

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

May 9, 2011

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners (BOPC) was held at Cox Arboretum MetroPark, 6733 Springboro Pike, Dayton, OH, on May 9, 2011, and convened at 3:01 p.m. on roll call vote by the Board of Park Commissioners.

Present: Five Rivers MetroParks Commissioner President Alan Pippenger, Commission Vice President Karen L. Davis; Commissioner Irvin G. Bieser Jr., Executive Director Rebecca Benná, Deputy Director Carrie Scarff, Director of Finance and Business Robert Johnson, Director of Conservation Dave Nolin, Director of Human Resources Debra Jackson, Director of Marketing Beth Miller, Director of Outdoor Connections Greg Brumitt, Director of Cox Arboretum Jay Woodhull, Business Manager Jennifer Grusenmeyer, Interim Chief Ranger Mark Arendt, Marketing Research Manager Amy Forsthoefel, Project Manager Joe Zimmerman, IT Help Desk Analyst II Dustin Short, public visitor Paul Lamberger, Dayton Daily News reporter Steve Bennish and MetroParks legal counsel representative Robert Curry.

Visitor Recognition: Executive Director Benná recognized public visitor Paul Lamberger, Dayton Daily News reporter Steve Bennish and asked IT Help Desk Analyst II Dustin Short to introduce himself.

Minutes: On motion by Commissioner Bieser and second by Commissioner Davis the BOPC Regular Meeting minutes of April 15, 2011, were approved as received and read.

Financial Reports: The BOPC were presented with MetroParks' April 2011 financials. Director of Finance Robert Johnson highlighted revenues and expenses to-date. Following a brief discussion and on motion by Commissioner Bieser and second by Commissioner Davis the BOPC accepted MetroParks' February 2011 financial reports as presented.

Creekside Trail Detour & Right-of-Way Acquisition: Deputy Director Carrie Scarff briefly explained why Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is requesting a permanent easement of 0.103 acres along the Creekside Trail at Woodman Drive. After construction ODOT will return 0.027 acres, with ODOT retaining 0.076 acres. Also, ODOT is requesting temporary construction right-of-way acreage of 0.551. Ms. Scarff explained that a construction detour is being worked out with ODOT and that construction wouldn't begin until 2015. Following a discussion and on motion by Commissioner Bieser and second by Commissioner Davis the BOPC approved the request as presented.

Staff Reports: The BOPC were presented with the Law Enforcement Activity report for April 2011. Commissioner Pippenger asked about the reduction in building security issues and lack of criminal citations written. Interim Chief Ranger Mark Arendt gave his interpretation of the activity fluctuation.

Commissioner Bieser asked about the additional security for Island and RiverScape

MetroPark events that was discussed at the April 2011 BOPC meeting. Director of Outdoor Connections Greg Brumitt explained the need for this service and would look at the agreements with the event organizers regarding the event responsibilities of MetroParks versus the event organizers'

The BOPC were also presented with the Quarterly Activities report for the first quarter of 2011. Marketing Research Manager Amy Forsthoefel answered questions. Following a brief discussion the Commissioners thanked Ms. Forsthoefel for the information.

Director of Conservation Dave Nolin distributed handouts to the Commissioners highlighting the Goose and Deer Management programs. Mr. Nolin gave brief overviews of each program to-date and recommendations for future management of both programs. Following a brief discussion, the Commissioners thanked Mr. Nolin for the information.

Deputy Director Carrie Scarff informed the Commissioners that the name of the Bike Hub food concession would be called Café Velo.

Subaru Sponsorship Agreement: Director of Outdoor Connections Greg Brumitt gave a brief PowerPoint presentation overview of the Subaru sponsorship to include what the program entails and the benefits to MetroParks as a result of this agreement.

The Commissioners asked if the vehicles MetroParks would be receiving as part of the sponsorship agreement would be in addition to existing vehicles or replacing existing vehicles. Mr. Brumitt indicated that currently they would be in addition to, but would be assessing whether MetroParks could eliminate vehicles from the fleet after receiving the Subaru vehicles. Mr. Brumitt requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Subaru for this sponsorship and vehicles. Following a brief discussion and on motion by Commissioner Davis and second by Commissioner Bieser the BOPC approved the request as presented.

Deputy Director Carrie Scarff commended Greg Brumitt and Tom Helbig for their efforts towards securing this sponsorship agreement.

Capital Improvement Requests: Executive Director Benná requested authorization to increase the contract with Water Quality Systems at a total cost of \$48,979.11 to repair the old inlet structure at Englewood MetroPark Lake as part of the Englewood Low Dam Breach project.

Project Manager Joe Zimmerman briefly explained that this repair would be to the abandoned inlet structure, which was replaced by a new inlet structure in a different location. The cause of the inlet failure was due to the recent flooding in the area. This repair would help prevent future failure due to flooding. Following a brief discussion and on motion by Commissioner Bieser and second by Commissioner Davis the BOPC approved the request as presented.

Grant Budget Resolution: Executive Director Benná requested approval and adoption of Resolution No. 11-019 for the 2011 Montgomery County Solid Waste Incentive Grant budget. The grant will benefit the 2nd Street Public Market and allow them to purchase additional picnic tables, benches and receptacles made of recycled materials. The total grant amount is \$3,854 with Montgomery County's share being \$2,698 and MetroParks share is \$1,156. Following a brief discussion and on motion by Commissioner Bieser and second by Commissioner Davis the BOPC

adopted Resolution No. 11-019 as presented.

Transfer and Capital Project Fund Resolutions: Business Manager Jennifer Grusenmeyer requested adoption and approval of the following resolutions:

Resolution No. 11-020 to transfer funds between object level two and object level three codes. On motion by Commissioner Davis and second by Commissioner Bieser the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 11-020 as presented.

Resolution No. 11-021 to transfer funds between the general fund and the grant fund. On motion by Commissioner Davis and second by Commissioner Bieser the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 11-021 as presented.

Resolution No. 11-022 revising Resolution No. 11-018 to adjust project appropriations within the capital projects fund. On motion by Commissioner Bieser and second by Commissioner Davis the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 11-022 as presented.

Other Business: Director of Conservation Dave Nolin informed the BOPC that he had tree seedlings for them to adopt.

Visitor Comments: Mr. Lamberger suggested a street sweeper to remove goose droppings from the bikeways. Deputy Director Carrie Scarff indicated that this was possible, but would probably be at a great expense to MetroParks and that most of the bikeways affected by the geese were not MetroParks' maintenance responsibility.

Mr. Lamberger also asked about if MetroParks received complaints from residents adjacent to Hills and Dales MetroPark about the deer/car collisions. It was indicated that MetroParks had not.

Next Board Meeting: The BOPC agreed to hold the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 10, 2011, commencing at 7:00 a.m. at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Avenue, Dayton, Ohio. The BOPC directed the Secretary of the Board to give notice of these meetings and all subsequent meetings pursuant to the rule adopted by the BOPC. Commissioner Bieser suggested that the June meeting include the tour that was schedule for the May meeting and subsequently canceled.

Executive Session: In accordance with the open meetings law Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, by roll call vote following motion by Commissioner Davis and second by Commissioner Bieser, the BOPC elected to temporarily adjourn and hold an Executive Session commencing at 4:05 p.m. for the specific purpose of discussing one land acquisition issue. On motion by Commissioner Bieser and second by Commissioner Davis the open session reconvened at 4:49 p.m.

Adjournment: By roll call vote, following motion by Commissioner Davis and second by Commissioner Bieser, the BOPC adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

Attest: Rebecca A. Beuna

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