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**BELLAIRE PARK DISTRICT  
BELMONT COUNTY**

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To the Board of Commissioners:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our report includes an adverse opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Bellaire Park District  
Belmont County  
P.O. Box 9  
Bellaire, Ohio 43906

To the Board of Commissioners:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Bellaire Park District, Belmont County, Ohio (the Park District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Park District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Park District has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

While the Park District does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require park districts to reformat their statements. The Park District has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. The following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Park District as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances of Bellaire Park District, Belmont County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The Park District has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 22, 2008, on our consideration of the Park District'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. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

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October 22, 2008



**BELLAIRE PARK DISTRICT  
BELMONT COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS,  
AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007**

<b>Cash Receipts:</b>	
Intergovernmental	\$45,559
Earnings on Investments	<u>22</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>45,581</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>	
Current:	
Salary - Employees	5,143
Equipment	27,267
Support and Assistance	4,770
Insurance	1,977
Public Employees Retirement	1,168
Other	<u>1,894</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>42,219</u>
Total Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	3,362
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>10,131</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<b><u><u>\$13,493</u></u></b>

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

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**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS,  
AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**

**Cash Receipts:**

Intergovernmental	\$30,669
Earnings on Investments	35
Donations	<u>700</u>
 Total Cash Receipts	 <u>31,404</u>

**Cash Disbursements:**

Current:	
Salary - Employees	5,607
Materials and Supplies	340
Equipment	41,171
Support and Assistance	14,600
Insurance	1,720
Public Employees Retirement	1,229
Other	<u>5,286</u>
 Total Cash Disbursements	 <u>69,953</u>

Total Cash Receipts Under Cash Disbursements	(38,549)
 Fund Cash Balances, January 1	 <u>48,680</u>
 <b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	 <b><u><u>\$10,131</u></u></b>

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

**BELLAIRE PARK DISTRICT  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Description of the Entity**

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Bellaire Park District, Belmont County, Ohio (the Park District), as a body corporate and politic. The probate judge of Belmont County appoints a three-member Board of Commissioners to govern the Park District. The Commissioners are to maintain and develop the lands and properties under its control for park and recreation uses. The Board also works with the Village of Bellaire and its residents to help recreational and park activities on lands under its control and jurisdiction.

The Park District participates in the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP) public entity risk pool. Note 5 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity.

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

**B. Accounting Basis**

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Park District 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 Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

**C. Budgetary Process**

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Board of Commissioners budget annually.

**1. Appropriations**

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

**2. Estimated Resources**

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1.

**3. Encumbrances**

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Park District to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year. The Park District did not use the encumbrance method of accounting during 2007 and 2006.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006  
(Continued)**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**C. Budgetary Process (Continued)**

A summary of 2007 and 2006 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

**D. Property, Plant, and Equipment**

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

**2. EQUITY IN CASH**

The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of cash at December 31 was as follows:

	2007	2006
Demand deposits	\$13,493	\$10,131

**Deposits:** Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2007 and 2006 follows:

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts		
Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
\$32,000	\$45,581	\$13,581

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures		
Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
\$42,200	\$42,219	(\$19)

2006 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts		
Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
\$32,000	\$31,404	(\$596)

2006 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures		
Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
\$56,600	\$69,953	(\$13,353)

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BELMONT COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006  
(Continued)**

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)**

Contrary to Ohio law, budgetary expenditures exceeded appropriation authority at the legal level of control for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006.

**4. RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

The Park District's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes the plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2007 and 2006, OPERS members contributed 9.5% and 9%, respectively, of their gross salaries and the Park District contributed an amount equal to 13.85% and 13.7%, respectively, of participants' gross salaries. The Park District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2007.

**5. RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Risk Pool Membership**

The Park District is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses, and injuries to employees.

The Park District insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

The Park District belongs to the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. PEP provides property and casualty coverage for its members. PEP is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). Member governments pay annual contributions to fund PEP. PEP pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

Casualty Coverage

For an occurrence prior to January 1, 2006 PEP retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per occurrence, including claim adjustment expenses. PEP pays a percentage of its contributions to APEEP. APEEP reinsures claims exceeding \$250,000, up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$10,000,000 in the aggregate per year.

