

VILLAGE OF BENTLEYVILLE

RESOLUTION 2013-31  
INTRODUCED BY: CHRIS COMSTOCK

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NOVEMBER 2013 CLEVELAND  
METROPARKS LEVY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, According to the Plain Dealer "Our Cleveland Metroparks are one of this region's greatest assets" and "#1 among 100 things that make Cleveland the best," and

WHEREAS, With nearly 23,000 acres of walking trails, bike paths, nature reserves, community spaces, and a nationally acclaimed Zoo, our Cleveland Metroparks have a significant impact on our community's quality of life and attract people to our region, and

WHEREAS, Nearly 75% of Park District residents visit Cleveland Metroparks at least several times a year, and all Park District residents live within mere minutes of Cleveland Metroparks, and

WHEREAS, To continue to operate and maintain the quality of our Park District, Cleveland Metroparks is asking voters to support a 1.8 mill levy renewal and a small 0.9 mill increase to offset decreases in property values and state funding to Cleveland Metroparks, and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Metroparks has already made tough choices to address funding reductions including reducing energy costs, controlling hiring, economizing employee benefits and managing equipment purchases and improvement projects, and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Metroparks have been fiscally responsible, with clean financial audits for seventeen years, and

WHEREAS, Almost two-thirds (62%) of Cleveland Metroparks' operating budget is funded by the levy, which appears on the ballot only once every 10 years, and is our Park District's ONLY local support, and

WHEREAS, Without the levy, approximately two-thirds of the annual operating budget would be cut resulting in a critical effect on the Park District and our community, and

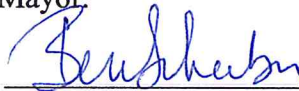
Therefore be it resolved, that Our Cleveland Metroparks are worth it, and that the Village of Bentleyville hereby endorse the proposed tax levy in order to protect a fiscally responsible regional asset that adds tremendous value to the community by improving our region's economy and quality of life.

Passed: 9/18/13

  
Mayor

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I, the undersigned, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Bentleyville, hereby certify that there is no newspaper published or having an office of publication in the same Village and that I published the foregoing Resolution by posting the same in five (5) of the most public places of said Village, as defined by Resolution of Council, for a period of fifteen (15) days, beginning the date following passage and signature by the Mayor.



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Fiscal Officer

I, the undersigned, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Bentleyville, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 2013-31 duly enacted by the Council of said Village on September 18, 2013.



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Fiscal Officer