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**SAYBROOK TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Saybrook Township Park Commission
Ashtabula County
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To the Board of Commissioners:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type, and related notes of the Saybrook Township Park Commission, Ashtabula County, Ohio (the Park Commission) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the Park Commission's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the Park Commission's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the Park Commission prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements.

Although the effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonably determinable, we presume they are material.

Though the Park Commission does not intend these statements to conform to GAAP, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to include an adverse opinion on GAAP. However, the adverse opinion does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. Our opinion on this accounting basis is in the *Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting* paragraph below.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Park Commission as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type, and related notes of the Saybrook Township Park Commission, Ashtabula County as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, for the years then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit, described in Note 2.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 20, 2020, on our consideration of the Park Commission's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Park Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

May 20, 2020

**SAYBROOK TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

	General
Cash Receipts	
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$116,703
Charges for Services	227
Intergovernmental	19,849
Earnings on Investments	2,115
Miscellaneous	1,324
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	140,218
Cash Disbursements	
Current:	
General Government	89,962
Conservation - Recreation	2,475
Capital Outlay	9,470
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	101,907
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	38,311
Extraordinary Item	290
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	38,601
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	164,541
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	
Assigned	109,782
Unassigned (Deficit)	93,360
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	\$203,142

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Saybrook Township Park Commission
Ashtabula County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

Note 1 – Reporting Entity

The Saybrook Township Park Commission (the Park Commission), Ashtabula County, is a body politic and corporate established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The probate judge of Ashtabula County appoints a three-member Board of Commissioners to govern the Park Commission. The Commissioners are authorized to acquire, develop, protect, maintain, and improve park lands and facilities. The Commissioners may convert acquired land into forest reserves. The Commissioners are also responsible for activities related to conserving natural resources, including streams, lakes, submerged lands, and swamp lands. The Board may also create parks, parkways, and other reservations and may afforest, develop, improve and protect and promote the use of these assets conducive to the general welfare.

The Park Commission's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Park Commission is financially accountable.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The Park Commission's financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for the governmental fund type which is organized on a fund type basis.

Fund Accounting

The Park Commission uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The fund of the Park Commission is presented below:

General Fund The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the Park Commission for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (D). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Board recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (D) permit.

Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund be budgeted annually.

Appropriations Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund and function level of control and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Park Commission Board must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Appropriations lapse at year end.

Saybrook Township Park Commission
Ashtabula County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

Estimated Resources Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must approve estimated resources.

Encumbrances The Ohio Revised Code requires the Park Commission to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2019 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

Capital Assets

The Park Commission records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

Deposit and Investments

The Park Commission's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

Investment in STAR Ohio is measured at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Park Commission must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable The Park Commission classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

Restricted Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

Committed Commissioners can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Park Commission must adhere to these commitments unless the Commissioners amend the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

Assigned Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by Park Commission Commissioners or a Park Commission official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

Unassigned Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Park Commission applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available.

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending follows:

2019 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$139,369	\$140,508	\$1,139
Total	\$139,369	\$140,508	\$1,139

2019 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$289,700	\$101,907	\$187,793
Total	\$289,700	\$101,907	\$187,793

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

The Park Commission maintains a deposits and investments pool all funds use. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of deposits and investments at December 31 was as follows:

	2019
Demand deposits	\$105,344
Other time deposits (savings and NOW accounts)	13,058
Total deposits	118,402
STAR Ohio	84,740
Total investments	84,740
Total deposits and investments	\$203,142

Deposits

Deposits are insured by collateralized through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

At December 31, 2019, all deposits were collateralized.

Saybrook Township Park Commission
Ashtabula County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

Investments

Investments in STAR Ohio are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form.

Note 5 – Property Taxes

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Board adopted tax rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable non-business, owner occupancy, and homestead exemption credits and/or homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include these credits and/or deduction amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Revenue. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Park Commission.

Note 6 – Risk Management

The Park Commission is a member of the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (The Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the Park Commission's policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

- General liability and casualty
- Public official's liability
- Cyber
- Law enforcement liability
- Automobile liability
- Vehicles
- Property
- Equipment breakdown

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially-measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31:

	<u>2019</u>
Cash and investments	\$ 35,381,789
Actuarial liabilities	\$12,965,015

Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

The Park Commission's employee belongs to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement health care and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10% percent of their gross salaries, and the Park Commission contributed an amount equaling 14% percent of participants' gross salaries. The Park Commission has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2019.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

Note 8 – Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plan, which includes multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement, and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the traditional pension plan and combined plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2019. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent during calendar year 2019.

Note 9 – Subsequent Events

Early in 2020 the Park Commission shoreline had significant erosion issues due to high water levels. The Park Commission expects these costs to be significant in regards to their operating budget. The Park Commission is currently trying to secure grants to assist in the costs of the erosion control.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

	General
Cash Receipts	
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$116,346
Intergovernmental	19,822
Earnings on Investments	1,605
Miscellaneous	1,596
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	139,369
Cash Disbursements	
Current:	
General Government	1,208
Conservation - Recreation	93,922
Contract Services	31,000
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	126,130
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	13,239
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)	
Other Financing Sources	205
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	205
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	13,444
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	151,097
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	
Assigned	150,331
Unassigned (Deficit)	14,210
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	\$164,541

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Total	\$128,859	\$139,575	\$10,716

2018 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$279,000	\$126,131	\$152,869
Total	\$279,000	\$126,131	\$152,869

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	2018
Demand deposits	\$9,521
Other time deposits (savings and NOW accounts)	72,220
Total deposits	81,741
STAR Ohio	82,800
Total investments	82,800
Total deposits and investments	\$164,541

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Saybrook Township Park Commission
Ashtabula County
P.O. Box 3124
Ashtabula, Ohio 44005

To the Board of Commissioners:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements by fund type of the Saybrook Township Park Commission, Ashtabula County, (the Park Commission) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 20, 2020, wherein we noted the Park Commission followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Park Commission's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Park Commission's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Park Commission's financial statements. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Park Commission's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the Park Commission's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Park Commission's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

May 20, 2020

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



SAYBROOK TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION

ASHTABULA COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
JUNE 11, 2020**