For an occurrence on or subsequent to January 1, 2006, the Pool retains casualty risk up to \$350,000 per occurrence. Claims exceeding \$350,000 are reinsured with APEEP in an amount not to exceed \$2,650,000 for each claim and \$10,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Governments can elect up to \$10,000,000 in additional coverage with the General Reinsurance Corporation, through contracts with PEP.

If losses exhaust PEP's retained earnings, APEEP provides excess of funds available coverage up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000 (prior to January 1, 2006) or \$3,000,000 (on or subsequent to January 1, 2006) as noted above.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006  
(Continued)**

**5. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)**

**Risk Pool Membership (Continued)**

Property Coverage

Beginning in 2005, APEEP established a risk-sharing property program. Under the program, Travelers reinsures specific losses exceeding \$250,000 up to \$600 million per occurrence. This amount was increased to \$300,000 in 2007. For 2007, APEEP reinsures members for specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$300,000 per occurrence, subject to an annual aggregate loss payment. For 2006, APEEP reinsures members for specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$250,000 per occurrence, subject to an annual aggregate loss payment. Travelers provides aggregate stop-loss coverage based upon the combined members' total insurable values. If the stop loss is reached by payment of losses between \$100,000 and \$250,000 in 2006, or \$100,000 and \$300,000 in 2007, Travelers will then reinsure specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to their \$600 million per occurrence limit. The aggregate stop-loss limit for 2007 was \$2,014,548.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreements do not discharge PEP's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective government.

Property and casualty settlements did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

Financial Position

PEP's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2007 and 2006:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Assets	\$37,560,071	\$36,123,194
Liabilities	<u>(17,340,825)</u>	<u>(16,738,904)</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$20,219,246</u>	<u>\$19,384,290</u>

At December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$15.9 million and \$15.0 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets and retained earnings above also include approximately \$15.0 million and \$14.4 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 443 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. The Park District's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$2,000. This payable includes the subsequent year's contribution due if the Park District terminates participation, as described in the last paragraph below.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006  
(Continued)**

**5. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)**

**Risk Pool Membership (Continued)**

Based on discussions with PEP, the expected rates PEP charges to compute member contributions, which are used to pay claims as they become due, are not expected to change significantly from those used to determine the historical contributions detailed below. By contract, the annual liability of each member is limited to the amount of financial contributions required to be made to PEP for each year of membership.

<b><u>Contributions to PEP</u></b>	
2005	\$1,733
2006	\$1,420
2007	\$1,677

After completing one year of membership, members may withdraw on each anniversary of the date they joined PEP provided they provide written notice to PEP 60 days in advance of the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contributions, minus the subsequent year's budgetary contribution. Withdrawing members have no other future obligation to the pool. Also upon withdrawal, payments for all casualty claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim occurred or was reported prior to the withdrawal.

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Bellaire Park District  
Belmont County  
P.O. Box 9  
Bellaire, Ohio 43906

To the Board of Commissioners:

We have audited the financial statements of Bellaire Park District, Belmont County, Ohio (the Park District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated October 22, 2008, wherein we noted the Park District followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Park District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Park District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Park District's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Park District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the Park District's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the Park District's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

We noted certain matters that we reported to the Park District's management in a separate letter dated October 22, 2008.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Park District'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, providing an opinion 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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*, which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as items 2007-001 and 2007-002.

We also noted certain noncompliance or other matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Park District's management in a separate letter dated October 22, 2008.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Commissioners. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

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**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
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October 22, 2008

**BELLAIRE PARK DISTRICT  
BELMONT COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2007 and 2006**

<b>FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS</b>
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**FINDING NUMBER 2007-001**

**Noncompliance Citation**

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D)(1) states that no subdivision shall make any contract or give any order involving the expenditure of money are to be made unless there is attached thereto a certificate of the fiscal officer of the subdivision. The fiscal officer must certify that the amount required to meet such a commitment has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances. Further, contracts and orders for expenditures lacking prior certification shall be null and void.

There are several exceptions to the standard requirement stated above that a fiscal officer's certificate must be obtained prior to a subdivision or taxing authority entering into a contract or order involving the expenditure of money. The main exceptions are: "then and now" certificates, blanket certificates, and super blanket certificates, which are provided for in Sections 5705.41(D)(1) and 5705.41(D)(3), respectively, of the Ohio Revised Code.

