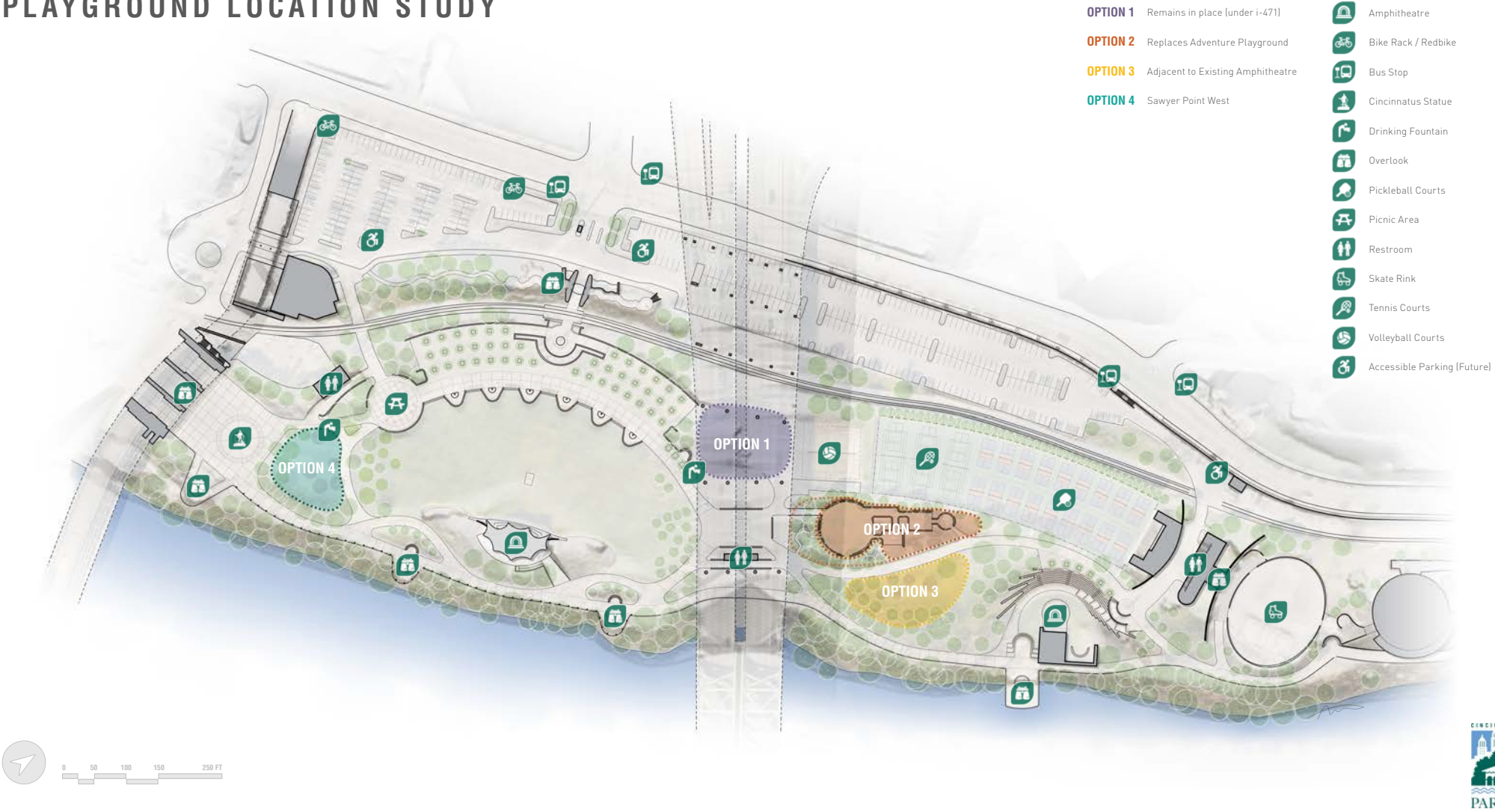
Eden Park Drive – Mount Adams Steps By Playhouse in the Park: As of the writing of this report, no additional plan updates have been received by the P&D office. We are expecting bid-level documents for final review very soon.

