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Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint Paul Parks Mechling, II, Democrat, from Pierpont, Ashtabula County, Ohio, as a Member of the Forestry Advisory Council for a new term beginning March 1, 2024 and ending at the close of business February 29, 2028, replacing Paul Parks Mechling II, whose term expired.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed, at Columbus, this 9th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty Four.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike DeWine". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mike DeWine
Governor

Paul Parks Mechling, II, DVM
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Relevant Work Experience

March 2013- Retired from Veterinary Medicine and Surgery

June 1974 to August 2012 – I have co-owned and practiced at the Western Reserve Animal Clinic, Inc. in Pierpont, Ohio. This has been a multiple person practice including large and small animal medicine and surgery.

November 1991 to August 2012 – I have co-owned and practiced at the Albion Animal Center, Inc. in Albion, PA. This has been a multiple person practice including large and small animal medicine and surgery.

1996 to 2019 – I owned Mechling's Maple Farm and produced pure Ohio maple syrup from a modern 2500 tap operation

1997 to present – My wife and I own a 415 acre tree farm in Pierpont Township- Snowy Oak Tree Farm, LLC. Over 150,000 trees have been planted, wetlands and pollinator habitats created, timber stand improvement completed on 240 acres and wildlife food plots planted. We grow quality northern hardwood trees.

Present – My brother and I manage our 340 acre family farm-Wal Mec Farms, LLC- in Thornville, Ohio for grain and timber production. Seventy-five acres are managed for timber production.

Education

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine – The Ohio State University, 1974
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture – The Ohio State University, 1971
Real Estate Courses – Principles and Practices, Real Estate Law – Kent State University, Ashtabula Campus, 1977
Lancaster High School diploma, Lancaster, Ohio, 1967

Awards and Achievements

College of Veterinary Medicine – The Ohio State University
Class Officer, Student Council, SCAVMA, Intramural Sports
Omega Tau Sigma – Professional fraternity
Phi Zeta – National Veterinary Honorary

Undergraduate -- The Ohio State University

Freshman Senate, Ohio Staters, Inc., Traditions Board, Homecoming Committee, Senior Class Committee, Alpha Gamma Rho -- social fraternity

Elected to the following honoraries:

Towers -- College of Agriculture Honorary

Bucket and Dipper -- OSU Junior Men's Honorary

National Wild Turkey Federation

State president, Chairman, Super Fund Committee, Board of Directors
1983 - 1994

National Hunting Heritage Award Winner for private lands conservation
2008

Roger Latham Outstanding Sportsman's Award 1994

Ohio Division of Wildlife

Ohio Division of Wildlife Distinguished Service Award 1992

Ashtabula Soil and Water Conservation District -- 8 terms, 1998 - present

Outstanding Conservation Practices 2003

Ohio Division of Forestry

Forest of Honor 2016

Ohio Department of Agriculture, The Ohio Farmer, and Ohio Farm Bureau

Ohio Conservation Farm Family 2018

Ohio Tree Farm of the Year 2019

Ohio Department of Natural Resources -- Cardinal Award - 2020

Current Activities

Ohio Forestry Advisory Council - 2013- present

Ohio Wildlife Council - 2011- present, past Chairman & currently Vice Chairman

Ashtabula Soil and Water Conservation District -- Board of Supervisors

1998 to present - past Chairman, currently Treasurer

Ohio Tree Farm Committee - past Chairman

Ohio Maple Producers Association

Ashtabula Scenic River Advisory Council

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Personal Information

Date of birth: October 27, 1949

Marital status: married 50 years with 2 children and 4 grandchildren

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Appointment Date: 3/1/2024

Name of Appointee: Paul Parks Mechling II

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Name of Commission: Forestry Advisory Council
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Term Begins: 3/1/2024

Term Ends: 2/29/2028

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Senate Confirmation: Appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate

Financial Disclosure: No disclosure required

Vice: Paul Parks Mechling II

