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### **New Member Joins Board of Park Commissioners**

**Port Clinton— July 5, 2023—** Trish McCartney, of Port Clinton, has been sworn in to the Board of Park Commissioners overseeing the Park District of Ottawa County. The Board of Park Commissioners approves policy, financial and strategic planning decisions, working directly with Executive Director Jannah Wilson of the Park District of Ottawa County. McCartney is currently serving an unexpired term through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

A resident of Port Clinton for 25 years and a local State Farm Insurance Agency/Owner, McCartney replaces retiring Park Commissioner Gary Kohli of Oak Harbor who served on the Board of Park Commissioners since 2018. The Board of Park Commissioners is comprised of: Mike Shadoan of Oak Harbor, Judy Indorf of Danbury Township, Jack Madison of Catawba Island Township, and Betsy Slotnick of Genoa.

McCartney was sworn in on June 8th by the Honorable Frederick C. Hany II, Judge of the Ottawa County Common Pleas Court, Probate and Juvenile Divisions. Park Commissioners meet bimonthly at designated locations throughout the county. For a complete public meeting schedule, visit [ottawacountyparksoh.org](http://ottawacountyparksoh.org).

“I have a passion for nature and believe that recreation is critical for mental health,” McCartney said. “The movements to walkable cities and connected greenspaces are exciting and our communities are perfectly poised to be able to take advantage of these concepts. Parks enhance quality of life for all.”

Jannah Wilson, executive director for the Park District of Ottawa County, is looking forward to the experience McCartney brings with her to the seat, and believes her ties to the local Port Clinton community will extend well into her service.

“Trish brings a fresh perspective to our Park District Board and we look forward to the valuable contributions she will bring as we continue to further our mission together,” Wilson said.

McCartney is a graduate of Heidelberg University in Tiffin, where she studied German and International Studies. She started her career with State Farm Insurance in 1987 and has been a local agent/owner since 1998. She is active in several volunteer capacities including the Bittersweet Autism Foundation, the Pathway Inclusion Center, and initiatives at Lakeview Park in Port Clinton. A 25-year resident of Port Clinton, McCartney has two children.

*The mission of the Park District of Ottawa County is to connect, enhance and protect the natural, scenic, environmental and cultural resources of Ottawa County for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. The Park District of Ottawa County was established under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1545 and functions as a separate political subdivision under the State of Ohio. Park systems established under Chapter 1545 strive to develop parklands and outdoor recreation amenities for local communities. For more information and to learn more about the Park District of Ottawa County, visit [ottawacountyparksoh.org](http://ottawacountyparksoh.org).*

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