PRIORITY MAINTENANCE & EMERGING REPAIR PROJECTS

- **Alms Sink Holes:** The sink holes along the side of the road on the incline loop shortly after the intersection of Alms Park Drive and Alms Park Circle has been repaired. The second sink hole closer to the Alms pavilion overlook is being worked on now and could be completed this week.
- **Burnet Woods Millionaire's Club Sanitary Sewer Service Repair**
- **Cliff Drive Storm Sewer:** Using the new Stormwater term contract to correct a void under the pavement, and one in the grass area south of Cliff Drive. Correction of these issues should significantly reduce subsurface water migration and degradation of the stacked stone walls under the Melan Arch Bridge.
- **Hauck Botanic Gardens – Building Renovation and Repairs.** Should be completed soon.
- **Mt Airy Sink Holes:** Along Blue Spruce Road.
- **Mt Airy Sink Holes Arboretum Drive Area Erosion Correction:** Erosion correction necessary along Arboretum Drive and near the adjacent pond in Mt Airy Forest.

- Sawyer Point Bicentennial Commons Gateway Repairs: Mostly complete. Final closeout expected over the next few weeks.
- Sawyer Point Pickleball Shade: Shade structure has been installed. Awaiting inspection before final concrete poured.
- Sawyer Point / Yeatman's Cove – Geologic Timeline Repairs: Construction for late June, if possible – to be completed before the end of July 2025.
- Warder Nursery and Diehl Road Storage Bins: Installation set for summer 2025.

PLAYGROUND LOCATION STUDY



KEY LEGEND

- 1 PARKING
- 2 DESIGNATED ADA PARKING
- 3 DROP-OFF ZONE
- 4 RENOVATED COMFORT STATION
- 5 RENOVATED OVERLOOK
- 6 BIKE SKILLS COURSE
- 7 PERIMETER BIKE PATH
- 8 CONCRETE ADA PATH
- 9 EXISTING HIKING TRAIL
- 10 SKILLS COURSE ENTRY SIGNAGE
- 11 TRAILHEAD SIGNAGE
- 12 BIKE RACKS
- 13 BIKE REPAIR/PUMP STATION
- 14 ADA PARK BENCH
- 15 PICNIC AREA
- 16 DRINKING FOUNTAIN





Date: June 20, 2025

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Herta Fairbanks, CFO

Subject: Monthly Finance/IT Division Highlights

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Current Projects

- Finance Group
 - Managing fiscal year end reporting requirements
 - Revenue
 - Centralizing revenue tracking
 - Reviewing receivables and ensuring they are relieved when payment is received
 - Operational Encumbrances and Tracking
 - Ongoing identification of process improvements
 - Developing system of tracking contract expiration
 - Capital Encumbrances and Tracking
 - Developing project tracking by Parks' project designation
 - Working on updating Parks' fixed asset inventory
- IT group
 - Review of communications bill to ensure proper billing from City CTS department. This resulted in the removal of 12 cell phones and 11 other charges for remote access resulting in operational savings to Parks.
 - Assisted in the transition from the City's former PDF reader to Adobe Acrobat. Adobe Acrobat allows users to sign documents without a subscription. Previously, 34 users required the subscription-based Foxit Editor. Following the transition, we have eliminated the need for a subscription for 13 of those users.
 - Continued work on developing an implementation plan for the upcoming Windows 11 upgrade project for all of Parks. This is a City-wide project that will affect all users. Care is being taken to ensure as seamless of a transition as possible.
 - Coordinated with ETS to collaborate on upgrading the network at four of our Parks locations. These four locations are directly connected to the City network and this upgrade will lay the groundwork for a future Unified Communications project.