1. **"Then and Now" Certificate** – If the fiscal officer can certify that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the fiscal officer is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance, the Park District can authorize the drawing of a warrant for the payment of the amount due. The Park District has thirty days from receipt of the "then and now" certificate to approve payment by ordinance or resolution.

Amounts of less than \$3,000 may be paid by the fiscal officer without a resolution or ordinance upon completion of the "then and now" certificate, provided that the expenditure is otherwise lawful. This does not eliminate any otherwise applicable requirement for approval of expenditures by the Park District.

2. **Blanket Certificate** - Fiscal officers may prepare "blanket" certificates for a certain sum of money not exceeding an amount established by resolution or ordinance adopted by a majority of the members of the legislative authority against any specific line item account and cannot extend beyond the end of the fiscal year. The blanket certificate may, but need not, be limited to a specific vendor. Only one blanket certificate may be outstanding at one particular time for any one particular line item appropriation. Blanket certificates cannot be issued unless there has been an amount approved by the legislative authority for the blanket.

3. **Super Blanket Certificate** – The Park District may also make expenditures and contracts for any amount from a specific line item appropriation account in a specified fund upon certification of the fiscal officer for most professional services, fuel, oil, food items, and any other specific recurring and reasonably predictable operating expense. This certification is not to extend beyond the current year. More than one super blanket certificate may be outstanding at a particular time for any line item appropriation.

The Treasurer did not obtain a prior certification for 100% of the 2006 and 2007 transactions tested. We found no evidence of a "then and now" certificate being used by the Treasurer. The Treasurer did not require a purchase order be certified before the Township incurred an obligation. The Treasurer's failure to properly certify the availability of funds can result in overspending funds and negative cash fund balances.

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2007 and 2006**

<b>FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS</b>
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**FINDING NUMBER 2007-001 (Continued)**

**Noncompliance Citation - Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D)(1) (Continued)**

Unless the exceptions noted above are used, prior certification is not only required by statute but is a key control in the disbursement process to assure that purchase commitments receive prior approval. To improve controls over disbursements and to help reduce the possibility of the Park District exceeding budgetary spending limitations, we recommend the Treasurer certify that funds are or will be available prior to obligation by the Park District. When prior certification is not possible, "then and now" certification should be used.

We recommend the Park District certify purchases to which Section 5705.41(D) applies. The most convenient certification method is to use purchase orders that include the certification language Section 5705.41(D) required to authorize disbursements. The Treasurer should sign the certification at the time the Park District incurs a commitment, and only when the requirements of Section 5705.41(D) are satisfied. The Treasurer should post approved purchase orders to the proper appropriation code to reduce the available appropriation.

**Official's Response:**

We did not receive a response from the Park District.

**FINDING NUMBER 2007-002**

**Noncompliance Citation**

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) prohibits a subdivision or taxing authority from expending money unless it has been appropriated.

The variance occurred during November 2007 and continued through the end of the year:

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Variance
Equipment	\$21,000	\$27,267	(\$6,267)

The variances occurred during August 2006 and continued through the end of the year:

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Variance
Equipment	\$30,000	\$41,171	(\$11,171)
Federal Tax	500	889	(389)
Miscellaneous and Contingencies	1,500	5,245	(3,745)

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2007 and 2006**

**FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

**FINDING NUMBER 2007-002 (Continued)**

**Noncompliance Citation - Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) (Continued)**

The Treasurer did not require a purchase order be certified before the Township incurred an obligation. The Treasurer's failure to properly certify the availability of funds can result in overspending funds and negative cash fund balances.

We recommend the Treasurer compare expenditures to appropriations at the legal level of control before incurring an obligation. The Treasurer should deny requests for payment when appropriations are not available.

**Official's Response:**

We did not receive a response from the Park District.

**BELLAIRE PARK DISTRICT  
BELMONT COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2007 and 2006**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <b><i>Explain</i></b>
2005-001	Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D)(1) - Prior certification of available funds.	No	Not Corrected: Re-Issued as Finding Number 2007-001.
2005-002	Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) - Expenditures in excess of appropriations.	No	Not Corrected : Re-Issued as Finding Number 2007-002.



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**BELMONT 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  
DECEMBER 2, 2008**