Medina County Park District seeks to enhance the quality of all life through education, conservation, and the protection of natural resources.
In 2018, something took place in Medina County Park District that had not occurred for a quarter century: the introduction of a new director! Nathan D. Eppink became the park district’s eighth director in October, following the retirement of Thomas K. James. During Tom’s 25-year tenure, Medina County Park District saw the addition of 5,500 acres of land and the opening of a dozen new public parks. Nate came to the park district from Summit Metro Parks following a statewide director search conducted by the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association.

Something else occurred in 2018 that had not happened in the park district’s entire 53-year history: the introduction of a new legal counsel! John Jeandrevin retired as the park district’s first and only attorney since its inception in 1965. In addition to John’s legal guidance, he and his wife, Virginia, have been active donors to and volunteers for the park district, leading many fundraisers and levy campaigns.

Attorney Jeff Holland, founder of the Medina County Land Conservancy (today the Western Reserve Land Conservancy), is the park district’s new legal counsel.

With the support of the non-profit Friends of Medina County Parks and the dedication of talented volunteers, the park district provided a rich array of educational and recreational public programs in the past year -- all while continuing in its mission to protect habitats and preserve green space in Medina County. We’re pausing for this look back at 2018 just long enough to say thank you to the visitors and taxpayers who make our work possible.

It’s in our nature . . . to get you into nature! We invite you to come to a star party, grab your fishing pole, bike a trail, take in a concert, learn something new, and experience the wonder of the outdoors . . . in your Medina County parks.
6,500+ managed acres

40 miles of trails

30 full-time employees
4 part-time staff, and 12 summer workers

1,024 shelter reservations made for ten open-air shelters and six enclosed shelters

181 active volunteers who donated 6,475 hours

55,020 shelter reservation visitors

505 programs

26,733 public program attendees including school trips and scout groups
16.5 acres seeded with native grasses and wildflowers

58,379 ranger vehicle patrol miles, 1,284/foot-patrol, 668/bike-patrol

5,000+ trees planted

3,200 hours mowing grass

2,500 lbs. of rainbow trout stocked, 2,000 channel catfish stocked, 260 largemouth bass stocked

12 Eagle Scout projects completed in the parks