May Financial Report

The main item of note for the May financial report is the transfer of \$3.35 million from 5/3 and PNC banks into various operating and capital accounts. This transfer is a clean up transfer that funded 430 budgeted items as well as capital

donations that had not previously been transferred. The addition of the new finance staff and the grant writer will make this process more efficient going forward and transfers will align better with the timing of the actual receipts.

In Development

- Streamlined process for managing grants and donation ordinances
- Developing reporting by function that recognizes sources and uses of funds (revenue and expense)
- Reconciliation of various accounts



Date: June 20, 2025
To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Derrick Gentry, Supervising Human Resources Analyst
Subject: HR Status Update

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KEY UPDATES



Full Time Overview

Parks currently has **167 full-time employees and 22 vacant positions**, and we are moving swiftly to fill key roles across multiple divisions. There have been three (3) appointments/transfers going to the Civil Service Commission for approval on May 1, 2025.

Jason Barron
Director

Jenny Mobley
Deputy Director

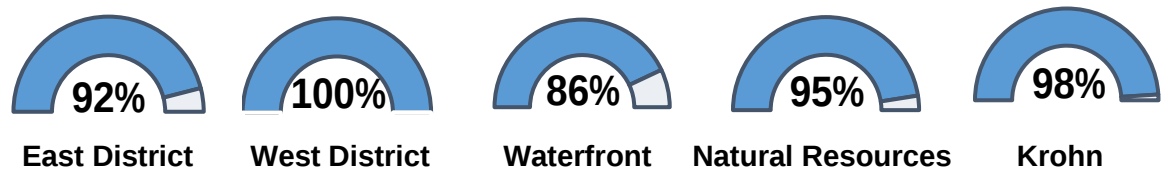
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Part-Time Vacancy Overview by Division



Open Requisitions

Parks has one full-time position requisition: Division Manager of Planning and Design.

Current Job Postings

There are currently six (6) active job postings as of the week of June 16, 2025:

- Supervising Engineer
- Parks/Recreation Specialist – Camp Counselor/Programming
- Parks/Recreation Specialist – Customer Service (Office/Front Desk/Cashier)
- Parks/Recreation Specialist – Events and Audio
- Parks/Recreation Specialist – Horticulture Technician
- Municipal Worker

Full-Time Vacant Positions Overview

FULL-TIME VACANT POSITIONS		
Position Title	Total	Notes
Administrative Technician	2	Interviewing
Arborist 1 & 2	6	Examination under administration
Lead Arborist	2	Interview in progress
Graphic Designer	1	Interviews in progress
Parks/Rec Maintenance Crew Leader	3	Examination under administration
Natural Resource Specialist	2	Examination under administration
Parks/Rec Programming Coord	2	Examination under administration
Service Area Coordinator-EXM	1	Examination under administration
Supervising Engineer-EXM	1	Re-Posted
Truck Driver	2	Applications under review
Total vacancies	22	



Date: June 20, 2025

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Jason Barron, Director

Subject: Grant Application/Acceptance – Parks Foundation Grants, State of Ohio Grants, City of Cincinnati Grant, OKI Grant

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Background

The Cincinnati Parks Foundation receives contributions to fund a variety of programs and improvements. For the Park Board to utilize those funds, staff will apply for funds through a grant application process.

The State of Ohio's biennial capital budget provides funding for regionally significant projects. Tri-State Trails submitted a grant application for Ohio River Trail through Sawyer Point and Yeatman's Cove safety improvement project and were notified of an award of \$140,000 on August 30, 2024, of which the State of Ohio will retain 2% for grant administration. Tri-State Trails has requested the Cincinnati Park Board execute the contract for implementation.

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) offers the Community and Litter Grant program to support litter prevention and cleanup efforts in Ohio. This grant program provides funding for local governments, nonprofit organizations, and academic institutions to implement projects aimed at reducing litter and promoting recycling. Cincinnati Parks applied and received \$97,085 for biochar equipment.

