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**JUDGE GRENDELL APPOINTS NEW PARK BOARD MEMBER**  
*MICHAEL J. PETRUZIELLO OF CHESTERLAND NAMED TO 3-YEAR TERM*

Geauga County Probate/Juvenile Court Judge Timothy J. Grendell has appointed a Chesterland resident to Geauga Park District's Board of Park Commissioners.

Michael J. Petruziello has served since 1995 as chief operating officer of Quality Quartz of America, Inc., of Mentor, which manufactures and supplies fused quartz products for a variety of industries including fiber optic, investment casting, semiconductor, biomedical and lighting.

Previously he was president of Quality Quartz of America; president and owner of Romanco in Cleveland; and head of sales at Pyromatics, Inc., of East Cleveland. In 1971 Mr. Petruziello was honorably discharged as a United States Army sergeant.

In his appeal to the judge, Mr. Petruziello described a dedication to preserving and maintaining current Park District properties.

The judge replied in his appointment, "I have based this decision on your desire to serve the Geauga County residents, your business acumen, and your fiscal conservative views. In these challenging economic times, with the public dollars in short supply but their use is (sic) in great demand, a fiscally conservative view towards the use of public dollars is timely and appropriate."

"I feel humbled and elated to be selected, and honored to give back to the community," Mr. Petruziello said after his swearing in Friday afternoon. "I look forward to working with the other board members and Tom Curtin and Keith McClintock, and hope to bring another perspective to the table."

Geauga Park District Executive Director Tom Curtin called to congratulate Mr. Petruziello after his appointment. "We also look forward to his being part of the team and to the perspective he will bring," Curtin said. "His unique professional background will benefit the Park District."

Mr. Petruziello's term begins January 1, 2012, and ends December 31, 2014. His first board meeting with fellow board members John Leech and Jim Patterson will be Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at Big Creek Park, 9160 Robinson Road, Chardon, OH, 44024.

Departing from the three-member board is Dr. Mark Rzeszotarski, a 15-year member and its latest president.

“Mark has been a dedicated member of the board and a passionate supporter of Geauga Park District,” Curtin said. “Working with him has been a tremendous experience, always packed with good insights and thoughtful decisions. We appreciate his 15 years of service on the board.”

A member of the Ohio Lepidopterist Society, Dr. Rzeszotarski is also recognized in the park community as leader of numerous hands-on butterfly family programs; many have seen him weeding the butterfly garden outside the Park District building at Geauga County Fairgrounds in his free time. Individually and with his family, Dr. Rzeszotarski has participated in years of programs, enjoying educational outreach as both a hobby and a passion. He is employed by MetroHealth Medical Center’s Department of Radiology, and a faculty member in Case Western Reserve University’s School of Medicine.

Judge Grendell wrote Friday to him as well: “While I appreciate your years of service on the Board, I also believe in giving other well qualified residents of Geauga County the opportunity to serve their fellow citizens,” the judge wrote to him. “I have selected an individual who, I believe, reflects the fiscal conservatism required by these struggling economic times. I think the new appointee will bring a fresh and diverse point of view to the Board.”

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