UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

STEPHANIE L. BOXLER,

CASE NO. 5:16-CV-2154

Plaintiff,

VS.

OPINION & ORDER [Resolving Doc. 1]

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

JAMES S. GWIN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:

On December 12, 2012, Plaintiff Stephanie L. Boxler applied for Disability Insurance

Benefits and Supplemental Security Income under Titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act.¹

After her application was denied, Boxler requested that an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ)

evaluate her application.²

On March 23, 2015, the ALJ determined that Plaintiff Boxler was not disabled within the meanings of the Social Security Act.³ The Appeals Council denied Boxler's request for review.⁴

On August 29, 2016, Plaintiff Boxler filed this complaint. With her complaint, Boxler alleges that she was wrongly denied disability insurance benefits.⁵

Consistent with Local Rule 72.2, the Court referred the matter to Magistrate Judge Thomas M. Parker. On June 1, 2017, Magistrate Judge Parker issued a Report and

¹ Doc. 10 at 268-76; see 42 U.S.C. §§ 416(i), 423 et seq.

² Id. at 12-15.

³ Id. at 16-37.

⁴ Id. at 6-10.

⁵ Doc. <u>1</u>.

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Recommendation, finding substantial evidence supported the ALJ's determination and

recommending that this Court affirm the Commissioner's denial of disability benefits.⁶

Specifically, Magistrate Judge Parker rejected Boxler's argument that the ALJ should

have considered Boxler's diagnosis of bradyphrenia, a condition that causes mental slowness or

fatigability of initiative. ⁷ Judge Parker found no evidence that Boxler had a bradyphrenia

diagnosis, and Boxler failed to identify any work-impairing limitations of a bradyphrenia

diagnosis. 8 On June 12, 2017, Boxler filed notice that she would not object to Magistrate Judge

Parker's report and recommendation.⁹

The Federal Magistrates Act requires a district court to conduct a de novo review only of

those portions of a Report and Recommendation to which the parties have made an objection.¹⁰

Plaintiff Boxler declined to file any objections in this case.

Absent objection, a district court may adopt the magistrate judge's report without

review. 11 Moreover, having conducted its own review of the parties' briefs in this case, the Court

agrees with the conclusions of Magistrate Judge Parker.

Accordingly, the Court **ADOPTS** in whole Magistrate Judge Parker's findings of fact

and conclusions of law and incorporates them fully herein by reference. The Court thus

AFFIRMS the Commissioner's denial of benefits.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 23, 2017

James S. Gwin

JAMES S. GWIN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

⁶ Doc. 17.

 7 Id. at 9-11.

⁸ Id. at 10-11.

⁹ Doc. 18.

¹⁰ 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C).

¹¹ Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985).

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