The City of Cincinnati Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES) Green Cincinnati Plan - Seeds of Change Grant Program aims to bring the Green Cincinnati Plan (GCP) to life through resident-driven sustainability, equity, and resilience projects in the neighborhoods hardest hit by climate change. Cincinnati Parks applied and received \$4,330.68 for programming in Mt. Airy Forest.

The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) awards federal transportation funds from the Ohio Department of Transportation to projects with merit that further the transportation plan. Cincinnati Parks applied for \$1 million in funds through the Transportation Alternatives Program for the Sawyer Point and Yeatman's Cove Bike Trail project.

Description

Staff request approval to apply for and accept the grants listed below from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation:

1. **\$142,500 – French Park Invasive Removal & Trail Improvements**
Cincinnati Parks Foundation will provide funds to hire a contractor to begin the work for invasive species removal and trail improvements at French Park.

2. **\$57,000 – Lytle Park Comfort Stations**

This funding is from the sale of benches at the park and is to be used towards the Lytle Park Comfort Stations bid.

3. **\$100,000 – Downtown Landscaping**

This funding is to be used towards public landscape maintenance throughout the downtown region.

4. **\$17,347.50 – Jackson Hill Litter Cleanup**

Grant will be utilized for a cleanup in Jackson Hill that involved removal and hauling of trash, litter, and garbage from the hillside areas.

Staff request approval to accept the grants listed below from the State of Ohio:

1. **\$140,000 – Ohio River Trail through Sawyer Point and Yeatman's Cove safety improvement project**

Design and engineering for a project to remove the railroad tracks and ties and repave the Sawyer Point and Yeatman's Cove Bike Trail.

2. **\$97,085 – Biochar Facility Equipment**

To purchase equipment necessary to process wood waste into biochar within the City's biochar processing facility.

Staff request approval to accept the grants listed below from the City of Cincinnati:

1. **\$4,330.68 – The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and Mt. Airy Forest**

To provide bussing for school program/field trip that showcases the impactful work of one of the few African American CCC camps in Ohio and their conservation efforts to restore woodlands in this urban forest.

Staff request approval to apply for and accept upon award the grant listed below from the OKI Regional Council of Governments:

1. **\$1,000,000 – Ohio River Trail through Sawyer Point and Yeatman's Cove safety improvement project**

Construction costs for a project to remove the railroad tracks and ties and repave the Sawyer Point and Yeatman's Cove Bike Trail.

Recommendation

Staff respectfully requests the Board approve the application and acceptance of grant funds made to the Cincinnati Parks Foundation in an amount up to \$316,847.50, the acceptance of grant funds from the State of Ohio in an amount of \$237,085, the acceptance of grant funds from the City of Cincinnati in an amount of \$4,330.68, and the application and acceptance of grant funds from OKI-allocated federal transportation funds in the amount of \$1,000,000.

Cincinnati Park Board

Financial Presentation – June 20, 2025

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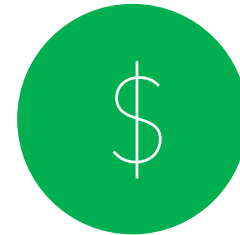
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SUMMARY



EXPENSES



YTD REVENUE



YTD PARK BOARD
FUND BALANCES



YTD PARK BOARD
TRUST BALANCES



FUND PURPOSE

Finance and IT

Significant Accomplishments

Finance Team

- Developing system of tracking contract expiration dates to facilitate operational efficiency
- Working on developing capital encumbrance tracking by Parks' project designation
- Developing process of reporting fixed assets at project completion
- Diligently working on meeting all year-end deadlines

IT Team

- Continued work on Windows 11 Upgrade
- Reviewed communications bill to identify dormant accounts resulting in cost savings
- Assisted in transition to new City-wide PDF reader resulting in cost savings for individual licenses

In development:

- Streamlined process for managing grants and donation ordinances
- Developing budgets/reports by function that recognizes revenue and expenditures
- Continuation of reconciliation of various accounts

