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[Grendell's Park Board Questionnaire for Park Commissioner Candidates](#)

Judge Grendell, as Probate Judge, is supposed to pick individuals to sit on the Park Board and it normally is expected that these individuals have the knowledge and understanding of the running of park systems. Instead of asking for qualifications (education or work experience with park systems) Grendell asked candidates ideological questions that focused on what Grendell wanted of the Geauga Park District. Questions like:

1. Why do you want to serve on the Park Board?
2. Should the Park Board: hold meetings at night? On Saturday? At different locations around the county?
3. How would you prioritize the following Park Functions: Recreation. Preservation Conservation
4. What would you do if the Park District, with the knowledge and approval of the Executive Director, buried an automobile on Park property?
5. What would you do if the Park District, through the decisions made by the Executive Director, spent over \$450,000 trying, but failing, to remove a Park employee?
6. If coyotes threatened people using a park, would you: close the park? Authorize the shooting of the coyotes?
7. Should the Park District spend taxpayer's dollars purchasing more land? How much land does the Park District currently own?
8. Should hunting be allowed in the parks or certain parks?
9. Should amors or chemicals be used to reduce algae growth in park ponds/lakes?
10. Should the Executive Director have an employment contract that pays him a severance sum of \$100,000 or more, even if he is fired "for good cause"?
11. If selected, will you serve the full term or will you run for office that would disqualify continued service on the Park Board?
12. Should the Park Board have 3 or 5 members?
13. What process should the Board use to indentify and select the next Executive Director?
14. Should the Executive Director's salary exceed \$95,000/year plus benefits?

15. Should Tom Curtin be considered for re-hire as the Executive Director?
16. Should the Park Board's attorney review the contract for the Executive Director before the Board approves it?
17. What should be the roll of the Park Foundation?
18. Should the Park District pay the salary and benefits for an employee who works primarily for the Park Foundation? Is that legal?
19. Should any of the following be allowed in the parks: Cross-country skiing? Snowmobiling? Dog sled races on the bike trail between Chardon and Middlefield? Baseball field at Swine Creek Park? Golf course? Other _____?
20. Should the Park District website contain a direct link to the private business website owned by a Park Board member?
21. If the Park District has over \$1,000,000 in unused tax revenues per year at the end of a budget year, should the Board vote to lower the amount of the Park District's tax levy?