

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS**

April 10, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners (BOPC) was held at the Five Rivers MetroParks' Main Office, 409 E. Monument, 3rd Floor, Dayton, OH, on April 10, 2015, and convened at 7:32 a.m. on roll call vote by the Board of Park Commissioners.

Present: Five Rivers MetroParks Commission President Irvin G. Bieser, Jr., Vice President Alan F. Pippenger; Commissioner Karen L. Davis, Executive Director Rebecca A. Benná, Deputy Director Carrie Scarff, Director of Conservation Dave Nolin, Director of Development Beth Redden, Chief Ranger Mark Hess, Director of Marketing Trish Butler, Director of Business Services Bill Tschirhart, Director of Human Resources Debra Jackson, Director of Parks Services & Legislative Affairs Karen Hesser, Finance Manager Jennifer Grusenmeyer, Project Manager Joseph Zimmerman, Park Services Project Manager Richard Alder, Carriage Hill Riding Center Manager Katherine Berg, Program Operations Manager Brent Anslinger, Executive Management Assistant Cheronne Wilson, and Legal Counsel Robert Curry.

Visitors Present: Executive Director Benná recognized Paul Lamberger.

Minutes: The BOPC was presented with the minutes of the regular meeting for March 13, 2015. On a motion by Commissioner Pippenger and a second by Commissioner Davis the minutes of the March 13, 2015, regular meeting were approved.

Financial Reports: The BOPC was presented with MetroParks' March 2015 financials and the Approved List of Bills for March 1 -31, 2015. Finance Manager Jennifer Grusenmeyer gave a brief overview of current revenues and expenses. Following a brief discussion and on a motion by Commissioner Davis and second by Commissioner Pippenger, the BOPC accepted MetroParks' 2015 March financial reports as presented.

Staff Reports

Law Enforcement Activity: The BOPC was presented with the Law Enforcement Activity Report for March 2015. Chief Ranger Mark Hess gave a brief overview of information contained in the report. Following a brief discussion the BOPC thanked Mr. Hess for his information.

RiverScape Concessions Update: The BOPC was presented with the 2015 season concessions update. Director of Business Services Bill Tschirhart gave a PowerPoint presentation on the plan for the concessions at RiverScape MetroPark. Following a brief discussion, BOPC thanked Mr. Tschirhart for the information.

Other Business

Comprehensive Master Plan: To date, there have been 17 focus groups, intercept surveys, stakeholder interviews and the development of a crowdsourcing website. Park site inventories, a survey of staff and a statistically-valid random survey of the community will be completed in the upcoming months. In July, the consultants will provide the BOPC an update.

Conflict of Interest: The Conflict of Interest forms were distributed to sign.

Horse Back Ride: Katherine Berg has invited the Commissioners and the directors out for a Horse Back ride on May 8, 2015 from 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm.

Duck Migration: Commissioner Pippenger shared a poster of pictures of various species of ducks that have migrated through Englewood MetroPark.

Visitor Comments: There were no visitor comments

Next Board Meeting: The BOPC agreed to hold the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 15, 2015, commencing at 7:30 a.m. at MetroParks' Main Office, 409 E. Monument Avenue, 3rd floor, Dayton, Ohio. The BOPC directed the Secretary of the Board to give notice of this meeting and all subsequent meetings pursuant to the rule adopted by the BOPC.

Executive Session: In accordance with the open meetings law Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, by roll call vote following a motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Bieser, the BOPC elected to temporarily adjourn and hold an Executive Session commencing at 8:52 a.m. for the specific purpose of discussing land acquisition. On a motion by Commissioner Bieser and seconded by Commissioner Pippenger, the open session reconvened at 9:24 a.m.

Grants: Director of Conservation, Dave Nolin requested the approval to submit a Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program grant. This grant would fund the purchase of a 65 acre conservation easement on a 133 acre farm located on the south side of Germantown MetroPark. The total cost of the project is \$239,500. MetroParks would be responsible for \$45,250 of that amount. On a motion by Commissioner Bieser and seconded by Commissioner Pippenger, the BOPC approved the request as presented.

Director of Conservation, Dave Nolin requested authorization to submit a grant application for the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program grant for the expansion of Germantown MetroPark. This grant would purchase and restore the 112 acre farm located on the Northwest side of Germantown MetroPark. The total cost of the project is \$1,063,550. MetroPark would be responsible for \$104,000 of that amount. On a motion by Commissioner Bieser and seconded by Commissioner Pippenger, the request was approved as presented.