Year to Date Expenses By Expense Type

As of May 31, 2025

Category	YTD Expended	Budget	Target Spend %	Actual Spend %	Variance
Advertising	\$ 112,923	\$ 79,585	89.0%	142%	52.9%
Auto & Truck Expense	\$ 452,438	\$ 548,156	93.4%	82.5%	-10.8%
Bank Fees	\$ 92,169	\$ 62,980	85.0%	146.3%	61.3%
Benefits & Taxes	\$ 3,969,653	\$ 4,648,440	91.8%	85.4%	-6.4%
Equipment	\$ 341,216	\$ 61,278	74.8%	556.8%	482.0%
Fuel	\$ 184,627	\$ 206,979	89.8%	89.2%	-0.6%
Insurance	\$ 29,479	\$ 31,310	100.0%	94.2%	-5.8%
IT	\$ 112,610	\$ 133,934	65.2%	84.1%	18.9%
Postage	\$ 3,975	\$ 3,308	92.8%	120.2%	27.3%
Professional Services	\$ 2,138,327	\$ 3,675,527	88.8%	58.2%	-30.7%
Rentals	\$ 173,851	\$ 335,435	87.3%	51.8%	-35.4%
Salaries	\$ 11,538,298	\$ 12,747,627	88.0%	90.5%	2.5%
Supplies	\$ 2,182,669	\$ 2,635,922	83.6%	82.8%	-0.8%
Taxes	\$ 978,999	\$ 1,004,741	98.0%	97.4%	-0.6%
Travel & Training	\$ 75,181	\$ 62,764	84.3%	119.8%	35.5%
Utilities	\$ 951,612	\$ 947,784	88.8%	100.4%	11.6%
	\$ 23,338,027	\$ 27,185,770			

Year to Date Expenses by Fund

As of May 31, 2025

Fund Name	Expenses	Budget	Target % Spend^	Actual % Spend	% Variance
General Fund	\$ 10,795,449	\$ 11,556,710	91.5%	93.4%	2.0%
Stormwater Fund	\$ 1,799,313	\$ 1,954,020	91.6%	92.1%	0.5%
Hwy Greenspace (Street Construction Management)	\$ 368,329	\$ 421,230	89.3%	87.4%	-1.8%
Infrastructure Fund (Income Tax-Infrastructure)	\$ 1,538,372	\$ 1,629,270	90.4%	94.4%	4.0%
Sawyer Point	\$ 792,018	\$ 1,230,630	90.5%	64.4%	-26.2%
Park Donations and Special Activity	\$ 1,017,756	\$ 1,058,520	84.3%	96.1%	11.9%
W.M. Ampt Fund (Free Concerts)	\$ 14,825	\$ 17,210	82.2%	86.1%	3.9%
Groesbeck Fund (endowment)	\$ 12,106	\$ 20,240	82.2%	59.8%	-22.4%
Cincinnati Riverfront Park	\$ 1,298,290	\$ 1,623,180	82.2%	80.0%	-2.3%
Park Lodge / Pavilion Deposits	\$ 218,047	\$ 271,000	83.8%	80.5%	-3.3%
Krohn Conservatory	\$ 1,313,101	\$ 1,611,260	91.1%	81.5%	-9.6%
Yeatman's Cove Trust	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	--	--
Urban Forestry	\$ 29,456	\$ 50,500	83.4%	58.3%	-25.1%
Private Endowment	\$ 1,371,226	\$ 2,541,220	84.6%	54.0%	-30.6%
Forestry Assessment	\$ 2,775,925	\$ 3,200,780	90.8%	86.7%	-4.1%
	\$ 23,344,213	\$ 27,185,770			

unspent dollars returned to the City

^target increases monthly

Year to Date Revenue

As of May 31, 2025

Fund Description	FY25 Revenue	FY25 Budget	Target % Revenue	Actual % Revenue	% Variance
318 - Sawyer Point	\$862,759	\$648,500	86.4%	133.0%	46.7%
326 - Parks Donations and Special Activi	\$995,874	\$715,250	82.7%	139.2%	56.5%
329 - Smale Fund	\$1,300,029	\$1,431,000	87.0%	90.8%	3.8%
330 - Pavilions	\$36,840	\$282,630	97.7%	13.0%	-84.6%
332 - Krohn	\$1,511,374	\$1,805,000	86.1%	83.7%	-2.4%
Grand Total	\$4,706,876	\$4,882,380			

Items of Note:

- Sawyer Point Revenue target to actual is significantly different due to the budgeted revenue for FY25 being based on revenue for FY24 during which the parking revenue was artificially deflated due to the inability to accept credit cards for much of the year.
- Parks Donations and Special Activities are above target as donations are neither cyclical nor predictable.
- Pavilion rental income shows as behind target – staff is working with Premier Park Events to receive payment.

Park Board Fund Balances

As of May 31, 2025

Cincinnati Park Board *Fund Balances*

Fund	Name	Balance as of						
		Beg of FY 24	Beg of FY 25	EO 1st Qtr	EO 2nd Qtr	EO 3rd Qtr	4/30/25	5/31/25
318	Sawyer Point	\$1,230,729	\$1,235,689	\$1,377,356	\$1,494,452	\$1,473,615	\$1,458,807	\$1,428,788
326	Park Misc Revenue & Special Activity	\$1,172,721	\$1,077,492	\$1,057,711	\$1,283,802	\$1,110,458	\$1,070,260	\$1,010,104
327	WM Ampt Free Concerts	\$12,942	\$24,322	\$16,807	\$19,127	\$27,777	\$24,847	\$24,147
328	Groesbeck Endowment	\$149,396	\$173,596	\$170,972	\$163,872	\$178,847	\$178,615	\$176,465
329	Cincinnati Riverfront Park	\$3,578,882	\$3,037,841	\$3,250,978	\$3,292,287	\$2,783,138	\$2,686,563	\$2,899,627
330	Park Lodge/Pavilion Deposits	\$1,716,918	\$1,844,989	\$1,853,125	\$1,833,182	\$1,841,059	\$1,840,394	\$1,646,661
332	Krohn Conservatory	\$1,779,215	\$1,456,623	\$1,564,951	\$1,295,956	\$1,508,955	\$1,513,306	\$1,465,031
335	Schmidlapp Endowment	\$2,717	\$4,312	\$4,312	\$4,312	\$5,393	\$5,393	\$5,393
403	Yeatman's Cove Park Trust	\$724,010	\$611,709	\$615,049	\$620,174	\$624,018	\$624,018	\$624,018
428	Urban Forestry	\$583,324	\$533,628	\$539,559	\$589,742	\$646,582	\$716,584	\$738,619
430	Parks Private Endowment	\$924,214	\$860,715	\$647,538	\$437,779	\$126,259	\$212,352	\$1,548,678
706	Ampt Trust	\$138,440	\$126,987	\$130,199	\$133,804	\$127,615	\$127,615	\$129,306
707	Groesbeck Trust	\$56,147	\$38,688	\$43,698	\$48,823	\$35,368	\$35,379	\$35,796
708	Schmidlapp Music	\$51,112	\$50,703	\$50,988	\$51,421	\$50,666	\$50,666	\$50,666
752	Permanent Capital Improvement	\$1,031,248	\$928,991	\$984,072	\$1,042,471	\$1,093,814	\$1,102,535	\$1,109,088
792	Forestry Assessment	\$3,239,177	\$3,966,880	\$3,546,309	\$3,724,697	\$2,822,629	\$4,962,708	\$4,690,773
Total All Funds		\$16,391,192	\$15,973,165	\$15,853,624	\$16,035,902	\$14,456,194	\$16,610,043	\$17,583,159

Park Board Funds Remaining Available Spend

As of May 31, 2025

Cincinnati Park Board *Available Spend Calculation*

Fund Name	May 2025 Balance	Remaining Expenses	Remaining Revenue*	Recommend Reserves	Available for Spend Dollars
318 Sawyer Point	\$1,428,788	\$438,612	\$0	\$450,000	\$540,176
326 Park Donations and Special Activity	\$1,010,104	\$40,764	\$0	\$400,000	\$569,340
329 Cincinnati Riverfront Park	\$2,899,627	\$324,890	\$130,971	\$800,000	\$1,905,708
330 Park Lodge/Pavilion Deposits	\$1,646,661	\$52,953	\$245,790	\$200,000	\$1,639,498
332 Krohn Conservatory	\$1,465,031	\$298,159	\$293,626	\$700,000	\$760,498
403 Yeatman's Cove Park Trust	\$624,018	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$124,018
752 Permanent Capital Improvement	\$1,109,088	\$0	\$0	\$600,000	\$509,088
Total Available	\$10,183,316	\$1,155,378	\$670,387	\$3,650,000	\$6,048,325

* A zero balance indicates greater than anticipated revenue

Park Board Endowment Fund Summary

As of May 31, 2025

Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners

Endowment Fund Summary

Fund Name	Jun-21 Balance	Jun-22 Balance	Jun-23 Balance	Jun-24 Balance	EO 1st Qtr	EO 2nd Qtr	EO 3rd Qtr	Apr-25 Balance	May-25 Balance
Trustee									
Bettman	\$2,591,101	\$2,227,929	\$2,470,657	\$2,794,919	\$2,963,083	\$2,940,368	\$2,875,818	\$2,858,881	\$2,966,867
Drabner	\$1,317,152	\$1,145,614	\$1,280,297	\$1,459,107	\$1,554,208	\$1,547,359	\$1,524,829	\$1,518,986	\$1,547,359
Fleischmann	\$856,907	\$745,006	\$807,308	\$875,328	\$932,253	\$890,616	\$877,641	\$874,249	\$890,616
Fleischmann	\$3,107,722	\$2,701,141	\$3,017,938	\$3,156,963	\$3,362,752	\$3,348,948	\$3,300,109	\$3,287,463	\$3,348,948
Geier	\$1,965,276	\$1,708,506	\$1,908,824	\$2,175,241	\$2,317,031	\$2,306,812	\$2,273,155	\$2,264,441	\$2,306,802
Miles-Edwards	\$4,047,626	\$3,864,459	\$4,245,084	\$5,139,297	\$5,526,462	\$5,427,673	\$5,359,180	\$5,328,144	\$5,427,673
Levy	\$39,131	\$32,395	\$36,682	\$43,339	\$45,851	\$46,426	\$45,260	\$45,061	\$46,955
Sub-total	\$13,924,915	\$12,425,051	\$13,766,790	\$15,644,194	\$16,701,641	\$16,508,202	\$16,255,991	\$16,177,225	\$16,535,220
Beneficiary Only									
Hauck- Sooty Acres	\$617,923	\$486,533	\$502,506	\$542,363	\$573,776	\$569,376	\$555,975	\$555,184	\$549,287
Hauck - Fountain Sq	\$1,740,235	\$1,380,434	\$1,390,504	\$1,510,557	\$1,597,554	\$1,585,316	\$1,548,605	\$1,546,953	\$1,534,301
Meyer	\$5,482,708	\$4,299,811	\$4,476,736	\$4,845,413	\$5,128,172	\$5,091,180	\$4,973,057	\$4,965,543	\$4,920,058
Sub-total	\$7,840,866	\$6,166,778	\$6,369,747	\$6,898,333	\$7,299,502	\$7,245,872	\$7,077,637	\$7,067,680	\$7,003,645
Endowment Total	\$21,765,782	\$18,591,829	\$20,136,537	\$22,542,527	\$24,001,143	\$23,754,073	\$23,333,628	\$23,244,905	\$23,538,865
Commissioner Fund 430	\$121,000	\$287,536	\$924,214	\$860,715	\$647,538	\$437,779	\$126,259	\$76,643	\$1,548,678
Commissioner Money Market Acc	\$3,387,364	\$1,704,458	\$1,488,098	\$1,615,023	\$2,171,101	\$2,455,309	\$2,926,408	\$2,938,913	\$225,540
Commissioner Investment Acct	\$4,219,967	\$3,003,382	\$1,586,535	\$1,663,058	\$1,683,003	\$1,701,066	\$1,717,017	\$1,721,080	\$1,127,106
Total Commissioner Dollars	\$7,728,331	\$4,995,376	\$3,998,846	\$4,138,796	\$4,501,641	\$4,594,154	\$4,769,684	\$4,736,635	\$2,901,324
Grand Total	\$29,494,113	\$23,587,205	\$24,135,383	\$26,681,323	\$28,502,784	\$28,348,227	\$28,103,312	\$27,981,541	\$26,440,189

Fund Purpose

Fund Number	Fund Name	Fund Purpose
50	General Fund	City Tax Fund - Used for General Operational Expenses
107	Stormwater Fund	Used for litter pickup (Salary reimbursement)
301	Hwy Greenspace (Street Construction Management)	Ohio motor vehicle tax fund - used for Hwy Greenspaces
302	Infrastructure Fund (Income Tax-Infrastructure)	City Tax Fund - Used for General Operational Expenses
318	Sawyer Point	To account for receipts and expenditures in the operation and maintenance of Bicentennial Commons at Sawyer Point, including the support of capital improvements and all monies received from fees and contributions
326	Park Donations and Special Activity	Fund No. 326 was established in 1932 for the purpose of accounting for donations made for various Parks Department purposes, but expanding the purpose of this fund to include capital improvements as an eligible use will enable the Parks Department to make improvements to Parks facilities
327	W.M. Ampt Fund (Free Concerts)	To account for money received as income from Investment of bequest and expenditures for the costs of concerts in various parks
328	Groesbeck Fund (endowment)	To account for money received from the investment of bequest and expenditures for the cost of concerts in Burnet Woods.
329	Cincinnati Riverfront Park	Established for the purpose of accepting donations, program funds, event funds, lease revenues and common area maintenance income from public and private entities to be used for park operations maintenance and capital replacements.
330	Park Lodge / Pavilion Deposits	Fund No. 330 was established in 1937 for the purpose of accounting for deposits made for the use of lodges and the expenditures for the maintenance of the lodges, replacements of damages to the lodges, and refunds of overages contained in the amounts collected, but expanding the purpose of this fund to include capital improvements as eligible expenditures will allow the Parks Department to make upgrades to lodges and pavilions;

Fund Purpose

Fund Number	Fund Name	Fund Purpose
332	Krohn Conservatory	To account for deposits for admissions and programs for Krohn. To deposit and expend monies collected by the Park Board Volunteers through the Friends of the Krohn organization and to receive donations from private sources and making expenditures for permanent improvements and operating expense at Krohn
335	Schmidlapp Endowment	To account for money received as income from Investment of bequest and expenditures for the costs of concerts in various parks.
403	Yeatman's Cove Trust	To receive \$500,000 gift from Proctor & Gamble to be used for the operation and maintenance of said park in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Trust Agreement.
428	Urban Forestry	To receive funds from the sale of forest products, donations, permit fees and compensatory payments and to make sure such expenditures to maintain the Urban Forest Management Program
430	Private Endowment	Established for the purpose of accounting for revenue from various private endowments to be used for park operations, maintenance, programs, events, and capital projects only at Parks facilities.
752	Permanent Improve Fund	To account for the revenue received from the rental, lease or sale of any park property. Expenditures may be made for maintaining and operating the property, including the payment of taxes, pending the use of the property for park purposes, and purchasing, constructing or acquiring permanent improvements for park purposes, but only when specifically authorized by ordinance.
792	Forestry Assessment	Based on a summary of the special assessment for street trees provided by the Hamilton County Auditor's office, the following detailed information is provided concerning the assessment revenue. The revenue is calculated at the rate of 21 (as of 2019) cents per front footage for all property within the City limits that abuts a public right-of-way.